



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 March 2026

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

Acton

Acton Barn Co-op Preschool 978-263-0486
32 Nagog Park P-170026
info@actonbarn.com www.actonbarn.com
Open 9:00-3:00. For 2, 3 or 4-day schedules. Serves ages 2.9 to 6 in morning or full-day mixed-age groups. School year only. Parents help in classroom. Has a gradual transition-to-school plan for new students including a home visit. **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
[Acton-Boxborough Community Education - Register](#)
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**
Parent-Toddler classes \$60/5 weeks.

Aluska Vieira Da Costa Souza Family Childcare
382B Great Rd., #104 978-393-6868
aluskabia@outlook.com P-263165
Open 7:30-5:00. Licensed family child care for 10 full-time children. Temporary & emergency care available.

Anuradha Makin Family Child Care 248-910-0195
9 Marian Rd Open 7:30-5:00 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
Open 7:30-5:30 <https://aster.care> asterfamilyfuncare@gmail.com
50 wks/yr program. Licensed family child care for 10 children ages 0-5. Uses Daily Connect app. Saturday hourly care available by request, as well as temporary & emergency care. 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
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 <https://checp.abschools.org>
Serves ages 3-5 jgibowicz@abschools.org
8:15-11, 12-2:45 or 8:15-2:45 dmahoney@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 in February for the following Fall.

CBE Early Learning Center 978-266-9988
133 Prospect Street P-184756
elcdirector@bethelohim.org www.cbeelc.org
Serves ages 15 mos. thru 5 years in part- & full-day programs, open 7:30-5:30, 50 wks/yr. Emergent curriculum interpreted through lens of Jewish wisdom & values. All faiths and heritages welcome. Kosher lunch provided. 8-week 8:00-5:00 summer program. **Private scholarships.**

Ellen's Home Daycare 857-272-0017
Eleonor McCullough 52 Hayward Rd P-182898
www.ellenshomedaycare.com ellendaycare@yahoo.com
3 months to 3.5 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, Jinghua math. **Offers Chinese classes.**

Great Brook School 978-429-8295
524 Main St., Acton P-262690
www.greatbrookschooll.com Open 7:30-5:30
mracioppi@greatbrookschooll.com Serves 8 wks-6 yrs
Reggio Emilia Inspired play-based emergent curriculum. Preschool and Pre-K classrooms. 3-5 full days/week.

Infant Toddler Children's Center 978-263-2064
149 Central Street Open 7:45-5:00 P-169926
www.itcacton.org bcarlson@itcacton.org
Serves 3 mos. to 5 yrs with part- or full-time schedules. Open 49 wks/year. Weekly music program, cooking, gardening. **Scholarship fund.**

KinderCare Learning Center 978-264-9045
 90 Hayward Road Open 7:00-5:30 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. Summer care for ages 5-12. Meals included.
Accepts vouchers.

KinderCare Learning Center 978-263-1446
 5 Post Office Sq. Open 7:00-5:30 P-169838
www.kindercare.com genenia.williamson@kindercare.com
 Serves ages 6 weeks to Pre-K, before/after-school to age 7 & summer care for ages 5-12. Full-day & part-time, year round program, on bus route. Summer care for ages 5-12 Meals included.
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 Stacey.learnandplay@gmail.com
 Full or half days, school-year with optional summer programs.

Mt. Calvary Christian Preschool 978-263-0337
 472 Mass. Ave. (PO Box 986) P-170315
www.mtcalvarypreschool.org 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. Summer program 8:00-4:00 for ages 2.9-6 years. **Private scholarships.**

Peter Pippas Karate Center 978-580-0080
 3 Post Office Square P-242566
<https://www.peterpippaskarate.com> nicolepippas@gmail.com
 Uechi-Ryu martial arts and structured play programs after-school until 6:00, w/transportation from Acton schools for grades K-8th.

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. Temporary & emergency care provided as space allows.

Suniti Chandra Family Child Care 617-768-7615
 15 Washington Dr P-268077
Suniti.sahai@gmail.com
 Licensed family child care 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 K-Prep
 Soccer Shots & Mr. Vic music programs visit weekly. After-school care for K-5th with bus from Lane & Davis. Full year program with summer options.

Bedford Public Schools Preschool 781-275-6804 x4917
 410 Davis Road www.bedfordps.org/pre-school
 Open 9:30-12:30 jaimedoucette@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 781-275-3344
 8 Alfred Circle P-169841
www.bedfordmontessori.org Open 7:45-5:00
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. Yoga and **Spanish Classes** included in Kindergarten. Summer Fun 8:30-3:00 for ages 2.9-7 in June.

Bedford Recreation Kids Club 781-275-5427
 12 Mudge Way & Town Center Brick Wing P-187880
www.bedfordma.gov/305/Kids-Club P-171108
bmcevoy@bedfordma.gov Open 7:00-6:00
 Before & after-school care grades K-5th. Open school vacation weeks & teacher workshop days 8:00-5:00. Summer 9:00-6:00 program. Drop-in care available if registered. Wide variety of activities. Yearly \$50 membership fee. **Accepts vouchers**

Bright Horizons at Crosby Drive 781-271-9195
 30 Crosby Drive P-170781
 Open 7:30-5:30 www.brighthorizons.com/Crosby
dianne.biundo@brighthorizons.com
 Serves 6 wks-PreK
 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. 781-271-0800
 19 Crosby Drive P-177362
 Open 7:30-5:30 www.inchbyinchchildcare.com
info@inchbyinchchildcare.com
 Serves 2 mos-PreK
 Before/after-school for K-5th grade with transportation from Davis & Lane schools. Full year program with summer camp for school-age kids. Uses Lillio app. Nut- and meat-free snacks included. **Accepts vouchers.**

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

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

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

The Goddard School 781-275-7880
 52 Middlesex Turnpike P-177464
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. Dance and ASL classes. Near public transportation. Enhanced safety protocols.

The LEAP School Bedford 781-861-1045
 376 Concord Rd Open 7:30-5:00 P-260079
www.leapschool.com leapenroll@brightpathkids.com
 Serves 12 mos to transitional kindergarten 2 to 5 days/wk. Full- & partial-day schedules. Music, yoga, drama, science, gardening & gym activities. Full year program. Wheelchair accessible. **Private scholarships, employee discounts, sliding scale & military discounts.**

Boxborough

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

Bright Horizons Family Solutions 978-263-6445
 20 Codman Hill Rd P-177247
www.brighthorizons.com/boxborough
 Open 7:30-5:30 tracy.samarjian@brighthorizons.com
 Serves 6 wks. to 6 yrs. 2, 3 or 5 days. Full- & part-time schedules. Temporary & emergency care. Uses My Bright Day app.
Accepts vouchers and 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.thetaylorsschool.net marni@thetaylorsschool.net
 Open 8:00-5:30 Serves ages 2.9 to 6 years
 School year program with a 6-week summer camp option (8:15-3:15). Classroom environment infuses music, art and environmental education with a daily routine honoring the Montessori philosophy in practice and principle. Offers full-, half- and extended-day programs. Wheelchair accessible. **Bilingual staff: ASL, Dutch, Korean, Gujarati, Hindi.**
Educators, Military & Public Service Discounts.

Carlisle

Carlisle Children's Center 781-382-4061
 147 School Street P-258920
 Open 8:00-3:00 office@carlislechildrenscenter.org
 Serves 6 wks-Pre-K www.carlislechildrenscenter.org
 3- to 5-day schedules, full or half days. Emergent curriculum, school year only program.
Accepts Vouchers, sliding scale

Carlisle Integrated Preschool 978-369-3758
 83 School St. Open 8:45-2:45 M-F for full or half days
<http://www.carlisle.k12.ma.us/our-schools/student-support-services/preschool/welcome>
 Serves 3 & 4 year olds sschneider@carlisle.k12.ma.us
 Integrated learning environment providing students with special needs the opportunity to learn and grow alongside their typically developing peers. Child-centered environment allows students to learn and develop at their own pace through their unique learning styles.

Carlisle Kids' House 978-369-5558
www.carlislekidshouse.org P-177106
 142 East Street exec_director@carlislekidshouse.org
 Open 7:30-6:15. Serves ages 15 Mos. to Pre-K in a full year program. After-school for K thru 5th with optional summer camp weeks. Full- and partial-day schedules with drop-in care available. Uses Hi Mama app. Board-certified autism tech, and expressive arts therapist, on staff. **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 8:00-6:00
 Nature immersion program for 18 children where ages 3-6 learn together. 2- to 5-day schedules. After-school program until 6:00 for K-4th grade with bus transportation. Organic snacks grown onsite. Homeschool Co-op Program.

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-5th
 Elementary Schools & Hunt Rec Cntr 978-318-3045
 Open 7:30-9 am & until 6 pm P-171110
<https://concordrec.com> ahill@concordma.gov
 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 8:00-2:30 Serves ages 2.9 to 5 yrs.
www.concordcarousel.com ahill@concordma.gov
 School year program. 3- 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 7:30-5:30 P-169457
 1300 Main St (Rte. 62) 7:00-6:00 P-169507
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 978-318-1500 x8147
 120 Meriam Rd www.concordps.org kjesman@concordps.org
 Open 9:00-3:00 M-Th Serves 3 & 4 yrs by Sept. 1
 Serves typically developing children and children on IEP's.
 Community peers have half- or full-day options. The classroom is staffed by a special education teacher with other professionals.
 Structured day focuses on social development, pre-academic tasks, play time and movement. **Financial aid deadline January 15.**

Concord Montessori School 978-369-5900
 29 Domino Dr., 2nd Fl. P-184787
 Open 8-5:30 www.concordmontessorischool.org
 Serves ages 1.9-7 izolfonoon@concordmontessorischool.org
 Mixed-age classrooms for part- or full-time schedules during the school year. Traditional Montessori philosophy includes a naturalist and Chinese lessons. **Bilingual Staff: Chinese, Spanish, Khmer, Cantonese. Private scholarships, employee discount**

Little Sprouts @ Concord 978-369-2699
 40 Strawberry Hill Road P-185831
www.littlesprouts.com mdevito@littlesprouts.com
 Open 7:30-5:30 Serves 6 wk thru Pre-K
 Full year program with full- or part-time options. Drop-in for school closure only. Detailed health and wellness policies. **Accepts vouchers, military discount.**

Milldam Nursery School, Inc. 978-369-4048
 20 Lexington Rd. P-169458
 Open 8:00-2:50* www.milldamnurseryschool.org
 Serves Ages 2 to 5 director@milldamnurseryschool.org
 *Extended day until 4:30 if sufficient student enrollment.
 Cooperative model with parents assisting in the classroom. Morning program with optional stay & play. Weekly yoga & music. Local field trips. School year only. **Private scholarships.**

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

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

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

Harvard

AlphaBEST @ Hildreth Elementary 508-969-7831
kgagne-lamoureaux@alphabest.org 978-427-7190
<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 15 Mo. to 5 Years
 Private preschool-grade 2 school. Art studio, yoga studio, outdoor classroom. Mornings or full day. Full year program. 2 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 7:30-4:30 bgeeziel@gmail.com
 Licensed family childcare for 8 children. Full year with part- & full-time schedules including before- and after-school care.

Guild of St. Agnes 978-772-4323 x2100
 172 Jackson Rd, Devens P-170851
www.guildofstagnes.org lt Domingos@guildofstagnes.org
 Open 7:00-5:00 Serves 15 mos- 5 years
 Full year, full time schedules. Family-style meals included.
Accepts vouchers and has sliding fee scale

Harvard Integrated Preschool 978-456-4143
 27A Mass. Avenue. Open 9:00-3:30 www.psharvard.org
 Serves 3 (before Aug 31) & 4 yrs klancey@psharvard.org
 Classes are M-F 9:00-1:00 w/optional extended day to 3:30
 Program utilizes a developmental approach in addressing each child's cognitive, physical, social, emotional and creative needs within a diverse population. Typically developing children are enrolled on a tuition- and space-available basis Serves residents of Harvard or Devens 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.

The Annex Montessori Toddler Community 617-480-4918
7 Elm Street P-269472
M-F 8:00-12:15 or 3:00 marni@thetaylorschool.net
Serves infants to 2.9 years. Extended day optional until 5:00.
Discounts for educators, military or public service employees.

Village Nursery School 978-456-3993
40 Poor Farm Rd (PO Box 184) P-169746
Open 8:00-3:00 <https://villagenurseryschool.org>
Serves 21 months thru Pre-K info@villagenurseryschool.org
2- to 5-day schedules with optional afternoon enrichment programs.
Developmental model of teaching. **Private scholarships**

Lincoln

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

Drumlin Farm Community Preschool 781-259-2224
218 Lincoln Road P-177511
208 S. Great Road P-177321
www.massaudubon.org/drumlin dfpreschool@massaudubon.org
Open 9-4:00 (9-1:00 Fridays) 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 P-182770
Serves 2.9-6 (Kind.) www.lincolnnurseryschool.org
Open 8:30-4:00 nancy@lincolnnurseryschool.org
Half- and full-day programs for 4 or 5 days use the DeCordova Museum campus for hands-on learning. School year only. Reggio-inspired school using a cooperative parent volunteer model.
Private scholarships deadline Dec. 1

Lincoln Public Schools Preschool 781-259-9889
6 Ballfield Road www.lincnet.org
Serves ages 3 to 5 lfagan@lincnet.org
Lincoln: Full inclusion, school year program for residents of Lincoln. Typically developing children are enrolled on a tuition and space-available basis. 2- to 5-day schedules. 8-12:00 with limited extended-day slots. **Financial assistance available.**
Hanscom: 4 year old children (by 9/30) of active-duty military or full-time DOD Hanscom employees can attend preschool free of charge, as well as 3-5 year olds who have an I.E.P.

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 K-8th. **Accepts vouchers.**

Lincoln School for Children 617-276-2667
147 Concord Road P-261874
lincolnschoolforchildren@gmail.com Open 7-6:00
[Lincoln School for Children](http://LincolnSchoolforChildren.org) | [Infant to Preschool](http://InfanttoPreschool.org)
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, 2 mo. thru Toddlers P-244754
Open 7:30-5:00, full year program. Swim lessons, community walks, music; Spanish lessons in Pre-K.
Private preschool scholarships.

Sarah Bishop Family Child Care 781-835-5543
6 Blueberry Lane P-173784
Open 8:45-11:45 srbllincoln@hotmail.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children. Wed. & Fri. optional extended day to 12:15.

The Teddy Bear Club 617-875-8940
239 Concord Road P-184788 Open
Open 8:45-4:00* <https://www.teddybearclub.org>
Serves ages 1.9 thru kind. lp@teddybearclub.org
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 Delege Family Child Care 978-501-3103
148 Spectacle Pond Rd P-173466
Open 7:30-4:30 M-Th tbhgandco@aol.com
Licensed family child care for 6 children. Full- & part-time schedules, on the school 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 M-Th 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 3:15-6:00, M-F murphysasc@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children, K-6th grade, full or part time. School year only program on the bus route.

Oak Meadow School 978-486-9874 x226
2 Old Pickard Lane www.oakmeadow.org
Open 8:00-6:00 ktegg@oakmeadow.org
Beginners: 15 M – 3 years Childrens: 3-6 years
Children's includes Spanish and Nature program. Half or full

day with before/aftercare options. School continues with grades 1-8. Independent school dedicated to the Children's Center Montessori Philosophy. **Tuition assistance available.**

Shaker Lane Pre-K Programs 978-486-3959
35 Shaker Lane. www.littletonps.org
Open 9:00-2:30 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 should apply in February for the following September in case a lottery is necessary.

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 978-801-1334 P-255953
Fowler School 978-801-1450 P-255952
Serves K-8th grade <https://belmontbasec.org/maynard/>
After school until 6:00 fowler@belmontbasec.org
Children can participate in art, playground, gym, interactive games and other organized activities. Snacks included. Care is available during February and April vacations. **Accepts vouchers**

Beyond the Bell at BGCAV 978-461-2871
212 Great Rd., Maynard www.bgcav.org
Contact Nikki Richardson tyler@bgcav.org
Open 2:30-6:00 Serves grades K-12
\$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 978-344-1122
13 Digital Way, Suite 10 P-261258
bmohla@brightpathkids.com Open 6:30-6:00
[Child Care & Daycare in Maynard, MA | BrightPath Maynard](http://ChildCare&DaycareinMaynard.MA|BrightPathMaynard)
Serves 6 wks to 5 yrs. Includes dance, music, movement, yoga.
Meals included. Emergency care available. **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. Mon-Thurs, full year program. Open 7:30-5:30. Snacks and meals included. On bus route.

Green Meadow Preschool 978-897-8246
5 Tiger Drive Open 8:40-2:40
<https://www.maynard.k12.ma.us/o/green-meadow-school/page/preschool> Serves ages 3 to 5
klindquist@maynard.k12.ma.us
Integrated program is staffed by highly educated specialists believing each child is an individual with distinct abilities and needs. 3 full-, 5 full- or 5 half-day programs available.

Jennifer Picorelli Family Child Care 978-290-6373
1 Colbert Avenue P-180805
Open 7:00-5:30 Picorelli50@comcast.net
Licensed family child care for 10 children. On the bus route for after-school care. Drop-in & emergency care, flexible schedules.

Knowledge Beginnings 978-461-6044
4 Mill & Main Place P-170728
Open 7:00-5:30 www.knowledgebeginnings.com
Serves 6 wks to Kind. Stephanie.arpin@kindercare.com
Full year program. On school bus route for before/after school care. 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 infant 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. Weekly music teacher, cart rides around town. Temporary care. **Sliding scale fee available.**

Mister Sun Family Day Care 508-335-4555
<https://mistersunfamilyday.wixsite.com/mistersun-familydayc>
Marjorie Machado, 16 Sunset Road P-229967
Open 8:00-4:00 mistersunfamilydaycare@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 10 children aged 3 mo-3 yrs attending full day part- or full-week schedules. All meals and weekly music lessons. **Bilingual staff: Portuguese**

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 Open 8:30-3:00
2- to 5-day schedules. Preschool 9-12:00. Optional before-after-care and summer program. Weekly "Community Connections". **Private scholarships.**

Sudbury

Aruna's Place for Children 978-440-8900
8 Stone Road P-170628
www.arunasplace.com arunasplace@gmail.com
Open 7:30-6:00 Serves ages 2.9-Pre-K
Preschool, with extended day available on school bus route. Themed summer programs. **Accepts vouchers.**

Boston Outdoor Preschool Network 774-500-400818 Wolbach Rd admissions@bopn.org[Boston Outdoor Preschool Network \(bopn.org\)](http://BostonOutdoorPreschoolNetwork.org)

Open 9-12:00 for 2-5 years

P-264163

Nature-immersive early childhood education program for 10 children committed to interest-led learning, inquiry-based teaching and authentic play. Summer half-day program for ages 2.9-8.

Accepts vouchers, financial aid available**Bright Horizons at Sudbury****978-440-7817**

56C Union Avenue

P-171013Open 7:30-5:30 www.brighthorizons.com/sudburyServes 1 mo 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.

Accepts vouchers, military discounts.**Celebree School of Sudbury****978-219-0133 x2**

631 Boston Post Rd

P-267339Open 7:00-6:00 sdsudbury@celebreeschool.com[Day Care Center in Sudbury, MA | Celebree School](http://DayCareCenterinSudbury.MA/CelebreeSchool)

Half or full days, 2-5 days/week. Serves infants-school age. Before & after school with transportation to Loring School. Summer program for rising 1st-3rd graders.

Accepts vouchers and military discounts.**Ekaterina Zabavnova Family Child Care 508-733-7706**

63 Stone Road.

P-186451

Open 8-5:30

ekasolov@gmail.com

Licensed family childcare for 10 children. Full year program. Full-day, full or partial week schedules. Breakfast and snack provided.

Bilingual Staff: 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**781-861-1045**

123 Dakin Road

P-260078www.leapschool.comleapenroll@brightpathkids.com

Open 7:30-5:00

Serves ages 2-5

Full year program with 2- to 5-day schedules for full, half or three-quarter days. Yoga, music, drama, science & gym programs.

Wheelchair accessible. **Military discount****Next Generation Children's Center****978-867-103**

307 Boston Post Road

P-186317cadence-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 5-6.

Meals and snacks provided. Emergency care available.

Accepts vouchers.**Primrose School of Sudbury****508-975-8965**

225 Boston Post Road

P-270603

Open 7:30-5:30

scohn@primrosesudbury.com

[Daycare and Preschool in Sudbury, MA. | Primrose School of Sudbury](http://DaycareandPreschoolinSudbury.MA/PrimroseSchoolofSudbury)

Serves infants-preschoolers. After-school transportation from Loring School.

Sudbury Children's Learning Center 978-369-4045

142 North Rd, Suite Q

P-177197

Open 7:30-5:30

sudbury@springboardschools.com

Serves 6 wks to 6

www.springboardschools.com

Full year Reggio Emilia-inspired program.

Accepts vouchers.**Sudbury Cooperative Preschool****978-443-9391**

6 Church Street

P-169848www.sudburycoop.orgcarrie@sudburycoop.org

Open 8:00-3:00

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.

Sudbury Extended Day, Inc.**978-443-5829**

365 Boston Post Rd, #209

P-171113Serves K-8th gradewww.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 8:00-5:00. Located at

elementary & middle schools, and First Parish & St.

Elizabeths Churches (Kindergarten/1st).

Accepts vouchers & offers financial aid.**Sudbury Integrated Preschool****978-639-3204**

Noyes & Nixon Schools

www.sudbury.k12.ma.us

Serves 3 & 4 years

early_childhood@sudbury.k12.ma.us

Open 8:00-2:00

4 full- or half-days/week

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. **Financial aid available**

Sudbury Montessori**978-883-8000**

142 North Road

P-211746

Open 7:30-6:00

www.sudburymontessori.org

Full year program

monoshini@sudburymontessori.org

Serves infants to age 8 in mixed-age classrooms. 5-day

full/part-time, and extended-day options. After-school care

transportation from Noyes, Haynes & Nixon schools

Sunny Hill Preschool**978-443-2627**

251 Old Sudbury Road

P-169952

Open 8:00-3:00

<https://www.sunnyhillpreschool.org>

Accepts ages 2-4

director@sunnyhillpreschool.org

School year program with 3-week summer option. Creative curriculum. 2-, 3-, and 4-day schedules. \$10 toddler playtime held monthly from 9:15-10:30. **Private scholarships.**

The Goddard School 978-209-0500
437 Boston Post Rd P-257559
Open 7:00-6:00 dsudburyma@goddardschools.com
Serves infants to Pre-K www.goddardschool.com
Full year, part- or full-day programs available. Yoga, ASL, children's kitchen, drama, and fitness classes. Enhanced security protocols.
Bilingual Staff: Spanish, Portuguese

TOT Family Daycare & Preschool 978-579-7951
43 Willis Lake Dr., Ekaterina Taradai P-179878
Open 8:00-5:30 ktaradai@comcast.net
[Tot Family Daycare and Preschool/Детский сад "Малыш" | Sudbury MA | 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 8 yrs. woodsedgechildrenctr@gmail.com
Full year program for full- and half-day schedules. Bicycle track, animals and garden incorporated into learning. After-school care for K-2nd (age 8.11). **Bilingual Staff: Chinese, Spanish**

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

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. Diapers provided for infants. **Accepts vouchers.**

Acres of Fun 425-306-7203
5 Gould Road P-256252
Open 7:45-6:00 <https://www.goodpickinfarmschools.org/>
Preschool for 2.9-5 years goodpickinfarm@gmail.com
Connectors for 5-7 years
Outdoor education nature- and farm-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 K-8th grade 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 arpita.or.kulkarni3@gmail.com
Licensed family child care for 10 children. Drop-in care.

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 full- or part-time schedules, including after-school care.

Bright Path Westford Childcare 978-698-8020
208 Littleton Road P-269356
Open 6:30-6:00 westfordma@brightpathkids.com
Serves 6 wks to 5 yrs <https://brightpathkids.com>
Meals provided including vegetarian options.

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 10 children. On bus route for before/after care. School vacation week care. 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 colleen@thebusybeehive.life
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.

Geethika Wickramasinghe Gamachchige Family Care
11 Wilshire Ave 857-272-8170
Madhumali.gg@gmail.com P-268387
Licensed family child care for 6 children.

Heather Paradis Family Child Care 978-846-2765
39 Providence Road P-259038
Open 7:00-4:30 Mon-Thurs heatherw1205@yahoo.com
Licensed family child care for 8 children.

KinderCare Learning Center 978-692-0366
26 Carlisle Road P-177041
www.kindercare.com adupuis@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 bussed from

Robinson. Phonics, STEM, & music programs.

Accepts vouchers, Military Discount.

Nature Land Nursery School 978-771-9164

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. Flexi-pass for prepaid emergency care.

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

Pallavi Nimbalkar Family Childcare 858-269-9283

49 Carlisle Drive P-259652

strawberryfamilychildcare@gmail.com

Licensed family childcare for 6 children. Full day, full week.

Right At Home Day Care 978-764-4945

33 River Street P-175513

Open 6:30-4:30 sherryhasche@gmail.com

[Right At Home Daycare | Westford MA | Facebook](#)

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 frostdir@roudenbush.org

Open 7:00-6:00 Serves 6 wks thru Pre-K (6)

Full-day, full year program. 2- to 5-day schedules. Opportunity to take gymnastics, dance, language classes thru RCC at cost.

Accepts vouchers.

Roudenbush Preschool Program 978-692-5544

170 Plain Road, Nabnasset P-170469

www.roudenbush.org alanciani@roudenbush.org

Ages 2-2.9 Tues & Fri 9:00-11:30

Pre-K 4 year olds M-W-Th 8:30-11:30 or 3:00

65 Main Street, Westford

2.9-4 or 4-5 year old classes Mon-Thurs 8:30-1:30

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 6 wks thru Pre-K www.goddardschool.com

Full year program, full- or part-time schedules, and before/after school care. ASL, chess, yoga & fitness classes. 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

Ages 5-11 <https://kidsleaguewestford.com/>

Open 8:00-6:00 on no-school days/summer weekly themes.

After school and early release day care includes special-interest clubs. 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 partial-week schedule. Before & after school, & emergency care available. Full year program on bus route. Meals provided.

Westford Children's Learning Cntr 978-392-2090

508 Groton Road

P-177130

Open 7:00-6:30 syou@springboardschools.com

<https://www.springboardschools.com/westford>

Serves 6 wks thru Kind Summer Camp Options

Reggio Emilia learning philosophy. After-school care to 5th grade with bussing from Miller/Nab/Abbott/Day schools.

Accepts vouchers.

Westford Integrated Preschool

978-692-5560

Open 9:05-3:10 gcoughlin@westfordk12.us

www.westfordk12.us/pages/preschool/index

Serves 3 & 4 olds by Sept. 1 with priority given to 4 year olds who are not already receiving services thru W.P.S. 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 end of January, close end of February, with lottery held in March. Apply only to your neighborhood school.

Westford Partnership for Children

978-692-5532

After-school care till 6:00

P-253901-06

<https://westfordrec.com>

mcollett@westfordma.gov

After school care provided at all K-5th elementary schools thru Rec. Dept.

Westford Preschool at St. Marks

978-392-1565

75 Cold Spring Road

P-169589

www.wpsk.org

westfordpsk@gmail.com

Open 9:00-2:00

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.

<https://www.mass.gov/early-childhood-services-and-resources-for-families>

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

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



If you live in North Central Mass (including **Boxboro** and **Harvard**), contact the Leominster office: 978-602-8656

If you live in Central Mass (including **Maynard** and **Sudbury**) contact: Alicia Vargas, 508-796-1886, alvargas@sevenhills.org at the Child Care Resources Worcester office.

[Child Care Resources - Seven Hills Foundation](#)



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



Information about Child Care Subsidy Vouchers

As of September 2026, only subsidy applicants who are receiving benefits from DTA or services through DCF, or already have a sibling with a voucher are eligible for new child care vouchers.

All other income-based and other priority-based status applicants will be added to the statewide wait list. The list is currently 3 years long, with 30,000 families.

[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, having a DTA or DCF referral, or working in a child care providing site. 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 chart here: [Mass211's Child Care Services & Financial Payment Assistance | Mass 211](#). 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 sex offender registry checks (SORI & NSOR), complete an orientation & training, comply with health & safety regulations, and sign a subsidized child care agreement. 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 Informal Child Care Provider Regulations (2024 update: [download](#))

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.

Providers agree to an annual monitoring visit and sign a subsidized childcare provider agreement.

All informal non-relative child care providers who will receive funding from an EEC voucher must also complete the Essentials 2.0 Training ([download](#)) before beginning care.

If you decide to use a child care subsidy for either of these types of care, contact Child Care Resources or Child Care Circuit depending on where you live for assistance (contact info on previous page).

Resources for Family Child Care

Family Child Care Association

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

FCCA provides referrals, educational and support services to families and licensed family childcare providers in **Bedford, Maynard, Westford**, Billerica, Chelmsford, Tewksbury, **Westford** 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 with unannounced visits.

Hanscom is now part of the DAF FCC Expanded Child Care Program to help families obtain high-quality child care from certified providers at or near the base.

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 also 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>

Nanny Search Kit - 978-686-4288

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.

Au Pair In-Home Care

Cultural Care has a local regional coordinator who places 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. Contact Sarah McFarland, sarah.mcfarland@culturalcare.com, www.culturalcare.com/sarah, 617-619-2893
[Massachusetts Pricing - Cultural Care Au Pair](#)

When You Can't Afford Preschool



Preschool Inspirations

10 Things You CAN Do!

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

firstconnections@jri.org

- 1) Check with the preschools on this list that offer tuition assistance scholarships for financial aid. Many schools prioritize 4 year olds who have not attended school.

2) 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.

[CAPA app-brochure2012](#)

- 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. www.firstconnections.org

- 5) Attend free storytimes and activities at your local library to increase pre-literacy skills. Many libraries also have weekly science, alphabet, and play-based activities for preschool age children. Check out books and read to your child every day. Sign up for their emailed newsletters so you know what's coming up in case registration is required.

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

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

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

- 10) Check 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: [Poverty Guidelines | ASPE](#)
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

Apply Directly to a Program Near You

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:

[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

Lexington Head Start

[About Lexington Creative Start Children's Center](#)