

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE LIST

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. Bilingual staff: Portuguese.

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 info@actoncoop.com

Serves ages 2.9 to 5 in morning & afternoon programs. School year only. Parents help in classroom. Scholarship fund. Bilingual staff: French, Italian, Portuguese

Aster Family Fun Care 978-274-0614
Jaya Laxmi, 14 Henley Rd P-186105

https://www.aster.care/ asterfamilyfuncare@gmail.com
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 Serves ages 3-5

https://checp.abschools.org jgibowicz@abschools.org
Applications open in January 2023 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. 2023

CBE Early Learning Center 133 Prospect Street

elcdirector@bethelohim.org

978-266-9988 P-184756 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

Eleonor 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 7:30-5:00. Families required to be COVID vaccinated. Uses Daily Connect app.

Bilingual Staff: Chinese

Fun Learning Place After School Care 978-844-4399
12 Concord Rd P-187143

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**

Jennifer Gugliotta Family Child Care 351-209-0939 16 Henly Rd P-259659

Licensed program for 6 children.

Home Childcare Today
Sophy Bien, 416 Main St
Www.homechildcaretoday.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.
Bilingual staff: Cantonese.

Infant Toddler Children's Center
149 Central Street Open 7:45-5:00
Www.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 <u>www.actonlearnandplaypreschool.com</u>
Serves 18 Mos – 5 Yrs <u>Stacey.learnandplay@gmail.com</u>
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: Chinese

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.

Bedford

Adventures with Learning 508-965-8723
Donna Good, 16 Genetti Circle P-173592

Open 7:15-5:30 <u>mrsdg2004@aol.com</u>

Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full year program. Before/after school on bus route. Full/part-time schedules. Accepts cloth diapers.

Bedford Children's Center 781-271-9847 402 Concord Road P-183544

www.bedfordchildrenscenter.com info@bedfordchildrenscenter.com
Open 7:30-6:00 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 781-275-3201 x4709
410 Davis Road Open 9:30-12:30
www.bedfordps.org/pre-school rachel thunberg@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 18 months to 7 (kindergarten)
Traditional Montessori program in mixed and classrooms

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. Bilingual staff: Spanish

Bedford Recreation Kids Club 781-275-5427 12 Mudge Way P-187880

www.bedfordma.gov/kids-club dbrosgol@bedfordma.gov Open before school at 7:00 and after school until 6:00. After-school

Open before school at 7:00 and after school until 6:00. After-school care is also provided at the Lane School. Open school vacation

weeks, teacher workshop days, and offers a 9:00-3:00 summer program. Drop-in care available if registered. **Accepts vouchers**

Bilingual Staff: Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic

Bright Horizons at Crosby Drive 781-271-9195
30 Crosby Drive P-170781
Open 7:30-5:30 www.brighthorizons.com/Crosby
Serves 6 wks-PreK diane.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

Inch by Inch Child Care, Inc.781-271-080019 Crosby DriveP-177362Open 7:30-5:30www.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

<u>cheermom5566@yahoo.com</u> 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.

Karen Sullivan's Home Child Care 617-281-8501
51 Neillian St. P-173481
Open 7:15-5:45 kksull49518@aol.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children. Flexible full- or part-time schedules.

Open Arms Christian Preschool 781-271-1148
426 Davis Road P-170607

www.lcsavior.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.

St. Paul's Weekday Nursery School 781-275-1383
100 Pine Hill Road P-177174
www.stpaulsweekdayns.org 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 per week. 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 7:30-4:30 P-177410
www.leapschool.com rshapiro@leapschool.com
Serves 15 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
726 Massachusetts Ave. P-185292
www.boxborochildrencenter.com
Serves ages 15 mos. to 5. 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, French, Hindi

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 P-186384

www.thetaylorschool.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, movement, 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: ASL

Carlisle

Carlisle Children's Center 978-371-0037
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 lbruce@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' House978-369-5558www.carlislekidshouse.orgP-177106142 East Streetexec_director@carlislekidshouse.orgOpen 7:30-6:15. 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: Portuguese, ASL**

Woodland Nursery School 978-254-7590
60 Ledgeways P-255797
Open 9:30-1:00 www.woodlandnurseryschool.com
Serves ages 3-5 educators.wns@gmail.com
Licensed family child care program serving 10 children in mixed-age groups with 3 teachers. Reggio-Emilia philosophy with a completely outdoor nature-immersion curriculum.

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
Open 7:30-9 am & until 6 pm
www.concordafterschools.com
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 School year program. 2- to 5-day schedules with optional stay & play and summer options. Wheelchair accessible.

Financial Assistance Available thru Concord Recreation
Department

Concord Children's Center-Emerson 978-369-0492
134 Old Rd to 9 Acre Cor. P-169457
Open 7-6:00 www.concordchildrenscenter.org
Full year program emerson@concordchildrenscenter.org
Serves ages 10 wks to 2.9. Schedules from 3 mornings to 5 full days. 4-week summer program available. Tuition assistance of 5-25% for families earning 125% of Mass. Median income. This site will close in Fall 2023 and move to 250 Old Bedford Road, Concord, where it will accept vouchers.

Concord Children's Center-Ripley 978-369-5983
120 Meriam Road P-169456
Open 7-6:00 www.concordchildrenscenter.org
Full year program ripley@concordchildrenscenter.org
Serves ages 10 wks thru preschool. Preschoolers must
attend a minimum of 3 mornings/week. 4 year olds attend a

minimum of 4 mornings/week in the year prior to kindergarten. Full or partial days. Accepts vouchers, tuition assistance of 5-25% for families earning 125% of Mass. Median income. This site will close in Fall 2023 and move to 250 Old Bedford Road, Concord.

Concord Children's Center-W. Concord 978-369-6790 1300 Main St. (Rte. 62) P-169507

Open 7-6:00 www.concordchildrenscenter.org
Full year program westconcord@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 125% of Mass. Median income. This site will close for renovations in summer 2023 while care is provided at Trinitarian Church in Concord.

Concord Integrated Schools Preschool 978-318-1500 x8147
120 Meriam Road www.concordps.org joshea@concordps.org
Serves Concord residents who are 3 & 4 yrs by Sept. 1.
Serves typically developing children, "community peers", and children on IEP's. Community peers have half- or full-day options.
The classroom is staffed by a licensed special education teacher along with other professionals. Daily routine includes a structured day focusing 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

Bilingual staff: Chinese, Spanish, Khmer

lessons. Private scholarships.

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
40 Strawberry Hill Road
www.littlesprouts.com
Open 7:30-5:30

P78-369-2699
P-185831
mdevito@littlesprouts.com
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 kespinola@milldamnurseryschool.org
Cooperative model with parents assisting in the classroom. Morning program with optional stay & play. Weekly drama & music lessons. School year only. Private scholarships.

Nashoba Brooks School 978-369-4591

200 Strawberry Hill Rd <u>www.nashobabrooks.org</u>
Open 7:30-5:45 <u>admission@nashobabrooks.org</u>
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.

in care available.

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. Emergent curriculum. Drop-

Harvard

AlphaBEST @ Hildreth Elementary 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

27 Jackson Road, Devens

Www.applewild.org/preschool

Open 7-4:45

Perivate 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 on school bus route.

Guild of St. Agnes 978-772-4323
172 Jackson Rd, Devens P-170851
www.guildofstagnes.org jdaniels@guildofstagnes.org
Open 6:30-5:30 Serves 15 mos- 5 years
Full year, full time schedules. Family-style meals included.
Accepts vouchers and has sliding fee scale

Harvard Integrated Preschool
27 Mass. Avenue. Open 8:50-3:00
Serves 3 (before Aug. 31) to 5
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 spaceavailable 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. Licensed child care serving 6 children.

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. Private scholarships

Lincoln

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

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Financial Aid Available

Drumlin Farm Community Preschool 781-259-2241 218 Lincoln Road **P-177511**

www.massaudubon.org/drumlin jcanelli@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 Nursery School 781-259-8866
51 Sandy Pond Road P-182770
Serves 2.9-6 www.lincolnnurseryschool.org

Open 8:30-4:00 <u>nancy@lincolnnurseryschool.org</u>
Half- and full-day programs for 4 or 5 days use the DeCordova
Museum campus for hands-on learning. School year only. Reggioinspired school using a cooperative parent volunteer model.

Private scholarships Bilingual Staff: Portuguese

Lincoln Public Schools Preschool
6 Ballfield Road and Hanscom AFB
Serves ages 3 to 5
781-259-9889
www.lincnet.org
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 781-259-06151 Ballfield Road P-171051

www.lincolnleap.com Leap0615@gmail.com
After school care until 6 pm for grades K-8th.

Accepts vouchers. Bilingual staff: Russian, Spanish

Magic Garden Children's Center781-259-8161www.magic-garden.orglori.leo@staff.magic-garden.org6 Ballfield Rd, Preschoolers & Pre-KP-16959714 Bedford St, Infants & ToddlersP-244754

Open 7:30-6:00, full year program. **Private preschool scholarships**. **Bilingual preschool staff: Spanish**.

Razia Shaikh Childcare 617-834-6519
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.

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

The Teddy Bear Club
239 Concord Road
P-184788
www.teddybearclub.org
Open 8:45-4:00 Serves ages 1.9 thru kindergarten
French/English bilingual
Full- and part-time schedules. School year with summer options. Wheelchair accessible.

Littleton

Barbara Delegge Family Child Care 978-486-3882

148 Spectacle Pond Rd P-173466

Open 7:30-4:30 M-Th tohqandco@aol.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children. Full- & part-time schedules, on the bus route.

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

Janet Crory Family Child Care 978-486-9028
92 Goldsmith Street P-173620
Open 6:30-5:00 jcrorydaycare@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

Nicole Nelson Family Child Care 978-877-0641 563 Newtown Rd P-258254 Nicolenelson9@yahoo.com

Licensed family child care for 6 children.

Oak Meadow School
2 Old Pickard Lane
Www.oakmeadow.org
Open 8:00-6:00
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. Nature, music, drama, art, Spanish and Physical Education programs.

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 www.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. Additionally, some children receive support therapies which are integrated into the program. Community peers for preschool program accepted on a space-available basis.

The Learning Experience 978-486-3390
206 Great Rd, P-210501
Open 7:00-6:00 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. 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 7-8:15. 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@basec.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

212 Great Rd., Maynard

Contact Nikki Tyler

Open 2:30-6:00

\$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 to pay for services.

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 7:30-5:30. 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. Imonachino@maynard.k12.ma.us
School-year integrated program is staffed by highly educated specialists believing each child is an individual with distinct abilities and needs. Full- and half-day programs for 3 or 5 days per week.

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.

Knowledge Beginnings 978-461-6044
4 Mill & Main Place P-170728

Open 6:30-6:00 www.knowledgebeginnings.com
Serves 6 wks to Kind. Stephanie.arpin@kindercare.com
Full year program with drop-in/emergency care.On school bus route for before/after school care. Accepts vouchers, military discount. Bilingual staff: Spanish, Portuguese

Mary Jo's Daycare

12 Glendale Street

Open 7:00-5:30

Serves 8 mos. thru school age 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 Silvestrini, 16 Sunset Road P-229967

Open 8:00-4:00 <u>84mahh@gmail.com</u> Licensed family child care for 10 children aged 3 mos. thru 4 yrs. attending full day part- or full-week schedules. All meals

provided. Bilingual staff: Portuguese

The Community School 978-897-9708

80 Main St. (P.O. Box 111) communityschool@verizon.net
Serves ages 2.9-5 www.thecommunityschoolmaynard.com
2-, 3-, and 4-day schedules Monday thru Thursday. Lunch bunch is optional till 1:00. Private scholarships

Sudbury

Aruna's Place for Children
8 Stone Road
P-170628
www.arunasplace.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.

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 Solovyeva Family Child Care 508-733-7706 63 Stone Road. **P-186451**

Open 8-5:30 <u>ekasolov@gmail.com</u>

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. Intergenerational activities w/Sudbury Pines Extended Care. Accepts vouchers.

978-440-7668 LEAP School @ Dakin Farm P-170697 123 Dakin Road www.leapschool.com twilson@leapschool.com Open 7:30-4:30 Serves ages 2-5

Full year program with 2- to 5-day schedules for full, half or threeguarter 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 sudburydirector@littlehandsma.com Reggio Emilia curriculum. 2-, 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

Open 7:00-5:00 www.ngccenters.com

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 ksellers@springboardschools.com Open 7:30-5:30 Serves 6 wks to 6 www.springboardschools.com Full year Reggio Emilia-inspired program. Accepts vouchers. Bilingual staff: Spanish.

Sudbury Cooperative Preschool 978-443-9391 6 Church Street P-169848 www.sudburycoop.org britta@sudburycoop.org Open 8:00-2:00 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 327 Concord Rd (PO Box 696) 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

Noves 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.

978-883-8000 **Sudbury Montessori** 142 North Road P-211746 Open 7:30-6:00 www.sudburymontessori.org admin@sudburymontessori.org Full year program 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://sunnvhillpreschool.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: Greek, ASL, Spanish. Private scholarships.

The Goddard School 978-209-0500 P-257559 437 Boston Post Rd Open 7:00-6:00 sudburyma@goddardschools.com Serves infants to Pre-K www.goddardschool.com Full year, part- or full-day programs available.

TOT Family Daycare 978-579-7951 43 Willis Lake Dr., Ekaterina Taradai P-179878 Open 7:30-5:30 detsad malysh@comcast.net TOT Family Daycare and Preschool is on Facebook 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. woodsedgechildrenctr@gmail.com Full year program for full- and half-day schedules. Bilingual environment with Chinese lessons optional. Bilingual staff: Cantonese, Chinese

Wright Farm Sudbury Childcare 978-852-0556 157 Woodside Road P-177072

Full year, full day program https://wrightfarmsudbury.com Open 7:15-6:00 jennifer@wrightfarmsudbury.com Licensed family childcare for 10 children up to 14 mos. 159 Woodside Road P-187565

The Schoolhouse Program is for 15-32 months (Terrific Two's) or 33 months-Kindergarten (Preschool). Farm vard and animals are incorporated into play and learning activities thru an emergent curriculum. App keeps parents connected during the day. Family night events.

Bilingual staff: Portuguese

Westford

Acorn Childcare Center 978-486-3346 439 Littleton Road P-170282 Open 7:00-6:00 acornchildcaredirector@gmail.com www.acornchildcenter.com Serves 2 mos to 8 yrs. Minimum 4 hours 2 days/week schedule. Full year program. Weekly yoga. Soccer program at cost. Accepts vouchers.

April Hart Family Child Care 978-467-5159 106 Providence Road P-178759

Open 7:00-3:30 aprillhart911@gmail.com Licensed family child care for 6 children. Full- or part-time schedule, drop-in/ temporary care available. School year only, meals included.

Bouncing Bunnies Family Daycare 978-807-2000 40 Russell's Way P-173712

Open 7:00-4:00 karenepeterson@hotmail.com Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full year program with fullor 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. Full year program, full- or part-time schedules. Emergency care, school vacation weeks. Meals included.

Colleen Laliberte Family Child Care 508-847-9469 P-253862 15 Williams Street

Open 8:00-5:00 colleen@thebusybeehive.life Licensed family child care for 6 children. Flexible schedules welcome and meals provided.

978-392-0559 Corine's Daycare 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.

Good Pickin' Farm School 978-302-7579 5 Gould Road P-256252

https://www.goodpickinfarmschools.org/ schoolhouse@goodpickinfarm.com

Preschool outdoor education nature-based learning is for ages 2.9-5. Schoolhouse program is for ages 5-13 with an integrated arts & project-based curriculum meeting Mass. elementary frameworks requirements. For after-school-only farm-based programs for 1-5 days/week email hello@goodpickinfarm.com

Heather Paradis Family Child Care 978-846-2765 39 Providence Road P-259038

Open 7:00-4:30 (12:30 Fridays) heather1205@yahoo.com

Licensed family child care for 6 children.

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 7:30-2:30 Serves ages 1-5 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 naturelandnurseryschool@yahoo.com Open 7:00-5:30 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 P-186320 11 Powers Road P-186321 www.ngccenters.com dtrwestford2@ngccenters.com Open 7:00-6:00 Serves infants thru Pre-K Full day, full year program with full- or partial week schedules. Meals and snacks provided.

Nayan Srivastava Family Child Care 978-692-5030 15 Long Sought For Pond Rd P-179036 nayansri@hotmail.com Open 7:00-6:00 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 nguglielmino@roudenbush.org Open 7:00-6:00 Serves 6 wks thru Pre-K 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.ora alanciani@roudenbush.org Open 8:00-4:00 Serves 21 mos. to 5 vrs. 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 schoolage@roudenbush.org www.roudenbush.org After-school care with bus transportation, as well as vacations, professional and snow days. Optional summer programs, and optional classes thru RCC. Accepts vouchers.

The Goddard School 978-692-3531 162 Concord Road P-177574

westfordma@goddardschools.com Open 7:00-6:00 Serves infants thru Pre-K www.goddardschool.com Full year program, full- or part-tiome schedules, and before/after school care. Wheelchair accessible. Military discount.

Bilingual staff: Spanish, Japanese, Korean.

The Kid's League 978-692-6733 10 Church Street P-171666 kidsleagueofwestford@gmail.com Open 7:00-6:00 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 ttdcap@gmail.com

Licensed family child care for 8 children. Full day, full- or partialweek 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

https://www.springboardschools.com/westford Open 7:00-6:30 Serves 6 wks thru Kind. syou@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

www.westfordk12.us/pages/preschool/index Open 9:00-3:00 ncailler@westfordk12.us Serves 3 & 4 vrs 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. 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.

Westford Preschool at St. Marks 978-392-1565 75 Cold Spring Road P-169589

www.wpsk.org westfordpsk@gmail.com Open 8:00-3:00 Serves 2.9 thru Pre-K

2 ½-hr morning programs for 1-5 days/week, with extended day kidventures options.



The list of child care providers and preschools preceding this page were verified for accuracy via websites, EEC licensing website and direct email as of November 28, 2022

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/or home-based caregivers by town. Providers have the option of listing their space availability on this site. Religious, publicschool-based and Boys & Girls Club programs are not required to be licensed and may not be included in the EEC list.

https://www.mass.gov/early-childhood-services-andresources-for-families



Information about **Child Care Subsidy Vouchers**

Approximate wait time for income-based subsidy openings, as of June 2023, is 16 months.

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.

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 copay 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:

https://www.mass.gov/doc/state-median-income-smieligibility-chart-fy2023/download

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

Mass211's Child Care Services & Financial Payment

Assistance | Mass 211

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

Regional offices serving Massachusetts residents provide free information and referrals to 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, <u>arossi@sevenhills.org</u> or 978-602-8651 (email is best) at the Child Care Resources Fitchburg 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 Worcester office. They are open 7:30-4.

Website: Child Care Resources - Seven Hills Foundation



If you live in Acton, Bedford, Billerica, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Lexington or Lincoln, Littleton, Westford contact:

Child Care Circuit, info@childcarecircuit.org
Main office: 978-686-4288

www.childcarecircuit.org/for-parents/find-child-care



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

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

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**, **Westford**, Billerica, Burlington, 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. **Licensed provider listing on website**, in addition to information helpful to those looking for child care.

The Council of Social Concern Family Childcare System (FCS)

Family Childcare System – Council Of Social Concern

The FCS places children aged 2 months thru 5 years in the homes of licensed, experienced family childcare providers. Subsidized tuition assistance is available on a sliding scale basis to low- and moderate-income families. FCS staff visit each family childcare home at least once per month to monitor the quality of care provided in each contracted childcare home, assess each child's developmental progress, and consult with providers. The program's service area includes: Acton, Bedford, Boxboro, Hudson, Maynard, Stow and Sudbury. Contact sandy@socialconcern.org or 781-935-6495 x218.

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 alternative 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**



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-quide

In-Home Referrals

For families interested in pursuing in-home (nanny) care, Child Care Circuit provides a comprehensive information services 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

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 Linda: lmatthews@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
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: ABHLearlychildhoodcouncil@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 have science and play-based activities for preschool age children in addition to storytimes. 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 your 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@iri.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 can receive free services from early intervention prior to age 3, and from public schools starting at age 3 Email espringer@iri.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)

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

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