

### Safe and Sound Daycare 2 ▲❖

8 Scribner Avenue  
CONTACT: Danielle Mendence  
PHONE: 203-642-3747  
EMAIL: dmendence35@gmail.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm for children ages 6 weeks – 5 years

### Side by Side Charter School

10 Chestnut Street  
Admission is by lottery. Call for Open House dates/application  
CONTACT: Beatriz Abreu  
PHONE: 203-857-0306 (Fax: 203-838-2666)  
EMAIL: babreu@sbscharter.org  
WEBSITE: www.sbscharter.org  
HOURS: Full-time, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, school year

### Temple Shalom Preschool ▲

259 Richards Avenue  
CONTACT: Stacey Cohen  
PHONE: 203-866-0148  
EMAIL: execdir@templeshalomweb.org  
HOURS: Full-time, 8:00 am – 6 pm  
Part-time, 9:00 am – noon/2 pm

### Toni's Daycare ▲

14 Parkhill Avenue  
CONTACT: Toni Penna/Toni Murphy  
PHONE: 203-866-0766  
HOURS: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, extended hours available

### Tutor Time Childcare Learning Center ▲❖

466 Main Avenue  
CONTACT: Jennifer Clancy  
PHONE: 203-846-6046  
EMAIL: 6662@tutortime.com  
HOURS: Full- and part-time, 6 weeks – 5 years old  
6:30 am – 6:30 pm. Half-day rates apply to 5 hours or less per day (ie; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

### United Church Nursery School +

210 Rowayton Avenue  
CONTACT: Paula Keller  
PHONE: 203-853-3554  
WEBSITE: www.unitedchurchnurseryschool.org  
HOURS: Part-time programs available for children ages 2 – 4.

### West Norwalk Nursery School

275 Richards Avenue  
CONTACT: Anette Webb  
PHONE: 203-853-9060  
WEBSITE: www.uuc.org  
HOURS: Part-time, 9:00 am – Noon or 12:15 – 3:15 pm

### ★ NAEYC Accreditation

NAEYC is the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The NAEYC accreditation process examines all aspects of a program – especially the quality of interactions between teachers and children and the nature of the child's experience.

### ◆ School Readiness Programs

School Readiness is a state funded program that helps families afford a high-quality early childcare program. Programs are closely monitored by the Norwalk Early Childhood Council. The programs provide a preschool program on a sliding fee scale for children whose families qualify for tuition assistance determined by family size and income.

### ● Head Start Programs

Head Start is a Federal program that promotes the school readiness of children from birth to age five by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. These programs help build relationships with families that support family well-being and many other important areas. The program is provided at no cost to qualifying families.

### ♥ Child Daycare Contract Funded Programs

Child Daycare is a state funded subsidy program that helps families afford a quality early childcare program. Programs are closely monitored by the Norwalk Early Childhood Council. The programs provide a high-quality toddler and preschool program on a sliding fee scale for children whose families qualify for tuition assistance determined by family size and income.

### ❖ Care 4 Kids

Care 4 Kids helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for childcare costs.  
www.ctcare4kids.com

### ❖ NEASC Accreditation

New England Association of Schools and Colleges is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization. Accreditation attests to a school's high quality and integrity.

### Why Preschool?

For many children, preschool is their first experience in a structured setting with teachers and groups of children. It's an opportunity to learn to share, follow instructions and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school. Staff at high-quality preschools will help your child learn and grow socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically through play and developmentally appropriate activities.

Finding the best option for your child takes time. Call each preschool you are considering and ask about its fees, admission policy and what they teach. Visit the preschools that you think will best meet your needs and spend time in a classroom to observe.

### Things To Consider When Choosing a Preschool for Your Child

- Is it close to home or work?
- Do you need half day or a full day?
- Do you need 2-3 days a week or full time?
- Is the preschool clean and safe?
- Is there an outdoor play area?
- Are there different activity areas in the classroom?
- Are there lots of materials and books?
- Is there student work on the walls?
- What early childhood credentials do the staff have?
- Is the atmosphere friendly and fun?
- Are parents welcome to visit and observe their child?

Information adapted from: Parents.com *Why Preschool Matters*



# NORWALK

## Early Childhood



## Norwalk Early Childhood Council

# Early Care and Education Guide

For more information contact the Norwalk Early Childhood Office:  
203-854-4148 or  
2-1-1 Childcare Infoline  
211childcare.org

*Disclaimer: The information in this guide is included for your convenience only and should not be considered an endorsement or recommendation.*

### **A Kid's Place** ▲

10 Elmwood Avenue  
CONTACT: Francine Mercer  
PHONE: 203-899-0091  
EMAIL: akpdirector@gmail.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for 12 weeks – 5 years

### **All Saints Catholic School Preschool** ❖

139 West Rocks Road  
CONTACT: Denise Vuoso  
PHONE: 203-847-3881  
EMAIL: dvuoso@ascs.net  
WEBSITE: www.allsaintsnorwalk.com  
HOURS: 7:45 am-1:45 pm with extended day option until 5:45pm

### **Anna & Jack's Treehouse** ▲❖

770 Connecticut Avenue  
6 weeks – 5 years old, after school care up to grade  
4-transportation available  
CONTACT: Christina and Rob Rubicco  
PHONE: 914-482-2888  
EMAIL: Rob@thetreehouses.org / Christina@thetreehouses.org  
HOURS: Full-time, 6:00am – 7:30pm

### **Apple Tree Preschool** ❖

131 Strawberry Hill Avenue  
Choose 2 - 5 days • Summer program  
CONTACT: Gerri Flewellyn  
PHONE: 203-866-8933  
EMAIL: gerriappletree@gmail.com  
WEBSITE: www.appletreepreschoolct.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Part-time, 9:00 am – 1:00pm / 3:00 pm

### **Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Program** ▲❖

517 Westport Avenue  
CONTACT: Ridhita Gupta  
PHONE: 203-939-1700  
EMAIL: bbnorwalk@bbecp.com  
WEBSITE: www.bbepc.com  
HOURS: 7:00 am – 6:30 pm

### **Carousel Preschool, LLC** ▲★◆❖

25 France Street  
CONTACT: Nicole Fagan  
PHONE: 203-847-1276  
EMAIL: carousel1276@gmail.com  
WEBSITE: www.carouselpreschool.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

### **Children's Playhouse Inc.** ★◆❖

112 Bouton Street  
CONTACT: Rovitta Paul  
PHONE: 203-855-9440  
EMAIL: tchidrenply@aol.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

### **Children's Playhouse Too!** ★◆❖

31 West Avenue  
CONTACT: Tasha Spaulding  
PHONE: 203-855-0551  
EMAIL: tchidrenply@aol.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

### **Community Cooperative Nursery School** +★

4 Trolley Place  
CONTACT: Gina Ely  
PHONE: 203-866-2184  
EMAIL: info@ccnsc.org  
WEBSITE: www.ccnsc.org  
HOURS: Part-time programs available for children ages 2 – 5.

### **Cornerstone Early Learning Center** ▲❖

718 West Avenue  
CONTACT: Debra Horton  
PHONE: 203-831-8349  
EMAIL: CELC718@yahoo.com  
WEBSITE: www.happykidsatcelc.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm  
Extended day until 6:00 pm for 6 weeks – 5 years

### **ELLI Lab School at Stepping Stones Museum for Children** +★◆❖

Mathews Park, 303 West Avenue  
CONTACT: Andrea Miladinov  
PHONE: 203-899-8808  
EMAIL: elli@steppingstonesmuseum.org  
WEBSITE: www.steppingstonesmuseum.org/elli  
HOURS: Full-time preschool, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Extended hours, 7:30am and/or 5:30pm  
Full-Time Toddlers, 7:30pm – 5:30pm

### **Five Mile River Nursery School** +★

5 Pennoyer Street  
CONTACT: Lauriston Avery  
PHONE: 203-838-4266  
EMAIL: director@fmrns.com  
WEBSITE: www.fivemilerivernurseryschool.com  
HOURS: Part-time programs available for children ages 2 – 4.

### **Greater Norwalk Head Start** ▲●

165 Flax Hill Road (Ben Franklin Center)  
11 Ingalls Avenue (Nathaniel Ely Center)  
PHONE: 203-791-5095 (Ben Franklin)  
203-791-5090 (Ely)  
HOURS: Full-time, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,  
extended hours available

### **Growing Seeds at Ben Franklin** +★♥❖

165 Flax Hill Road (Ben Franklin Center)  
CONTACT: Stephanie Crosswell  
PHONE: 475-208-6300  
EMAIL: growingseeds@sbcglobal.net  
WEBSITE: www.growingseedscdc.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

### **Growing Seeds Child Development Center** +★◆❖

2 Trinity Place  
CONTACT: Stephanie Crosswell  
PHONE: 203-857-0708  
EMAIL: growingseeds@sbcglobal.net  
WEBSITE: www.growingseedscdc.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

### **L'il Critters Preschool** ▲★◆❖

10 Lewis Street  
CONTACT: Gay Cavanagh  
PHONE: 203-847-4220  
EMAIL: galc531@optonline.net  
WEBSITE: www.lilcritterspreschool.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for 2 – 4 years,  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm for infants and toddlers  
Part-time, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

### **Maritime Odyssey Preschool** ▲★◆❖

Nathaniel Ely Center  
11 Ingalls Avenue  
CONTACT: Donald Austin  
PHONE: 475-215-6100  
EMAIL: odysseyctenrollment@gmail.com  
WEBSITE: www.odysseyct.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

### **The Marvin Children's Center** ★◆❖

60 Gregory Boulevard  
CONTACT: Maria Iacono-Maldonado  
PHONE: 203-854-6781  
EMAIL: marv@brighthorizons.com  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Children and seniors interact regularly.

### **Nitzan Nursery School** +

109 East Avenue  
CONTACT: Amy SantaLucia  
PHONE: 203-838-6019  
EMAIL: nitzan@congbethel.org  
WEBSITE: www.congbethel.org  
HOURS: Part and full-time programs available  
for children ages 18 months – 4 years.

### **Norwalk Community College Child Development Lab School** ▲★◆❖

188 Richards Avenue  
Families can enroll for 2, 3 or 5 days a week.  
CONTACT: Nicole La Bar  
PHONE: 203-857-6804  
EMAIL: nlabar@norwalk.edu  
WEBSITE: www.norwalk.edu/cdls  
HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Friday, 8:00 am – Noon (School Readiness 3:00 pm)

### **Room to Grow** ★◆❖

208 East Avenue  
CONTACT: Nancy Cook Owens  
PHONE: 203-831-8200  
EMAIL: nowens@ccfc-ct.org  
WEBSITE: www.ccfairfield.org  
HOURS: Full-time, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm

## **NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Programs follow the Norwalk Public Schools calendar.

### **Brookside Montessori Preschool**

382 Highland Avenue  
CONTACT: Marge Faugno  
PHONE: 203-899-2830  
EMAIL: faugnom@norwalkps.org  
HOURS: Full school day, 8:50 am – 3:50 pm, M – F  
This is a program for Brookside families interested in a Montessori education for their child.

### **ELLI Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms** ★◆❖

Fox Run Elementary School: 228 Fillow Street  
Jefferson Elementary School: 75 Van Buren Avenue  
Kendall Elementary School: 55 Fillow Street  
Naramake Elementary School: 16 King Street  
CONTACT: Jamie Zyla  
PHONE: 203-854-4114  
EMAIL: zylaj@norwalkps.org  
WEBSITE: www.norwalkps.org  
HOURS: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

### **Norwalk Early Childhood Center** ◆

11 Allen Road  
CONTACT: Jocelyn Smith  
PHONE: 203-945-0320  
EMAIL: smithjoc@norwalkps.org  
HOURS: Part-day  
CONTACT: Jamie Zyla  
PHONE: 203-854-4114  
EMAIL: Zylaj@norwalkps.org  
HOURS: School-day program, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
These inclusionary programs include preschool-aged children with disabilities and typically developing peers.

▲ Infant/Toddler

+ Toddler

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