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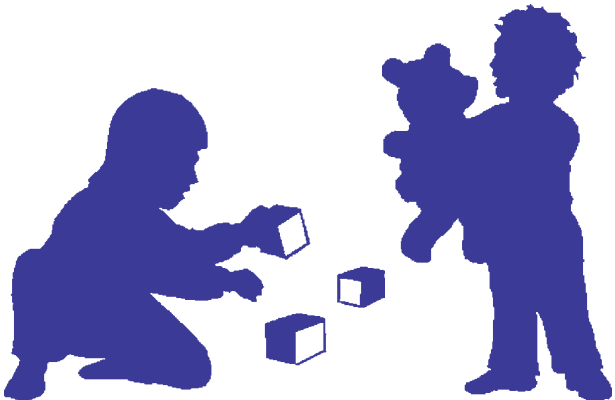
The Community House Early Childhood Center provides a safe, friendly and nurturing environment for children ages six weeks through five years old. The program encourages the development of the total child and focuses on children as individuals, allowing them to grow and develop at their own pace.

The program emphasizes learning through the High/Scope approach, realizing the importance of discovery, creativity, and exploration.

Working in partnership with parents, the center operates as an extension of the family and child-rearing becomes a collaborative endeavor.

What is Accreditation?

The Early Childhood Center (ECC) is proud to be NAEYC accredited. The process involves a voluntary, comprehensive internal self-study, inviting external professional review from the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs to verify compliance with the Academy Criteria for a High Quality Early Childhood Program. The ECC was found to be substantially compliant with the criteria. www.naeyc.org



General Information

The Early Childhood Center has an active learning environment that will foster your child's development in the skills and relationships that will enhance the rest of his/her life.

The ECC offers very low student-teacher ratios in all rooms, providing more one-on-one interaction. We also provide healthy snacks as well as breakfast and lunch five days a week. We offer weekly music, Spanish and computer programs. There are two private playgrounds that allow the children to either ride bikes or play on soft, shredded turf with a sandbox or climbers.

Our intimate, nurturing atmosphere helps create what we are...a child's home away from home.

Enrollment

Infant Room: **6 weeks - 15 months**
The ECC offers a very special infant program. The infant room has a total of **six infants** with a **1-to-3 ratio**. This room is based on full time tuition only.

Toddler Room: **15 months - 2½ years**
Your child continues in a smaller setting in the toddler room where we offer a **1-to-4 ratio** with only **eight toddlers**. This room is based on full time tuition only. Children must be walking steadily.

Preschool Room: **2½ - 5 years**
Your child then blossoms into the preschool room, where we offer a hands-on learning experience. The Preschool room holds 24 children and has a **ratio of 1-to-5** in the morning, and **1-to-8** in the afternoon. This room offers 3 two-day and 3 three-day part-time positions.
A Pre-K class is offered to the four and five year olds September through June.

Hours

The Early Childhood Center is open **year-round, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM**. Breakfast is served 7:30-8:30 AM (one year and older). The curriculum begins at 9:00 AM.

Staff

The ECC staff members are selected based on their educational background, knowledge of young children and experience in the early childhood field. An ability to communicate with children and adults and a warm nurturing personality are additional qualities that contribute to a qualified professional staff—the heart of this exceptional child care program.

Parent Involvement

The ECC feels that the partnership between parents and school should be strong. This is why we have an open door policy, which enables you as parents to come and visit anytime. We encourage parents, grandparents and families to come and see how your child spends his/her day. The ECC invites parents to suggest themes and family or ethnic traditions to include in weekly lesson plans for the entire center. The ECC has occasional Saturday field trips so that the entire family can attend.



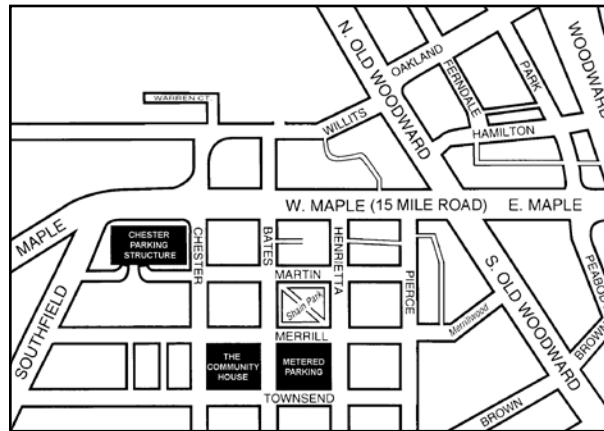
What is so unique about us?

- NAEYC accredited
- Financial assistance
- Open 7 AM - 6 PM
- Private playground
- Separate infant nap room
- Meals provided
- Access to The Community House programs, such as ballet classes
- Developmentally-appropriate and nationally-recognized curriculum
- Full and part-time year-round child care
- Sibling discounts
- Monthly parent newsletters
- Parent resource library
- Daily parent/teacher communication
- Parent group
- Parent/teacher conferences
- Family field trips
- Small, warm and nurturing environment



*The first handshake in life
is the greatest of all:
The clasp of an infant
around the finger of a parent.*

—Mark Twain



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The Community House Early Childhood Center Infant Program

The Early Childhood Center has one of the most unique infant programs around. The Infant Room has an intimate environment with only six infants and a 1-to-3 teacher to child ratio. Each child has a primary caregiver that they will bond with daily. The ages range from six weeks through approximately 15 months.

The children are evaluated on an individual basis. Their schedules are based on the individual child. The infants who are six months or older have a separate nap room that is monitored with an intercom system, as well as the teachers visually checking on them every 15 minutes. This allows the children to take a peaceful rest while the others are up exploring.

The Infant Room provides a warm, nurturing and interactive home away from home. The teachers use every opportunity possible as a learning experience for the infants. They mimic their talking, play music, and work on the infant's developmental milestones.

We know that a good portion of the brain develops during this time and our staff is committed to providing the necessary environment for your child to grow.

The Community House Early Childhood Center Toddler Program

The Early Childhood Center offers a small setting for these formative years. The ages in this room range from approximately 15 months through 2 ½ years. The Toddler Room has a ratio of 1 teacher to 4 children, with only eight children total in the room. The Toddler Room also has a primary caregiver so your child will be able to establish a bond with their teacher. This ensures a smooth transition from the Infant Room and provides more one-on-one interaction for the toddlers.

The Toddler Room offers a predictable, yet flexible daily routine. They have breakfast between 7:30-8:30 AM, they then begin their day using the toddler High/Scope approach. Their day will include the fundamentals of planning, work-time, along with small group activities and special projects that include: cooking, science and socialization. The children all have lunch with their specific small group and primary teacher. They nap on their own individual cots for approximately two hours. After nap, the daily routine and outdoor play add the final touches to their well rounded day.

The teachers work on helping the children develop their social skills and have a lot of hands-on activities for them to investigate. Combine this wonderful classroom with the warmth of the teachers, and you have a perfect recipe for a happy, well-adjusted toddler.

The Community House Early Childhood Center Preschool Program

The Early Childhood Center Preschool Room is the grand finale to the rest of the Center! It offers a great teacher-child ratio of 1-to-5 in the mornings and 1-to-8 in the afternoons.

The Room has space for 24 children and the room is then broken down into five small groups with primary caregivers. The Room has three spots reserved for part-time students who only attend two days a week or three days a week. Please see our tuition sheet for price details.

Our daily routine is based on the nationally recognized High/Scope Curriculum. This creates an active learning environment that provides the opportunity for children to develop their critical thinking skills and basic fundamentals that they will need for a jump-start on learning.

For our 4-5 year old children, we offer a Pre-K enrichment class which will concentrate on kindergarten readiness. This class runs for one hour four days a week, September through June.

The Preschool Room offers a variety of learning experiences tailored to each individual child, which will guide them to success later on in life.