

### 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 2024

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

### Acton

Acton Barn Co-op Preschool978-263-048632 Nagog ParkP-170026

<u>info@actonbarn.com</u> <u>www.actonbarn.com</u>

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

Financial Assistance available.

**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. Accepts vouchers

Aluska Vieira Da Costa Souza Family Childcare

382B Great Rd., #104 978-393-6868 <u>aluskabia@outlook.com</u> P-263165

Open 7:30-5:30. Licensed family child care for 6 full-time children.

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

Aster Family Fun Care 978-274-0614
Jaya Laxmi, 14 Henley Rd P-186105
Aster Family Fun Care | Acton MA | Facebook
asterfamilyfuncare@gmail.com Open 7:30-5:30
50 wks/yr program. Licensed family child care for 10 children ages
0-5. 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 7:30-6:00

Full-day, year-round program. Before & after school care, on bus route. Regular guest programming includes yoga, music. Timbernook. fitness, and science.

Carol Huebner Early Childhood Program 978-266-2530

71 Spruce St <a href="https://checp.abschools.org">https://checp.abschools.org</a>
Serves ages 3-5 <a href="mailto:jgibowicz@abschools.org">jgibowicz@abschools.org</a>
Applications open January 2025 <a href="mailto:dmailto

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. 2025

CBE Early Learning Center

133 Prospect Street

elcdirector@bethelohim.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 provided. Private scholarships.

Ellen's Home Daycare 857-272-0017
Eleonor McCullough 52 Hayward Rd P-182898

www.ellenshomedaycare.com ellendaycare@yahoo.com

Newborn to 3 years Open 8:00-5:00

Licensed family childcare for 10 children with two providers.

Philosophy, references, photos on website. Full year, full- or part-time schedule. Uses Daily Connect app.

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. Offers Chinese classes.

Great Brook School 978-429-8295
524 Main St., Acton P-262690
www.greatbrookschool.com Open 7:30-5:30
mracioppi@greatbrookschool.com Serves 8 wks-6 yrs
Reggio Emilia Inspired play-based emergent curriculum.
Preschool and Pre-K classrooms.

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 wks to pre-K. Drop-in emergency care when space available. Full-day, full- or part-time, year-round program on bus route. Accepts vouchers, military discount.

**KinderCare Learning Center** 978-263-1446 5 Post Office Sq. Open 7:00-5:30 **P-169838** 

www.kindercare.com genia.williamson@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.

Learn and Play Preschool 978-263-8787 or 8777
245 Main Street P-177049
Open 7:30-5:30 www.actonlearnandplaypreschool.com

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.

Peter Pippos Karate Center 978-631-0750/978-580-0080

3 Post Office Square P-242566

https://www.peterpipposkarate.com\_nicolepippos@gmail.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 8:00-5:00 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 directorofbcc@gmail.com

Open 7:30-5:30 Serves newborn to Pre-K After-school care for K-5<sup>th</sup> with bus from Lane & Davis. Full year

program with summer options.

Private scholarships and military discounts

Bedford Public Schools Preschool781-275-6804410 Davis RoadOpen 9:30-12:30www.bedfordps.org/pre-schoolrachelthunberg@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. 5-day, ½-day program. Screenings are held in January.

Bedford Montessori School

8 Alfred Circle

www.bedfordmontessori.org

director@bedfordmontessori.org

Serves 1.8 to 7 years

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. Yoga and Spanish Classes included in Kindergarten.

Bedford Recreation Kids Club

12 Mudge Way & 66 Sweetwater Ave

www.bedfordma.gov/305/Kids-Club

bmcevoy@bedfordma.gov

Before & after-school care 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

781-275-5427

P-187880

P-171108

Open 7:00-6:00

Page 19:00-3:00 summer program. Drop-in care available if registered.

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

Carolyn Gillespie Family Child Care 339-223-3749
23 Wheeler Drive P-182068

readusa@yahoo.com Open 7:30-5:15

Licensed family child care for 6 children with meals provided

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.

It's a Baby 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.

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.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/wk. Private scholarships.

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.

**The LEAP School Bedford**376 Concord Rd Open 7:30-5:00 **781-861-1045 P-260079** 

www.leapschool.com leapenroll@brightpathkids.com
Serves 12 mos to transitional kindergarten 2 to 5 days/wk.
Full- & partial-day schedules. Full year program. Wheelchair accessible. Private scholarships, employee discounts

### **Boxborough**

Boxborough Children's Center 978-263-9803
723 Massachusetts Ave. P-185292
www.boxborochildrencenter.com
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.

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.thetaylorschool.net marni@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, 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 781-382-4061
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. <a href="http://www.carlisle.k12.ma.us">http://www.carlisle.k12.ma.us</a>
Serves 3 and 4 year olds <a href="mailto:sschneider@carlisle.k12.ma.us">sschneider@carlisle.k12.ma.us</a>
Open 8:45-2:45 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: 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 9:00-6:00

Nature immersion program for 18 children where ages 3-6 learn together. 2- to 5-day schedules.

### Concord

After School & Vacation Family Child Care
Susan Hegarty, 161 Prairie St P-236725
Open until 6:00 pm 978-831-2694
sooz161@comcast.net Serves grades K-5
Licensed program for 10 children. After-school care near
Thoreau School. Care provided on February/April/Summer breaks.

Concord After-School Program for Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>
Elementary Schools & Hunt Rec 978-318-3045
Open 7:30-9 am & until 6 pm P-171110

<a href="https://concordrec.com">https://concordrec.com</a>
Before & After-school programs are held at each of the elementary schools for grades K-5th. 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, employee discounts

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 Rec Dept

Concord Children's Center 978-369-6790
250 Old Bedford Road P-169457
1300 Main St (Rte. 62) P-169507
Open 7:00-5:30 www.concordchildrenscenter.org
Full year program enrollment@concordchildrenscenter.org
Serves ages 10 wks to 5 years. Schedules from 3 mornings to 5 full days. 4-week summer program available.
Accepts vouchers, financial aid, employee discount

Concord Integrated Preschool
120 Meriam Rd www.concordps.org
acharles@concordps.org
Open 9:00-3:00 M-Th
Serves 3 & 4 yrs by Sept. 1

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**Concord Montessori School**29 Domino Dr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.

978-369-5900
P-184787

Open 8-5:30 <a href="www.concordmontessorischool.org">www.concordmontessorischool.org</a>
Serves ages 1.9-7 <a href="mailto:lzolfonoon@concordmontessorischool.org">lzolfonoon@concordmontessorischool.org</a>
Mixed age classrooms for part- or full-time schedules during the school year. Traditional Montessori philosophy includes a naturalist and Chinese lessons. Private scholarships, employee discount

Little Sprouts @ Concord

40 Strawberry Hill Road

www.littlesprouts.com
Open 7:30-5:30

Full year program with full- or part-time options. Drop-in for school closure only. Accepts vouchers, military discount.

Milldam Nursery School, Inc.978-369-404820 Lexington Rd.P-169458

Open 8:00-2:50 <a href="https://www.milldamnurseryschool.org">www.milldamnurseryschool.org</a>
Serves Ages 2 to 5 <a href="mailto:president@milldamnurseryschool.org">president@milldamnurseryschool.org</a>
Cooperative model with parents assisting in the classroom. Morning program with optional stay & play. Weekly yoga, music, drama. School year only. <a href="mailto:Private scholarships">Private scholarships</a>.

Nashoba Brooks School 978-369-4591

200 Strawberry Hill Rd <a href="www.nashobabrooks.org">www.nashobabrooks.org</a>
Open 7:30-5:45 <a href="mailto:admission@nashobabrooks.org">admission@nashobabrooks.org</a>
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 director@thechildrensmeetinghouse.org
Full- or half-day programs, extended day options. Attend 2 to 5 days/wk. School year only. Reggio Emelia curriculum. Drop-in care available.

#### Harvard

AlphaBEST @ Hildreth Elementary kgagne-lamoureau@alphabest.org https://www.alphabest.org/harvardma P-258773

Open 7:00-6:00. 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. **Accepts vouchers.** 

Applewild Preschool 978-796-5183
27 Jackson Road, Devens P-185278
www.applewild.org/preschool\_sebner@applewild.org

Open 7:00-4:45 Serves 18 Mo. to 5 Years Private preschool-grade 2 school. 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
172 Jackson Rd, Devens
www.guildofstagnes.org
Open 7:00-5:00
Full year, full time schedules. Family-style meals included.
Accepts vouchers and has sliding fee scale

Harvard Integrated Preschool
27A Mass. Avenue. Open 9:00-3:30 www.psharvard.org
Serves 3 (before Aug. 31) to 5 klancey@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 spaceavailable basis Serves residents of Harvard or Devens in
morning or afternoon programs.

Janet Williams Family Child Care 978-479-0585
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. "Stay & Play" parent & child sessions for 12-24 months on Fridays.

Private scholarships

### Lincoln

Big Foot Little Foot Family Childcare 617-834-6519
Razia Shaikh, 7 Mary's Way
Open 7:00-7:00

<u>razia46@hotmail.com</u>
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-8<sup>th</sup> grade school embraces nature-based, project-driven thematic units. Pre-K must be 4 by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Full- or half-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 5

Full-day sessions for 2 or 3 days. 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
Serves 2.9-6
Www.lincolnnurseryschool.org
Open 8:30-4:00
Museum campus for hands-on learning. School year only. Reggio-inspired school using a cooperative parent volunteer model.

Private scholarships

Lincoln Public Schools Preschool 781-259-9889

6 Ballfield Road and Hanscom AFB
Serves ages 3 to 5

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.

Lincoln School for Children

147 Concord Road

Incolnschoolforchildren@gmail.com

Lincoln School for Children | Infant to Preschool

Serves 3 mos. to 5 years with classical music, dance and kung fu activities included in the curriculum. Located at St. Anne's in the Fields Church. Uses Brightwheel app.

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.

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
2- to 5-day preschool program. Full- and part-time schedules. School year with summer options. Wheelchair accessible. Extended day 11:45-4 is for ages 2.9 and older.

### Littleton

Barbara Delegge 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

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.

schedules, on the school bus route.

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 After School Care 781-956-5794
Heidi Murphy, 7 Conant Street P-180181
Open 2-6:00, M-Th murphysasc@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children, K-6<sup>th</sup> 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
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. Tuition assistance available.

Shaker Lane Pre-K Programs 978-486-3959
35 Shaker Lane. www.littletonps.org
Open 9:00-2:45 agilman@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. Accepts vouchers and military discount

Tiger's Den Before/After School 978-540-2555
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 <a href="https://belmontbasec.org/maynard/">https://belmontbasec.org/maynard/</a>
After school until 6:00 <a href="mailto:greenmeadow@maynardbasec.org">greenmeadow@maynardbasec.org</a>
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/child provides flexible after-school care.

Optional fees for pizza/snacks, early release days, and supervised walk from school Interest-free loan program available.

Bright Path Maynard Child Care 860-580-7925
13 Digital Way, Suite 10 P-261258

cridel@brightpathkids.com Open 6:30-6:00

Child Care & Daycare in Maynard, MA | BrightPath Maynard

Serves 6 wks to 5 yrs. Meals included. Accepts vouchers.

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 <a href="http://gms.maynard.k12.ma.us">http://gms.maynard.k12.ma.us</a>
Serves ages 3 to 5. <a href="mailto:lmonachino@maynard.k12.ma.us">lmonachino@maynard.k12.ma.us</a>
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 afterschool 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.
Snacks provided. Accepts vouchers.

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

Mister Sun - Family Day Care | Facebook

Marjorie Machado, 16 Sunset Road P-229967

Open 8:00-4:00 mistersunfamilydaycare@gmail.com

Licensed family child care for 10 children aged 3 mos. thru 3 yrs. attending full day part- or full-week schedules. All meals provided.

 The Community School
 978-897-9708

 82 Main St. (P.O. Box 111)
 P-169455

 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
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.

Boston Outdoor Preschool Network 774-500-4008
18 Wolbach Rd admissions@bopn.org

Boston Outdoor Preschool Network (bopn.org)
Open 9-12:00 for 2-6 years

P-264163

Nature-immersive early childhood education program for 10 children. Committed to interest-led learning, inquiry-based teaching and authentic play. Weekly playgroup for ages 15 mos. to 2.9 Accepts vouchers, financial aid available

Bright Horizons at Sudbury 978-218-8036
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. Uses My Bright Day app. Military discounts.

Ekaterina Zabavnova 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. Breakfast and snack 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
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**123 Dakin Road
781-861-1045 **P-260078** 

<u>www.leapschool.com</u> <u>leapenroll@brightpathkids.com</u>

Open 8:00-5:00 Serves ages 2-5

Full year program with 2- to 5-day schedules for full, half or threequarter days. Wheelchair accessible. **Military discount** 

Little Hands Academy 978-440-7220 31B Union Avenue P-248714

Open 7:30-5:30 <a href="https://littlehandsma.com/sudbury">https://littlehandsma.com/sudbury</a>
Serves 8 wks to 8 yrs <a href="mailto:sudburydirector@littlehandsma.com">sudburydirector@littlehandsma.com</a>
Reggio Emilia curriculum. 1-, 3-, or 5-day schedules. School year program with summer options by the week. Accepts Vouchers.

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 7:30-5:30 cremillard@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 carrie@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

Sudbury Extended Day, Inc. 978-443-5829

365 Boston Post Rd, #209
Serves K-8th grade
School year only
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.

schedules. Preschool is from 9-12:00. Wheelchair accessible.

Sudbury Integrated Preschool 978-639-3204
Noyes & Nixon Schools www.sudbury.k12.ma.us

Serves 3 & 4 years <u>early childhood@sudbury.k12.ma.us</u>
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- or 4 ½-day mornings, afternoons, or full days. Financial aid available

Sudbury Montessori978-883-8000142 North RoadP-211746Open 8:00-6:00www.sudburymontessori.orgFull year programadmin@sudburymontessori.org

Serves infants to age 6 in mixed-age classrooms. 5-day full/part-time, and extended-day options.

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. Wheelchair accessible. 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 8:00-5:30 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. woodsedgechildrenctr@gmail.com

Full year program for full- and half-day schedules.

Multilingual environment, bicycle track, animals and garden incorporated into learning. Afterschool care to age 8.

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.

### Westford

Acorn Childcare Center 978-486-3346
439 Littleton Road P-170282
Open 7:30-5:00 acornchildcaredirector@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
5 Gould Road
7-256252
Open 7:45-6:00
https://www.goodpickinfarmschools.org/
Preschool for 2.9-5 years
Konnectors for 5-7 years
Outdoor education nature-based learning. Preschool is for 2

to 5 mornings or full days. After-school farm-based

programs for 1-5 days/week with transportation from Westford public schools.

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 <u>arpita.or.kulkarni.3@gmail.com</u>

Licensed family child care for 6 children.

Bouncing Bunnies Family Daycare 978-692-4417

Bouncing Bunnies Family Daycare | Facebook 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 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 <u>camfinn@gmail.com</u>
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 Avenue P-253862

Open 8:00-5:00 <u>colleen@thebusybeehive.life</u> Licensed family child care for 6 children. Flexible schedules welcome and snacks provided.

Corine's Daycare 978-392-0559
Corine Szidat, 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 8 children.

Khawla's Daycare 978-799-3352
24 Bradley Lane P-262319
Open 8:00-4:30 khawlaoq@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. Accepts vouchers, Military Discount.

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 7:00-6:00 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
Open 7:00-6:00
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 7-3:00, Fri 8:45-1:30 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 5:00, 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. Snacks provided. Military discount.

The Kid's League 978-692-6733/978-833-4683
10 Church Street P-171666
Open 2:30-6:00 sarah.noland@kidsleaguewestford.com/
https://kidsleaguewestford.com/

Open 8:00-6:00 on no-school days

After school 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.

Tiny Tots Day Care 978-392-0106

Tracy Kitner, 37 North Street P-174128

Open 7:00-5:00 ttdcap@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/tracykitnerfamilydaycare/
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

Open 7:00-6:30 <a href="https://www.springboardschools.com/westford">https://www.springboardschools.com/westford</a> Serves 6 wks thru Kind. <a href="mailto:syou@springboardschools.com">syou@springboardschools.com</a> Reggio Emilia learning philosophy. After-school care to 5th grade with bussing from Miller/Nab/Abbott/Day schools. Summer camp options. <a href="mailto:Accepts vouchers">Accepts vouchers</a>.

### Westford Integrated Preschool 978-692-5560

Open 9:05-3:10 <a href="www.westfordk12.us/pages/preschool/index">www.westfordk12.us/pages/preschool/index</a>
Serves 3 & 4 yrs <a href="gcoughlin@westfordk12.us">gcoughlin@westfordk12.us</a>
Inclusive program that nurtures each child's unique skills, helping them to reach their full potential. Monday-Thursday full-day schedule. Tuition-based community slot children must be potty trained. Classrooms located at Nab, Robinson & Miller schools. Applications open February 1st, lottery held in March.

Westford Partnership for Children
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 75 Cold Spring Road 978-392-1565 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

kidventures 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. <a href="https://www.mass.gov/early-childhood-services-and-resources-for-families">https://www.mass.gov/early-childhood-services-and-resources-for-families</a>

# 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 homebased or center-based program you are considering to care for your child. Contact the office that serves your town below.



Child Care Resources - Seven Hills Foundation

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 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:



If you live in Acton, Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Hanscom AFB, Lincoln, Littleton, or Westford contact: Child Care Circuit, <a href="mailto:info@childcarecircuit.org">info@childcarecircuit.org</a> 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 2024, 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, teen parents, 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 I 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

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 | Hanscom AFB

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. Hosts also provide a car, phone, and \$500 toward 6 college credits during the au pair's stay.

Sarah McFarland, <u>sarah.mcfarland@culturalcare.com</u>, 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: <a href="mailto:firstconnections@jri.org">firstconnections@jri.org</a>

- 1) Check with the preschools on this list that offer tuition assistance scholarships for financial aid.
- 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:** 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. <a href="https://www.firstconnections.org">www.firstconnections.org</a>
- 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 <a href="mailto:firstconnections@jri.org">firstconnections@jri.org</a> or text Jasmine: 978-505-4227
- 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@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
<a href="https://www.communitiesunitedinc.org/waltham">https://www.communitiesunitedinc.org/waltham</a>

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:

Head Start | South Middlesex Opportunity Council

Sudbury Residents: 508-820-8380

Framingham Head Start Apply on this webpage:

Head Start | South Middlesex Opportunity Council

Concord & Carlisle residents: 617-744-6076

**Burlington Head Start** 

https://www.communitiesunitedinc.org/burlington