



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE LIST

This list of child care providers and preschools was verified for accuracy to the best of First Connections' ability via websites, the EEC licensing website and direct email as of November 2023

All programs with a P-number are licensed by the Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care.

Acton

Acton Barn Co-op Preschool 978-263-0486
 32 Nagog Park P-170026
info@actonbarn.com www.actonbarn.com
 Open 9:00-3:00. For 2, 3 or 4-day schedules. Serves ages 2.9 to 6 in morning or full-day mixed-age groups. School year only. Parents help in classroom. Has a gradual transition-to-school plan for new students. **Scholarship fund.**

Acton-Boxborough Community Ed Extended Day Program
 15 Charter Rd. Admin Bldg 978-266-2525 x3
extendedday@abschools.org Open 7:00-6:00
https://abce.abschools.org/extended_day

Acton Cooperative School 978-263-4547
 592 Mass. Ave. Open 8:30-3:00 P-169839
www.actoncoop.com 2.9 to 5 yrs. info@actoncoop.com
 3- or 4-day morning & afternoon programs. School year only. Parents help in classroom. **Scholarship fund.**
Bilingual staff: French, Italian, Portuguese

Anuradha Makin Family Child Care 248-910-0195
 9 Marian Rd Open 8-4:30 P-260084
Bilingual staff: Hindi makin.anu@gmail.com
 Licensed program for 6 full-time children.

Aster Family Fun Care 978-274-0614
 Jaya Laxmi, 14 Henley Rd P-186105
<https://www.aster.care/> jaya@aster.care
 Open 7:30-5:30 50 wks/yr. Licensed family child care for 10 children ages 0-5. Virtual tour and references on website. Uses Daily Connect app. Saturday hourly care available by request. Possible school-age availability in summer.

Blossom Station Child Care Center 978-266-2779
 20 Main Street (Rte. 27) P-170846
www.blossomstation.com blossomstation1@aol.com
 Serves 6 wks to 7 yrs Open 7:30-5:30
 Pre-K, and Reggio Emilia kindergarten. Full-day, year-round program. Before & after school care, on bus route. "Kid Fit" & Science lessons included. **Bilingual staff: Spanish & Portuguese**

Carol Huebner Early Childhood Program 978-266-2530
 71 Spruce St <https://checp.abschools.org>
 Serves ages 3-5 igibowicz@abschools.org
 Applications open in January 2024 cdipietro@abschools.org
 Morning, afternoon or full-day, open M-T-Th-F
 Classes include children who are developing typically and those with identified special needs. Highly trained staff with low staff-student ratio. Typically developing students may be eligible for **sliding fee scale**. Lottery, if necessary, will be held Feb. 2024

CBE Early Learning Center 978-266-9988
 133 Prospect Street P-184756
elcdirector@bethelohim.org www.cbeelc.org
 Serves ages 15 mos. thru 5 years in part- & full-day programs, open 7:30-5:30, 50 wks/yr. Emergent curriculum interpreted through lens of Jewish wisdom & values. All faiths and heritages welcome. Uses HIMAMA App. Kosher lunch. **Private scholarship.**
Bilingual staff: Bengali, Hindi, Hebrew

Ellen's Home Daycare 857-272-0017
 Eleanor McCullough 52 Hayward Rd P-182898
www.ellenshomedaycare.com ellendaycare@yahoo.com
 Licensed for 10 children, newborn to 3 years, with two providers. Philosophy references, photos on website. Full year, full- or part-time schedule. Open 8:00-5:00. Families required to be COVID vaccinated. Uses Daily Connect app.
Bilingual Staff: Chinese

Fun Learning Place After School Care 978-844-4399
 12R Concord Rd P-187143
<https://funlearningplace.org> funlearningplace@gmail.com
 After school care for children in kindergarten thru 8th grade. Open after school until 6:15. Time for snack, quiet study, exercise, and optional classes including art, writing, reading, math, Python and Chinese. **Bilingual staff: Chinese**

Home Childcare Today 978-250-3797
 Sophy Bien, 416 Main St P-179389
www.homechildcaretoday.com biensophy@yahoo.com
 Open 8:00-6:00 for full/part time care. Licensed family childcare for 10 children. Short-term care 4-week minimum. All providers are COVID vaccinated. Meals provided.
Bilingual staff: Cantonese.

Infant Toddler Children's Center 978-263-2064
 149 Central Street Open 7:45-5:00 P-169926
www.itcacton.org bcarlson@itcacton.org
 Serves 3 mos. to 8 yrs with part- or full-time schedules. Open 49 wks/year. Summer care for K-3.
Scholarship fund.

KinderCare Learning Center 978-264-9045
 90 Hayward Road Open 6:30-6:00 P-170215
www.kindercare.com kboldebook@kindercare.com
 Serves ages 6 weeks to pre-K. Drop-in emergency care when space available. Full-day, full- or part-time, year-round program on bus route. **Bilingual staff: Spanish, Chinese.**
Accepts vouchers, military discount.

KinderCare Learning Center 978-263-1446
5 Post Office Sq. Open 6:30-6:00 P-169838
www.kindercare.com mbuono@kindercare.com
Serves ages 6 weeks to Pre-K, before/after-school & summer care to age 7. Full-day & part-time, year round program, on bus route
Accepts vouchers. Bilingual staff: Spanish, Chinese

Learn and Play Preschool 978-263-8787
245 Main Street P-177049
Open 7:30-5:30 www.actonlearnandplaypreschool.com
Serves 18 Mos – 5 Yrs Stacey.learnandplay@gmail.com
Full or half days, school-year with optional summer programs.

Mt. Calvary Christian Preschool 978-263-0337
472 Mass. Ave. (PO Box 986) P-170315
www.mtcalvarypreschool.com knekervis@mtcalvaryacton.org
Open 8:00-4:00 Serves ages 2.9 to 5 years
Morning program, with optional stay and play. Transitional kindergarten for children turning 5 by Jan. 30. Friday enrichment program from 9-1:00. 2-year-old & parent program offered in 5-week sessions from October to April. School year program.
Private scholarships. Bilingual staff: Mandarin

Peter Pippos Karate Center 978-631-0750
3 Post Office Square P-242566
<https://www.peterpipposkarate.com> info@peterpipposkarate.com
Uechi-Ryu martial arts after-school program w/transportation from Acton schools for grades K-8th. Open until 6:00 pm.

Rakesh Thakur Family Child Care 617-275-1626
16 Henly Rd P-261723
Thakurr7@gmail.com Licensed program for 6 children.

Bedford

Bedford Children's Center 781-271-9847
402 Concord Road P-183544
www.bedfordchildrenscenter.com info@bedfordchildrenscenter.com
Open 7:30-5:30 Serves newborn to Pre-K
After-school care for K-5th with bus from Lane & Davis. Full year program with summer options.
Private scholarships and military discounts

Bedford Public Schools Preschool 781-275-6804
410 Davis Road Open 9:30-12:30
www.bedfordps.org/pre-school caitlyn_queenin@bedfordps.org
BPS Integrated Preschool offers a rich learning environment for students ages 3-5 with and without special needs. School year only. Resident speech, occupational, physical & ABA therapists visit the classroom. Enclosed playground. 5-day, ½-day program.

Bedford Montessori School 781-275-3344
8 Alfred Circle P-169841
www.bedfordmontessori.org director@bedfordmontessori.org
Open 7:45-6:00 Serves 1.8 to 7 (kindergarten)
Traditional Montessori program in mixed-age classrooms. Before/after care for ages 2.9 and up. Before care available for 18 mos-2.9. School year only program. Spanish & yoga included.

Bedford Recreation Kids Club 781-275-5427
12 Mudge Way & 66 Sweetwater Ave P-187880
www.bedfordma.gov/305/Kids-Club email from website
Open before school at 7:00 and after school until 6:00. After-school care is also provided for grades K-5th. Open school vacation weeks, teacher workshop days, and offers a 9:00-3:00 summer program. Drop-in care available if registered.
Accepts vouchers

Bright Horizons at Crosby Drive 781-234-7509
30 Crosby Drive P-170781
Open 7:30-5:30 www.brighthorizons.com/Crosby
Serves 6 wks-PreK dianne.biundo@brighthorizons.com
Full year program or summers only. Full or half days, full- or part-time schedules. Emergency drop-in care if registered. Uses My Bright Day app. **Military discount**

Donna's Daycare 508-965-8723
Donna Good, 16 Genetti Circle P-173592
Open 7:15-5:30 mrsdq2004@aol.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full year program. Before/after school on bus route. Full/part-time schedules. Accepts cloth diapers.

Inch by Inch Child Care, Inc. 781-271-0800
19 Crosby Drive P-177362
Open 7:30-5:30 www.inchbyinchchildcare.com
Serves 2 mos-PreK info@inchbyinchchildcare.com
Before/after-school for K-5th grade with transportation from Davis & Lane schools. Full year program with summer camp for school-age kids. Uses Hi Mama app. **Accepts vouchers. Bilingual staff: Portuguese, Spanish, Italian**

It's a Baby's World Home Day Care 781-275-2201
Judy Murphy, 2 Charles St P-173982
cheermom5566@yahoo.com www.itsababyworld.com
Open 7:30-5:30. Licensed family child care for 8 children aged newborn thru 5. Full or partial days, before/after care. Full year program. Emergency care available. Near public transportation, on school bus route.

Open Arms Christian Preschool 781-271-1148
426 Davis Road P-170607
www.openarmsbedford.org openarmsbedford@lcsavior.org
Open 8:00-2:00 Serves ages 2.9 thru Pre-K
Morning program with optional before/after care. School year only program with rolling enrollment.

St. Paul's Weekday Nursery School 781-275-1383
100 Pine Hill Road P-177174
www.stpaulsweekdaynursery.org stpaulswns@gmail.com
Open 9:00-2:00 Serves ages 2.9 to 6 years
Secular play-based morning program w/ optional lunch or afternoon enrichment. School year only program for 2 to 5 days/wk. **Private scholarships. Bilingual staff: Spanish**

The Goddard School 781-275-7880
52 Middlesex Turnpike P-177464
Open 7:00-6:00 www.goddardschool.com/bedfordMA
Serves 6 wks thru Kind. dbedfordma@goddardschools.com
Flexible toddler thru Pre-K schedules, and before/after care.

Full year program with summer enrichment up to age 6. Near public transportation. **Bilingual staff: Spanish**

The LEAP School Bedford 781-275-2010
376 Concord Rd Open 8:00-4:30 P-177410
www.leapschool.com bbutler@leapschool.com
Serves 12 mos to transitional kindergarten 2 to 5 days/wk.
Full- & partial-day schedules. Full year program.
Private scholarships and military discount.

Boxborough

Boxborough Children's Center 978-263-9803
723 Massachusetts Ave. P-185292
www.boxborochildrencenter.com amyp79@comcast.net
Serves ages 15 mos. to 6. Full year program open 7:30-6:00.

Bright Horizons Family Solutions 978-393-2817
20 Codman Hill Rd P-177247
Open 7:30-5:30 www.brighthorizons.com/boxborough
Serves 6 wks. to 6 yrs. tracy.samarjian@brighthorizons.com
Full- & part-time schedules including a Pre-K class.
Military discount. Bilingual staff: Spanish, Mandarin

Patricia Weismann Family Child Care 978-263-2805
61 Avery Circle P-258315
Licensed child care for 6 children. Patsy5454@verizon.net

The Taylor School 978-929-9922
8 Hill Road 5-day schedule only P-186384
www.thetaylorsschool.net mami@thetaylorsschool.net
Open 8:00-5:30 Serves ages 2.9 to 6 years
School year program with a 4-week summer camp option.
Classroom environment infuses music, art and environmental education throughout the classroom and daily routine honoring the Montessori philosophy in practice and principle. Offers full-, half- and extended-day programs. Wheelchair accessible.
Bilingual Staff: Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, Korean

Carlisle

Carlisle Children's Center 781-382-4011
147 School Street P-258920
www.carlislechildrenscenter.org office@carlislechildrenscenter.org
Open 8:00-3:00 Serves 15 mos thru Pre-K
3- to 5-day schedules, full or half days. Emergent curriculum, school year only program. **Accepts Vouchers**

Carlisle Integrated Preschool 978-369-3758
83 School St. <http://www.carlisle.k12.ma.us/Page/687>
Serves 3 and 4 year olds schneider@carlisle.k12.ma.us
Open 8:45-11:45 M-F in 3- or 4-day programs.
Integrated learning environment providing students with special needs the opportunity to learn and grow alongside their typically developing peers. Child-centered environment allows students to learn and develop at their own pace through their unique learning styles.

Carlisle Kids' House 978-369-5558
www.carlislekidshouse.org P-177106
142 East Street exec_director@carlislekidshouse.org
Open 7:30-6:00. Serves ages 15 Mos. to Pre-K in a full year program. After-school for K thru 6th with optional summer camp weeks. Full- and partial-day schedules with drop-in care available. Uses Hi Mama app. **Private scholarships.**
Bilingual Staff: ASL

Community Farm School 781-956-7836
185 Concord St at Clark Farm P-260414
Jenna.hull@communityfarmschool.com Serves 3-6 years
www.communityfarmschool.com Open 9-3:00
Nature immersion preschool/kindergarten program for 18 children. 3-5 day schedules.

Concord

After School & Vacation Family Child Care
Susan Hegarty, 161 Prairie St P-236725
Open 8:00-6:00 sooz161@comcast.net
Licensed program for 10 children. After-school care for grades K-5 near Thoreau School. Care provided on February/April/Summer breaks. **Bilingual staff: French**

Concord After-School Program for Grades K-5th
Elementary Schools & Hunt Rec 978-318-3045
Open 7:30-9 am & until 6 pm P-171110
<https://concordrec.com> Serves K-5th
childcareprograms@concordma.gov
Before & After-school programs are held at each of the elementary schools. On early release days after care is provided at Hunt Recreation Center and Harvey Wheeler Center. School vacation & holiday options available thru Rec Dept. Summer programs for ages 3-12.
Private scholarships, sliding fee.

Concord Carousel Preschool 978-318-3045
1276 Main Street P-170205
Open 9:15-12:00 Serves ages 2.9 to 5 yrs.
www.concordcarousel.com ahill@concordma.gov
School year program. 2- to 5-day schedules with optional stay & play and summer options. Wheelchair accessible.
Financial Assistance Available thru Concord Recreation Department

East Concord Children's Center 978-369-0492
250 Old Bedford Road P-169457
Open 7-6:00 www.concordchildrenscenter.org
Full year program executive@concordchildrenscenter.org
Serves ages 10 wks to 2.9. Schedules from 3 mornings to 5 full days. 4-week summer program available. **Accepts vouchers and has tuition assistance of 5-25% for families earning up to 125% of Mass. Median income.**

West Concord Children's Center 978-369-6790
1300 Main St. (Rte. 62) P-169507
Open 7-6:00 www.concordchildrenscenter.org
Full year program executive@concordchildrenscenter.org
Serves ages 10 wks. to 5, and after-school K-2nd grade on

public school bus route. Full or partial day, full year program.
Accepts vouchers, tuition assistance of 5-25% for families earning up to 125% of Mass. Median income.

Concord Integrated Preschool 978-318-1500 x8147
120 Meriam Rd www.concordps.org joshea@concordps.org
Serves Concord residents who are 3 & 4 yrs by Sept. 1.
Serves typically developing children and children on IEP's.
Community peers have half- or full-day options. The classroom is staffed by a special education teacher with other professionals.
Structured day focuses on social development, pre-academic tasks, play time and movement.

Concord Montessori School 978-369-5900
29 Domino Dr., 2nd Fl. P-184787
Open 8-5:00 www.concordmontessorischool.org
Serves ages 1.9-7 admin@concordmontessorischool.org
Mixed age classrooms for part- or full-time schedules during the school year. Traditional Montessori philosophy includes Chinese lessons. **Private scholarships.**
Bilingual staff: Chinese, Spanish, Khmer, Vietnamese, Farsi

Lisa's Place Family Child Care 978-287-4421
58 Peter Spring Rd P-174029
Open 7:45-4:45 lisa.razionale@verizon.net
Full- or part-time schedules, full year program.
Licensed family child care for 10 children with meals included.

Little Sprouts @ Concord 978-369-2699
40 Strawberry Hill Road P-185831
www.littlesprouts.com mdevito@littlesprouts.com
Open 7:30-5:30 Serves infants thru Pre-K
Full year program with full- or part-time options. Drop-in for school closure only. **Accepts vouchers, military discount.**

Milldam Nursery School, Inc. 978-369-4048
20 Lexington Rd. P-169458
Open 8:50-2:50 www.milldamnurseryschool.org
Serves Ages 2 to 5 kospinola@milldamnurseryschool.org
Cooperative model with parents assisting in the classroom. Morning program with optional stay & play. Weekly yoga & music lessons.
School year only. **Private scholarships.**

Nashoba Brooks School 978-369-4591
200 Strawberry Hill Rd www.nashobabrooks.org
Open 7:30-5:45 admission@nashobabrooks.org
Morning preschool serves ages 3 & 4 in 3- or 5-day programs, with optional before- and after-school care. Full-day kindergarten.
Includes Spanish curriculum. School is co-ed thru grade 3, girls thru grade 8. Summer program available. **Financial Aid Available.**

The Barn Co-op Nursery School 978-369-1141
74 Walden Street P-169459
www.barnschoolconcord.com info@barnschoolconcord.org
Open 9:00-3:00 Serves 2-5 year olds
School year program with optional 2 weeks in July. Parents help in the classroom. 4- or 5-day morning program with extended day available. **Private scholarships.**

The Children's Meetinghouse 978-371-0678
1413 Lowell Road P-169460
Open 7:30-5:30 www.thechildrensmeetinghouse.org
Serves ages 4 mos to 5 info@thechildrensmeetinghouse.org
Full- or half-day programs, extended day options. Attend 2 to 5 days/wk. School year only. Reggio Emilia curriculum.
Drop-in care available.

Harvard

AlphaBEST @ Hildreth Elementary 774-200-9366
adipasquale@alphabest.org 978-427-7190
<https://www.alphabest.org/harvardma> P-258773
Annual registration fee allows children to attend after-school care 1-5 days/week, or purchase a 10-visit pass for early release days only. Summer camp program optional.

Applewild School 978-391-4833
27 Jackson Road, Devens P-185278
www.applewild.org/preschool sebner@applewild.org
Open 7-4:45 Serves Preschool-grade 2
Private co-ed preschool-grade 9 in 2 locations. Art studio, yoga studio, outdoor classroom. Mornings or full day. Full year program. 1 to 5 days per week. Emergent curriculum.
Tuition assistance program has a Feb. 1 appl. deadline

Barbara Geezil Family Child Care 978-456-3929
142 Littleton Road P-172854
Open 7:30-7:00 bgeezil@gmail.com
Licensed family childcare for 8 children. Full year with part- & full-time schedules including before- and after-school care.

Guild of St. Agnes 978-772-4323 x11
172 Jackson Rd, Devens P-170851
www.guildofstagnes.org ljohnson@guildofstagnes.org
Open 7:30-4:30 Serves 15 mos- 5 years
Full year, full time schedules. Family-style meals included.
Accepts vouchers and has sliding fee scale

Harvard Integrated Preschool 978-456-4143
27A Mass. Avenue. Open 9-3:30 www.psharvard.org
Serves 3 (before Aug. 31) to 5 bbyron@psharvard.org
Program utilizes a developmental approach in addressing each child's cognitive, physical, social, emotional and creative needs within a diverse population. Typically developing children are enrolled on a tuition and space-available basis Serves residents of Harvard or Devens.

Janet Williams Family Child Care 978-772-6372
236 Ayer Road P-177075
Open 7:30-5:00 Jmw329@comcast.net
Licensed child care serving 6 children full time.

Village Nursery School 978-456-3993
40 Poor Farm Rd (PO Box 184) P-169746
Open 8:00-3:00 www.villagenurseryschool.org
Serves 21 months thru Pre-K info@villagenurseryschool.org
1- to 5-day schedules with optional afternoon enrichment programs. Developmental model of teaching. January-June Friday program for children who are 2.9. **Pvt scholarships**

Lincoln

Big Foot Little Foot Family Childcare 617-834-6519
Razia Shaikh, 7 Mary's Way P-178542
Open 7:00-7:00 razia46@hotmail.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children. Full year program with full- or part-time schedules & emergency care.

Birches School 781-259-8100
100 Bedford Rd www.birchesschool.org
Open 8:15-5:15 kim.walker@birchesschool.org
Pre-K-8th grade school embraces nature-based, project-driven thematic units. Pre-K must be 4 by Sept. 1st, is full day play- and inquiry-based learning.
Financial Aid Available

Drumlin Farm Community Preschool 781-259-2224
218 Lincoln Road P-177511
www.massaudubon.org/drumlin_dfpreschool@massaudubon.org
Open 9-4:00 Serves ages 3 to 6
Full-day sessions. Nature-based curriculum w/farm chores and wildlife activities. Mass. Audubon membership required.
Private scholarships.

Lincoln Cooperative Nursery School 781-259-8866
51 Sandy Pond Road P-182770
Serves 2.9-6 www.lincolnnurseryschool.org
Open 8:30-4:00 nancy@lincolnnurseryschool.org
Half- and full-day programs for 4 or 5 days use the DeCordova Museum campus for hands-on learning. School year only. Reggio-inspired school using a cooperative parent volunteer model.
Private scholarships **Bilingual Staff: Portuguese**

Lincoln Public Schools Preschool 781-259-9889
6 Ballfield Road and Hanscom AFB www.lincnet.org
Serves ages 3 to 5 lfagan@lincnet.org
Full inclusion, school year program for residents of Lincoln & Hanscom AFB. Typically developing children are enrolled on a tuition and space-available basis. 2- to 5-day schedules. Lincoln Campus open 8:05-12:05, Hanscom 8:00-12:00.
Financial assistance available.

Lincoln Extended Activities Program 781-259-0615
1 Ballfield Road P-171051
www.lincolnleap.com Leap0615@gmail.com
After school care until 6 pm for grades K-8th.
Accepts vouchers.

Magic Garden Children's Center 781-259-8161
www.magic-garden.org lori.leo@staff.magic-garden.org
6 Ballfield Rd, Preschoolers & Pre-K P-169597
14 Bedford St, Infants & Toddlers P-244754
Open 7:30-5:00, full year program. **Private preschool scholarships.** **Bilingual preschool staff: Spanish.**

Sarah Bishop Family Child Care 781-259-0519
6 Blueberry Lane P-173784
Open 8:30-11:45 srblyncoln@hotmail.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children.

The Teddy Bear Club 781-259-0009
239 Concord Road P-184788
www.teddybearclub.org marielle@teddybearclub.org
Open 8:45-4:00 Serves ages 1.9 thru kindergarten
French/English bilingual 2- to 5-day preschool program. Full- and part-time schedules. School year with summer options. Wheelchair accessible.

Littleton

Barbara Delege Family Child Care 978-486-3882
148 Spectacle Pond Rd P-173466
Open 7:30-4:30 M-Th tbhgandco@aol.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children. Full- & part-time schedules, on the bus route.

Janet Croy Family Child Care 978-486-9028
92 Goldsmith Street P-173620
Open 6:30-5:00 jcroydaycare@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children.

Kristen Ferrante Family Child Care 978-394-2648
200 Whitcomb Ave. P-174263
Open 7:15-5:15 dak30@comcast.net
Licensed family child care for 10 children

Murphy's Before & After School Care 781-956-5794
Heidi Murphy, 7 Conant Street P-180181
Open 11-6:00 murphysasc@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children, K-6th grade, full or part time. School year only program on the bus route.

Nicole Nelson Family Child Care 978-877-0641
Nicolenelson9@yahoo.com P-258254
563 Newtown Rd. Licensed child care for 6 children.

Oak Meadow School 978-486-9874 x226
2 Old Pickard Lane www.oakmeadow.org
Open 8:00-6:00 admissions@oakmeadow.org
Montessori accreditation for Beginners Program for 15 months to 3 years. Children's House Program for ages 3-6. Half or full day with before/aftercare options. School continues with grades 1-8. **Tuition assistance available.** **Bilingual staff: Hindi, Tamil, Spanish, Italian**

Shaker Lane Nursery & Pre-K Programs 978-486-3959
35 Shaker Lane. www.littletonps.org
Open 9:00-2:45 kfitzpatrick@littletonps.org
Serves ages 3-5 in 4-day morning, afternoon, or full day programs. Friday 9-11:30 playgroup can be separate or in addition to other days. School year only unless student has a full-year IEP. Language-based curriculum where children learn through play "centers" within the classroom. Some children receive supportive therapies. Community peers application should apply in March for the following Sept.

The Learning Experience 978-486-3390
206 Great Rd. P-210501
Open 6:30-6:30 littleton@tlechildcare.com
Full year program. <https://thelearningexperience.com>

Serves ages 6 weeks thru kindergarten, full or part time.
Before- & after-school care to age 8 on the Shaker Lane bus route.
Includes snacks & meals. Preschool is a minimum of 3 days per week. **Bilingual staff: Spanish**
Accepts vouchers and military discount

Tiger's Den Before/After School 978-339-9078

Russell Street & Shaker Lane Schools tigersden@littletonps.org
<https://www.littletonps.org/tigers-den/index>

Before-school care provided at Russell School 7-8:45. After-school care provided until 6:00 at Russell & Shaker Lane schools for children in grades K-5 for 1 to 5 days per week.

Maynard

BASEC Before & After School Care 978-801-1334

Green Meadow & Fowler Schools **P-255953**
Serves K-8th grade <https://belmontbasec.org/maynard/>
Open 7:00-6:00 greenmeadow@maynardbasec.org
Children can participate in art, playground, gym, interactive games and other organized activities. Snacks included. Care is available during February and April vacations. **Accepts vouchers**

Beyond the Bell at BGCav 978-461-2871

212 Great Rd., Maynard www.bgcav.org
Contact Nikki Tyler tyler@bgcav.org
Open 2:30-6:00 Serves grades K-12
\$80 membership/year provides flexible after-school care. Optional fees for pizza/snacks, early release days, and supervised walk from school **Interest-free loan program available.**

Danielle's Little Darlings Daycare 978-490-5582

26 Hayes Street **P-185728**
www.danielleslittledarlingsdaycare.com dmd1202@hotmail.com
Licensed family child care for 10 children. Full year. Open 7:30-5:00. Snacks and meals included. On bus route.

Green Meadow Preschool 978-897-8246

5 Tiger Drive <http://gms.maynard.k12.ma.us>
Serves ages 3 to 5. lmonachino@maynard.k12.ma.us
Open 8:40-2:40 3 or 5 days, full or part time, per week
Integrated program is staffed by highly educated specialists believing each child is an individual with distinct abilities and needs.

Jennifer Picorelli Family Child Care 978-290-6373

1 Colbert Avenue **P-180805**
Open 6:30-5:30 Picorelli50@comcast.net
Licensed family child care for 8 children. On the bus route for after-school care. Drop-in & emergency care, flexible schedules.

Knowledge Beginnings 978-461-6044

4 Mill & Main Place **P-170728**
Open 7:00-5:30 www.knowledgebeginnings.com
Serves 6 wks to Kind. Stephanie.arpin@kindercare.com
Full year program. On school bus route for before/after school care.
Accepts vouchers. Bilingual staff: Spanish, Portuguese

Mary Jo's Daycare 617-354-5926

12 Glendale Street **P-173590**
Open 7:00-6:30 mary.jo.clark@gmail.com

Serves 8 mos. To 8 years. www.maynarddaycare.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children (2 school-age and 6 younger). Full- & part-time schedules, flexible hours, full-year program. Temporary care. **Sliding scale fee available.**

Mister Sun Family Day Care 508-335-4555

Marjorie Machado, 16 Sunset Road **P-229967**
Open 8:00-4:00 mistersunfamilydaycare@gmail.com
<https://mistersunfamilydaycare.business.site>
Licensed family child care for 10 children aged 3 mos. thru 3 yrs. attending full day part- or full-week schedules. All meals provided. **Bilingual staff: Portuguese**

The Community School 978-897-9708

82 Main St. (P.O. Box 111) communityschool@verizon.net
Serves ages 2.9-5 www.thecommunityschoolmaynard.com
2- to 5-day schedules 9-12:00 with optional lunch bunch till 1:00. **Private scholarships**

Sudbury

Aruna's Place for Children 978-440-8900

8 Stone Road **P-170628**
www.arunasplace.com arunasplace@gmail.com
Open 7:30-6:00 Serves ages 2.9-Pre-K
Preschool, with extended day available on school bus route. Themed summer programs. **Accepts vouchers. Bilingual staff: Hindi, Turkish, Urdu, French and Bengali.**

Boston Outdoor Preschool Network 774-500-4008

Wolbach Farm, Sudbury admissions@bopn.org
[Boston Outdoor Preschool Network \(bopn.org\)](http://BostonOutdoorPreschoolNetwork(bopn.org))
Open 9-12:00 **P-(in process)**
Mixed-age (16 mos to 6 years) nature-immersive early childhood education program. Committed to interest-led learning, inquiry-based teaching and authentic play.

Bright Horizons at Sudbury 978-440-7817

56C Union Avenue **P-171013**
Open 7:30-5:30 www.brighthorizons.com/sudbury
Serves 6 wks to Pre-K Sudbury@brighthorizons.com
Full- and part-time schedules, and back-up care available. Minimum enrollment is two 9-hour days. Full year program with mindfulness, gardening & sports included.
Bilingual staff: Portuguese

Ekaterina Zabavnova Family Child Care 508-733-7706

63 Stone Road. **P-186451**
Open 8-5:30 ekasolov@gmail.com
Licensed family childcare for 10 children. Full year program with flexible schedules and meals provided.
Bilingual: Russian

Fiona Keating Family Child Care 978-443-6371

3 Raymond Road. **P-180828**
Open 7:00-5:00 fionakeat@aol.com
Licensed family child care for 10 children.

Kids Corner at the Pines 978-443-4646 x218

642 Boston Post Rd **P-170078**

Open 7:00-6:00 http://sudburypines.com/?page_id=182
Serves 1 mo. to 7 yrs. drollins@sudburypines.com
Full- & part-time schedules. Full year program. Snacks & lunch provided. Intergenerational activities w/Sudbury Pines Extended Care. **Accepts vouchers.**

LEAP School @ Dakin Farm 978-440-7668
123 Dakin Road P-170697
www.leapschool.com twilson@leapschool.com
Open 8:00-4:30 Serves ages 2-5
Full year program with 2- to 5-day schedules for full, half or three-quarter days. Wheelchair accessible.
Financial Assistance Available & Military Discount

Little Hands Academy 978-440-7220
31B Union Avenue P-248714
Open 7:30-5:30 <https://littlehandsma.com/sudbury>
Serves 8 wks to 8 yrs littlehandssudbury@gmail.com
Reggio Emilia curriculum. 1-, 3-, or 5-day schedules. School year program with summer options by the week. **Accepts Vouchers.**
Bilingual Staff: Portuguese

Next Generation Children's Center 978-440-9494
307 Boston Post Road P-186317
cadence-education.com/locations/ma/sudbury/427/
Open 7:00-5:00 dtrsudbury2@cadence-education.com
Full year program Serves 6 wks. to Pre-K with before/after school & school vacation care for ages 5-8. Meals and snacks provided.

Sudbury Children's Learning Center 978-369-4045
142 North Rd, Suite Q P-177197
Open 8-5:30 sudbury@springboardschools.com
Serves 6 wks to 6 www.springboardschools.com
Full year Reggio Emilia-inspired program. **Accepts vouchers.**

Sudbury Cooperative Preschool 978-443-9391
6 Church Street P-169848
www.sudburycoop.org britta@sudburycoop.org
Open 8:00-2:30 Serves age 2 to Pre-K
Co-op model with parents helping in various ways. 2- to 5-day schedules. Preschool is from 9-12:00. Wheelchair accessible.
Bilingual Staff: Spanish

Sudbury Extended Day, Inc. 978-443-5829
365 Boston Post Rd, #209 P-171113
Serves K-8th grade www.sudburyextendedday.org
School year only mari@sudburyextendedday.org
Before-school care from 7:00, and after-school care until 6:15. Holidays & vacation week care. Located at elementary & middle schools, and First Parish Church (Kindergarten).
Accepts vouchers & offers financial aid.

Sudbury Integrated Preschool 978-639-3204
Noyes Elementary School www.sudbury.k12.ma.us
Serves 3 & 4 years early_childhood@sudbury.k12.ma.us
This preschool welcomes children with identified special needs and tuitioned peers. Highly specialized staff of tutors, special educators, therapists, & assistants. Developmentally appropriate activities address self-help & motor skills, language and social skills. 4-day mornings, afternoons, or full days. **Financial aid available.**

Sudbury Montessori 978-883-8000
142 North Road P-211746
Open 8-6:00 www.sudburymontessori.org
Full year program admin@sudburymontessori.org
Serves infants to age 6 in mixed-age classrooms. 5-day full/part-time, and extended-day options.
Bilingual staff: Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi

Sunny Hill Preschool 978-443-2627
251 Old Sudbury Road P-169952
Open 8:00-3:00 <https://www.sunnyhillpreschool.org>
Accepts 2.9 thru 4 director@sunnyhillpreschool.org
School year program with 3-week summer option. Creative curriculum. 2-, 3-, and 4-day schedules. **Bilingual staff: ASL, Spanish, French. Private scholarships.**

The Goddard School 978-209-0500
437 Boston Post Rd P-257559
Open 7:00-5:30 dsudburyma@goddardschools.com
Serves infants to Pre-K www.goddardschool.com
Full year, part- or full-day programs available.

TOT Family Daycare & Preschool 978-579-7951
43 Willis Lake Dr., Ekaterina Taradai P-179878
Open 8-5:30 ktaradai@comcast.net
Serves ages 2-6. Licensed family childcare for 10 children. Curriculum includes sensory development, music, art, language development, cultural integration. Full year program with meals provided. **Primary Language: Russian**

WoodsEdge Children's Center 978-760-6510
41 Prides Crossing P-170246
Open 7:30-5:30 www.woodsedgechild.com
Serves 2 mos. to 6 yrs. woodsedgechildrencytr@gmail.com
Full year program for full- and half-day schedules. Bilingual environment with Chinese lessons optional.
Bilingual staff: Cantonese, Chinese, Spanish

Wright Farm Sudbury Childcare 978-852-0556
157 Woodside Road P-177072
Full year, full day program <https://wrightfarmsudbury.com>
Open 7:15-5:30 jennifer@wrightfarmsudbury.com
Licensed family childcare for 10 children up to 14 mos.
159 Woodside Road P-187565
Open 7:15-6:00 The Schoolhouse Program is for 15-32 months (Terrific Two's) or 33 months-Kindergarten (Preschool). Farm yard and animals are incorporated into play and learning activities thru an emergent curriculum. Family night events. **Bilingual staff: Portuguese**

Westford

Acorn Childcare Center 978-486-3346
439 Littleton Road P-170282
Open 7:30-5:00 acornchildcairedirector@gmail.com
Serves 2 mos to 8 yrs. www.acornchildcenter.com
Minimum 5 hours 3 days/week schedule. Full year program. Weekly yoga. **Accepts vouchers.**

Acres of Fun Preschool 425-306-7203
5 Gould Road P-256252
Open 9-4:00 <https://www.goodpickinfarmschools.org/>
Preschool for 2.9-5 years sandrahabe@gmail.com Outdoor education nature-based learning is for ages 2.9-5. **Schoolhouse** program is for ages K-8th with an integrated arts & project-based curriculum meeting Mass. elementary frameworks requirements. For **after-school** farm-based programs for 1-5 days/week: hello@goodpickinfarm.com

April Hart Family Child Care 978-467-5159
106 Providence Road P-178759
Open 7:00-3:30 aprilhart911@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children. Full- or part-time schedule, drop-in/ temporary care available. School year only, meals included.

Arpita Kulkarni Family Child Care 978-620-8477
9 Sherwood Dr P-245196
Open 8:00-5:00 arpita.or.kulkarni.3@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children.

Bouncing Bunnies Family Daycare 978-692-4417
40 Russell's Way P-173712
Open 7:00-4:00 karenpeterson.childcare@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full year program with full- or part-time schedules, including after-school care.

Carol Finn Family Child Care 978-852-2699
6 Assabet Road P-173713
Open 7:30-5:30 camfinn@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children. On bus route for before/after care & school vacation weeks. Full year program, full- or part-time schedules. Meals included.

Colleen Laliberte Family Child Care 508-847-9469
15 Williams Street P-253862
Open 8:00-5:00 colleen@thebusybeehive.life
Licensed family child care for 6 children. Flexible schedules welcome and snacks provided.

Corine's Daycare 978-392-0559
68 West Prescott St. P-174777
Open 7:30-5:30 cms91c@aol.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full year program. Full days with partial- or full-week schedules, before/after school care.

Heather Paradis Family Child Care 978-846-2765
39 Providence Road P-259038
Open 7:00-4:30 (12:30 Fridays) heatherw1205@yahoo.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children.

Khawla's Daycare 978-799-3352
24 Bradley Lane P-262319
Open 7:30-4:30 khawlaq@yahoo.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children. **Bilingual: Arabic**

KinderCare Learning Center 978-692-0366
26 Carlisle Road P-177041
www.kindercare.com jcleavenger@kindercare.com
Open 7:00-6:00 Serves 6 wks thru kindergarten
Full- and part-time schedules. Full year program with meals and

snacks provided. Before/after-school, school vacation & temporary care to age 8. **Bilingual staff: Spanish**
Accepts vouchers, Military Discount.

Nashoba Valley Early Learning Center 978-692-6036
14 S. Chelmsford Rd cdiaz@nashobatech.net
Open 7:30-3:30 Serves ages 1-3
<https://www.nashobatech.net/page/early-learning-center>
Full- or part-time schedules. School year only program.

Nature Land Nursery School 978-692-5657
Dawna Wisnowski, 37 Providence Rd P-172746
Open 7:00-5:00 naturelandnurseryschool@yahoo.com
Full year program. Licensed family child care for 10 children. Full- or part-time schedules, emergency & before/after care.

Next Generation Children's Center 978-692-1030
9 Powers Road 7-6:00 P-186321
11 Powers Road 7:30-5:30 P-186320
www.ngccenters.com dtrwestford2@ngccenters.com
Serves infants thru Pre-K Summer to age 7
Full day, full year program with full- or partial week schedules. Meals & snacks provided.

Nayan Srivastava Family Child Care 978-692-5030
15 Long Sought For Pond Rd P-179036
Open 7:00-6:00 nayansri@hotmail.com
Licensed family child care for 10 children. Full year program. Full- or part-time schedules, emergency care & after school care on bus route. **Bilingual staff: Hindi**

Right At Home Day Care 978-764-4945
33 River Street P-175513
Open 6:30-4:30 sherryhasche@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full day, full- or partial week schedules, before/after school and emergency care available, or summer only. Near Miller & Day schools.

Roudenbush Children's Center-Frost 978-692-0848
73 Main Street P-169697
www.roudenbush.org alanciani@roudenbush.org
Open 7:00-6:00 Serves 6 wks thru Pre-K (6)
Full-day, full year program. 2- to 5-day schedules. Opportunity to take gymnastics, dance, language classes thru RCC at cost. **Accepts vouchers.**

Roudenbush Preschool Program 978-692-5544
170 Plain Road, Nabnasset P-170469
www.roudenbush.org alanciani@roudenbush.org
Open 8:00-4:00 Serves 21 mos. to 5 yrs.
2- to 4-day programs for 2.5 to 5 hours with extended day options. 4-day weekly-themed summer programs.
Accepts vouchers.

Roudenbush School-Age Program 978-496-1707
65 Main Street P-169698
www.roudenbush.org jnormandie@roudenbush.org
After-school care until 4:30 or 6:00, with bus transportation for ages 5-13. Optional vacations, professional and snow days. Optional 7-6:00 summer programs, and optional classes thru RCC. **Accepts vouchers.**

The Goddard School 978-692-3531
162 Concord Road P-177574
Open 7:00-6:00 westfordma@goddardschools.com
Serves infants thru Pre-K www.goddardschool.com
Full year program, full- or part-time schedules, and before/after school care. Wheelchair accessible.
Military discount. **Bilingual staff:** Spanish, Portuguese

The Kid's League 978-692-6733/978-833-4683
10 Church Street P-171666
Open 2:30-6:00 sarah.noland@kidsleaguewestford.com
Ages 5-11 <https://kidsleaguewestford.com/>
After school, no-school days, and early release day care includes special-interest clubs. Summer weekly themes. Variety of schedule options based on family's need for care. Bus transportation from all schools. **Accepts vouchers.**
Bilingual Staff: Portuguese, Spanish.

Tiny Tots Day Care 978-392-0106
Tracy Kitner, 37 North Street P-174128
Open 7:00-5:00 ttcap@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/tracykitnerfamilydaycare/>
Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full day, full- or partial-week schedule. Before & after school, & emergency care available. Full year program on bus route. Meals provided.

Westford Children's Learning Cntr 978-392-2090
508 Groton Road P-177130
Open 7:00-6:30 <https://www.springboardschools.com/westford>
Serves 6 wks thru Kind. wclc@springboardschools.com
Reggio Emilia learning philosophy. After-school care to 5th grade with bussing from Miller/Nab/Abbott/Day schools. Summer camp options. **Accepts vouchers.** **Bilingual staff:** Portuguese, Spanish, Khmer, Thai, Tamil, Urdu

Westford Integrated Preschool 978-692-5560
Open 9:05-3:10 www.westfordk12.us/pages/preschool/index
Serves 3 & 4 yrs gcoughlin@westfordk12.us
Inclusive program that nurtures each child's unique skills, helping them to reach their full potential. Monday-Thursday schedule available for tuition-based community slots (potty trained required). Classrooms located at Nab, Robinson & Miller schools. Applications open February 1st.

Westford Partnership for Children 978-692-5532
After-school care till 5:45 P-253901-06
<https://westfordrec.com> mcollett@westfordma.gov
After school care provided at all elementary schools.
ARPA financial assistance available (bnash@westfordma.gov)

Westford Preschool at St. Marks 978-392-1565
75 Cold Spring Road P-169589
www.wpsk.org westfordpsk@gmail.com
Open 8:00-2:00 Serves 2.9 thru Pre-K
2 ½-hr morning programs for 1-5 days/week, with extended day adventures options.

If you would like to search for possible additions to the list or if you need information on cost you can go to the Mass. Dept. of Early Education and Care's website and search for center-

based and home-based caregivers by town. Providers have the option of listing their space availability on this site. Inspections and complaints are also listed on this site. <https://www.mass.gov/early-childhood-services-and-resources-for-families>

You can also contact the Resource and Referral office that serves your town:

Regional offices serving Massachusetts residents provide free information and referrals to ALL families who are in need of childcare as well as information on the statewide childcare subsidy wait list. They can also answer specific questions about a licensed home-based or center-based program you are considering to care for your child. Contact the office that serves your town below.



If you live in **Boxboro or Harvard** contact: Anthony Rossi, arossi@sevenhills.org or 978-602-8651 (email is best) at the Child Care Resources office. They are open 7:00-4:00.

If you live in **Maynard or Sudbury** contact: Marybeth Brown, marbrown@sevenhills.org or 508-796-1838 at the Child Care Resources office. They are open 7:30-4:00. Website: [Child Care Resources - Seven Hills Foundation](http://ChildCareResources-SevenHillsFoundation)



If you live in **Acton, Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Hanscom AFB, Lincoln, Littleton, or Westford** contact: Child Care Circuit, info@childcarecircuit.org or 978-686-4288 www.childcarecircuit.org/for-parents/find-child-care



Information about Child Care Subsidy Vouchers

Approximate wait time for income-based subsidy openings, as of November 2023, is 18 months.

[Apply for funds to help pay for child care | Mass.gov](#)

Child care vouchers are available to those who qualify based on income and “activity”. Activity requirements are that parent(s) in the home are working a minimum of 20 hours per week for part-time care or 30 hours per week for full-time care, or they are in school (other than graduate school) for those same hours. Children must be citizens of the U.S. Parents or children with a diagnosed and documented disability or special need may be eligible. Grandparents with custody of their grandchildren are also eligible to apply.

There are many categories of eligibility for financial assistance in addition to income, including domestic violence, homelessness, or having a DTA or DCF referral. If you are eligible in the “general income-based” category, anticipate the wait time when deciding when to apply. Vouchers usually have a co-pay amount in addition to the subsidy. Here is information on the co-pay amounts:

[EEC Parent Fee Calculator \(caspio.com\)](#)

When your name comes up on the wait list you will have 8 weeks to meet the activity requirement. To see if you may qualify for financial assistance for child care, before- and after-school care, and/or summer care, check the income eligibility guidelines:

[Apply for funds to help pay for child care | Mass.gov](#)

You can be screened for voucher eligibility over the phone by calling 211, or by filling out your information:

[Mass211’s Child Care Services & Financial Payment Assistance | Mass 211](#)



Informal In-home Child Care with a Voucher

Families who qualify for a child care subsidy can have their child care provided by an adult in the child’s own home, or by a relative of the child in the relative’s own home. This does not require a license from the state. In order for the child care provider to be paid through the voucher system, informal caregivers must register with the Dept. of Early Education and Care.

Relative Child Care Providers:

A grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling (18 yrs. & older) of the child can provide care after passing a sex offender registry check (SORI, takes 3-6 weeks). Relative must be able to prove the relationship with documentation. Care may be provided in the child’s home or in the relative’s home.

Non-Relative Child Care Provider:

Care must be provided in the child’s home by a neighbor, friend, or non-biological relative. Caregiver must pass SORI, CORI, and DCF background checks and be fingerprinted before beginning care.

Details for this type of care is available in this document, Section 10.08 (2) (b)

[606 CMR 10 \(mass.gov\)](#)

Webinar explaining how to use a subsidy voucher for in-home child care:

[https://www.childcarecircuit.org/uploaded/CCC/Kinship_Webinar_\(English\)-FY18.pdf](https://www.childcarecircuit.org/uploaded/CCC/Kinship_Webinar_(English)-FY18.pdf)

If you decide to use this option, contact Child Care Resources or Child Care Circuit depending on where you live for assistance.

Resources for Family Child Care

Family Child Care Association

[Find Child Care - FCCA \(familychildcareassoc.com\)](#)

familychildcareassoc@gmail.com

or 978-435-0402

FCCA provides referrals, educational and support services to families and licensed family childcare providers in **Bedford, Lincoln, Maynard, Westford**, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Lowell, Tewksbury, Waltham and surrounding areas. The objectives of the Association are to assist providers in maintaining the highest quality of care that promotes the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development of children. Website has information helpful to those looking for child care.

Family Child Care at Hanscom Air Force Base

[Family Child Care | 66th Force Support Squadron \(hanscomfss.com\)](#)

The Hanscom Family Child Care program offers families childcare in a less structured home-like environment. Family Child Care Providers are able to accommodate parents' various work schedules with full- and part-time drop-in, weekend and evening care.

Providers receive extensive training in child development, Positive Guidance Techniques, CPR, first aid, health, safety, fire prevention, nutrition, reporting of child abuse, and food handling before obtaining a license. FCC homes are licensed by the group commander in coordination with health, fire & safety agencies, and are monitored by the Family Child Care Coordinator. **781-225-6121, Office: Bldg. 1994**

CARE.com

You can set up a free account to search for nannies available near your zip code. Information about their background, education and experience is available. Information is available on Nanny tax obligations as well as HomePay, a service for members whereby taxes are calculated and tax forms are filed for you.

<https://www.care.com/hp/nanny-tax-guide>

In-Home Referrals

For families interested in pursuing in-home (nanny) care, Child Care Circuit provides a comprehensive information service for \$75. This includes referrals to various nanny and au pair agencies as well as valuable information regarding nanny selection and hiring. Whether you are looking for a babysitter or nanny on your own or wish to use an agency, the information provided will be useful.

978-686-4288

Au Pair In-Home Care

Cultural Care has local regional coordinators who place au pairs from other countries in your home in exchange for child

care hours and a cultural exchange experience for you and your children. Hosts provide room, board, weekly salary based on hours, i.e. 10 hrs = \$195, 45 hrs = \$635. Hosts also provide a car, phone, and \$500 toward 6 college credits during the au pair's stay.

Sarah McFarland, sarah.mcfarland@culturalcare.com,
617-619-2893

[Massachusetts Pricing - Cultural Care Au Pair](#)

When You
Can't
Afford

Preschool



Preschool Inspirations

10 Things You CAN Do!

It is especially helpful for children to attend a preschool in the year before they begin kindergarten. If you are not working or attending school and thus not eligible for a subsidy to assist your child in attending preschool, here are some ideas. If you need help with any of these ideas, email: firstconnections@jri.org

- 1) Check with the preschools on this list that offer tuition assistance scholarships for financial aid.
- 2) Apply for a regional-based scholarship at one of the two organizations below.

CONCORD AREA PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Marcia Stern Scholarship Program

Contact: Anita Stevanazzi-Hill, 978-318-3045

CAPA provides tuition assistance to families of preschool children living in Concord, Carlisle and the surrounding towns, or to children attending a Concord area preschool. Families can receive only one \$1,500 tuition grant per child in a given year. Priority is given to 4 or 5 year olds who have not attended preschool and will begin school next fall. Families can qualify if they make up to 100% of State median income.

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH-HARVARD- LITTLETON EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Contact: ABHEarlychildhoodcouncil@gmail.com

Partial tuition assistance is available to eligible working families. Applicants must be a resident of, or child must attend a preschool in, Acton, Boxborough, Harvard or Littleton. Parents must be working 20 hours minimum and be at or below 85% of the State Median Income level. Certain exceptions may apply. 4 year olds who have not attended preschool are prioritized.

3) Contact the Social Worker for your town to see if there are any current programs that would financially assist your child in attending preschool before kindergarten.

4) Participate in First Connections' weekly free age-based playgroups, including a Pre-K group during the summer before kindergarten begins. www.firstconnections.org

5) Attend free storytimes and activities at your local library to increase pre-literacy skills. Many libraries also have weekly science, alphabet, and play-based activities for preschool age children. Check out books and read to your child every day.

Sign up for their emailed newsletters so you know what's coming up in case registration is required.

6) Make regular visits to The Discovery Museum in Acton during their "First Friday Free" hours (4:30-8:00) each month. These also happen EVERY Friday during the summer. The hands-on science, engineering and math activities provide invaluable experiences for your child's learning.

<https://www.discoveryacton.org/>

7) Join a local parent association and participate in playgroups with other children your child's age to enhance socialization skills. These groups often have low-cost yearly membership fees which include participation in all activities.

8) If you do not have transportation during the week to attend these types of programs taking place in the community, contact First Connections to be able to participate in the **Parent-Child+ Program** where an early learning specialist will visit your home twice a week with toys and books to help you help your child get ready for Kindergarten. This is a free program. Contact firstconnections@jri.org.

9) Periodically fill out an Ages & Stages Questionnaire to be sure your child's developmental milestones are where they should be based on birthdate. If they're not, you may be able to receive free services from early intervention prior to age 3, and from public school preschools starting at age 3. Email espringer@jri.org with your child's birthdate.

10) See if you financially qualify for Head Start:



<https://massheadstart.org/>

There are no Head Start programs located in First Connections' catchment towns, but if your family is eligible financially you can apply directly to the program closest to where you live. Meals are provided, and children with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Some programs may provide transportation in certain circumstances.

Head Start provides free comprehensive early education and support services for children age 3-5 and their families. To find out if your family income is at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline check here:

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

Some exceptions may be made for families moderately over these amounts. If your family or child receives any of the following benefits, your child is categorically eligible: **TANF, SSI, Child is a Foster Child, Family is Homeless**

Bedford, Westford, Littleton residents:

Apply on this webpage:

[Early Learning: Head Start/Early Head Start Learning Programs - Community Teamwork \(commteam.org\)](http://Early Learning: Head Start/Early Head Start Learning Programs - Community Teamwork (commteam.org))

Lincoln residents: 781-647-0542

Waltham Head Start

<https://www.communitiesunitedinc.org/waltham>

Harvard residents: 978-785-5431

Leominster Head Start

Apply on this webpage:

<https://www.mocinc.org/child-care-head-start>

Maynard, Acton, Boxboro residents: 508-820-8380

Marlboro Head Start

Apply on this webpage:

<https://www.smoc.org/head-start.php>

Sudbury Residents: 508-820-8380

Framingham Head Start

Apply on this webpage:

<https://www.smoc.org/head-start.php>

Concord & Carlisle residents: 617-744-6076

Burlington Head Start

<https://www.communitiesunitedinc.org/burlington>