



A Guide To EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCES In Evanston

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Those of us who work in Evanston's early child care community understand that quality early education is an important first step to school success.

Studies show that children in high-quality child care programs enter school with better math, language and social skills – the critical thinking skills that help children succeed in school.

The Guide to Early Childhood Resources in Evanston provides a comprehensive listing of child care and early education options as well as resources available in the Evanston Community. Our aim is to support and encourage parents and guardians in their role as their child's earliest advocate.

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How to Choose the Right Program for Your Child

- ✓ **Start** looking early.
- ✓ **Learn** how to identify high-quality early education programs. See 'WEBSITES' on the back of this Guide for internet and other resources.
- ✓ **Research** programs and resources within your community, starting with this Guide. Visit program websites for more detailed information.
- ✓ **Determine** if your family is eligible for financial assistance. Search 'CCAP Calculator' on the Illinois Department of Human Services website (www.dhs.state.il.us). See 'FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE' on the back inside flap of this Guide.
- ✓ **Contact** prospective programs. Visit. Ask questions. Use a checklist to help you in your evaluation.
- ✓ **Decide** what will best support the foundation of your child's early learning experiences.
- ✓ **Stay involved** after your decision has been made. Your child and your child's caregiver will know that you think your child's learning and care is important.

Types of Care

CENTER-BASED: Child care offered in a community- or school-based setting, with children separated by age groups. Center staff generally consists of program directors, lead teachers, assistant teachers and additional staff. Centers are likely to offer children a structured curriculum.

FAMILY CHILD CARE: Child care offered in a provider's home with mixed ages together. Staff includes the provider/owner and perhaps additional staff. A structured curriculum may or may not be offered. Visit www.cityofevanston.org for a list of licensed Evanston home daycare providers.

IN-HOME CARE: Child care in your home by babysitters, nannies, au pairs. Visit websites such as the www.sittercity.com, www.urbansitter.com or www.care.com to learn more.

Program Accreditations

Providers that are accredited have met voluntary standards for child care that are higher than most state licensing requirements.

AIMS

Association of Illinois Montessori Schools
www.illinoismontessorischools.com

AMS

American Montessori Society
www.amshq.org

AOE

ExceleRate Illinois Award of Excellence
www.excelerateillinois.com

DCFS

Department of Children and Family Services
www.illinois.gov/DCFS

ExRate GOLD

ExceleRate Illinois Gold Circle of Quality
www.excelerateillinois.com

ISACS

Independent Schools Association of the Central States
www.isacs.org

NAEYC

National Association for the Education of Young Children
www.NAEYC.org

NCEA

National Catholic Education Association
www.ncea.org

Program Descriptors

INFANTS / TODDLERS / TWOS

Serving children from infancy up to 3 years of age

PRESCHOOL

Serving children ages 3 to 5 years, offering curriculum to help prepare a child for kindergarten

SCHOOL AGE

Serving children grades K-5, before and after school, during school breaks

EXTENDED DAY

Serving children beyond the regularly scheduled program

SUMMER CAMP

Serving children during summer months

HEAD START (HS)

EARLY HEAD START (EHS)

Federally-funded educational services for children age birth to 5 from income-eligible families

MONTESSORI

Serving children through the Montessori Method of teaching

ISBE PFA

Illinois State Board of Education Preschool For All education services for pre-kindergarten children

DROP-IN

Serving children on a limited basis, must be pre-registered to participate

See descriptors in each Early Childhood Program listing beginning on the following page.

Early Childhood Programs

Baker Demonstration School

Baker's Early Childhood curriculum is based on the premise that children construct knowledge through discovery in free play and through social interactions with peers and adults. Beginning with our youngest students we believe that children learn best by having meaningful experiences and by making relevant connections to the world around them. Baker Beginnings is an adult/tot class (16mos - 3yrs). Daily programming includes Library, Spanish and Music.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **PRESCHOOL**
KINDERGARTEN **SCHOOL AGE** **BEFORE SCHOOL**
AFTER SCHOOL **EXTENDED DAY** **DROP-IN**

ADDRESS 201 Sheridan Road, Wilmette, IL 60091

WEBSITE www.bakerdemschool.org

CONTACT Director of Admissions

PHONE (847) 425-5813/5800 **FAX** (847) 425-5801

EMAIL admissions@bakerdemschool.org

SIZE 320

HOURS 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

ACCREDITATION ISACS

Barbereux School

A developmental early childhood program for children age 3 (by September 1st) through first grade. Since 1921, our school has offered hands-on learning experiences that integrate the arts and academics, building solid foundations for budding school careers.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **PRESCHOOL**
KINDERGARTEN **SCHOOL AGE** **EXTENDED DAY**
SUMMER CAMP

ADDRESS 3333 Culver, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.barbereux.com

CONTACT Julie Conant

PHONE (847) 864-3215 **FAX** (847) 864-8199

EMAIL info@barbereux.com

SIZE 50

HOURS 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

ACCREDITATION NAEYC

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Beth Emet Synagogue Early Childhood Program

A warm, inclusive, developmental half-day Early Childhood Program where Judaism is integrated into our classroom life. Our highly qualified staff and excellent teacher/child ratio nurture all areas of child development. Children have opportunities to experience and explore, learn and create, and strengthen their language and social skills. We have a private, fenced, early-childhood playground and large indoor play space. All ages may choose to attend 5 days a week. Adult-Tot class for children ages 12-24 months on Friday mornings. Extended hours available.

PART DAY **PART WEEK** **FULL WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
EXTENDED DAY **SUMMER CAMP**

ADDRESS 1224 Dempster, Evanston 60202

WEBSITE www.bethemet.org

CONTACT Kathy Kaberon

PHONE (847) 869-4230 ext. 305 **FAX** (847) 869-7830

EMAIL kkaberon@bethemet.org

SIZE 80

HOURS 8:00 am - 1:45 pm

ACCREDITATION NAEYC

Chandler-Newberger Community Center

A **Play-School program** for children ages 2-5 aiming to provide a warm and supportive atmosphere where children can be free to learn and grow. Class projects and activities focus on children's emotional, social, physical and cognitive growth, allowing more comfortable movement to the next educational experience. Our drop-in **Time Together program** offers an open play space for children and their parents/caregiver to run, jump, play or sit quietly with books and toys. A relaxing atmosphere focused on interaction, the comfort of our families, and a sense of community.

PART DAY **PART WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
SUMMER CAMP **DROP-IN**

ADDRESS 1028 Central Street, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.cityofevanston.org/parks-recreation/chandler-newberger-center/

CONTACT Michelle Tompkins

PHONE 847-448-8252

EMAIL mtompkins@cityofevanston.org

Cherry Preschool

A developmental, nonsectarian preschool that is parent-governed and housed in an independent facility. Warren W. Cherry Preschool is an inclusive community which welcomes children with diverse backgrounds and special needs. We offer half-day morning and afternoon classes, including a dual language Spanish/English class. Optional extended-day lunch and after-care programs.

PART DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
EXTENDED DAY **SUMMER CAMP**

ADDRESS 1418 Lake Street, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.cherrypreschool.org

CONTACT Debbie Boileve

PHONE (847) 492-1213 **FAX** (847) 492-1235

EMAIL office@cherrypreschool.org

SIZE 200+

HOURS 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

ACCREDITATION NAEYC

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Chiaravalle Montessori School

Parent-Infant classes through 8th grade. Chiaravalle offers personalized learning through hands-on exploration, guided practice, integrated projects, peer-mentoring and collaboration. We foster independence and creativity while developing a child's intrinsic motivation. A rich and varied curriculum is designed to promote self-discovery and the development of social skills as well as academic achievement.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **TODDLERS** **PRESCHOOL**
KINDERGARTEN **SCHOOL AGE** **MONTESSORI**
ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP

ADDRESS 425 Dempster Street, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.chiaravalle.org

CONTACT Tiffany Jorgensen

PHONE (847) 864-2190

EMAIL tjorgensen@chiaravalle.org

SIZE 300 +

HOURS 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

ACCREDITATION(S) AMS, ISACS

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Child Care Center of Evanston

(Soon to be Learning Bridge Early Education Center)

Every child's Kindergarten readiness is our highest priority. We offer a developmental curriculum as well as a Montessori classroom. Each child's success is intentionally nurtured within the framework of a respectful, diverse community based on cooperation and kindness. Our culture is inclusive and family-centric. Established in 1944 in a Queen Anne mansion, our home-like atmosphere is enriched by park-like playgrounds and gardens.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
EXTENDED DAY **ISBE PFA** **MONTESSORI**
ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP

ADDRESS 1840 Asbury Ave, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.childcarecenterofevanston.org

CONTACT Joy Torres

PHONE (847) 869-2680 **FAX** (847) 869-2687

EMAIL torresj@childcarecenterofevanston.org

SIZE 90

HOURS 7:30 am - 5:30 pm (extended day until 6:00 pm)

ACCREDITATION(S) NAEYC; AOE; ExRate Gold

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Covenant Nursery School

A developmental, non-sectarian program offering half day classes in the morning. Early care offered Monday – Friday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents choose days of the week. 2 to 5 years. Lunchtime enrichment programs offered including Spanish, Book Buddies, Hands on Art, and Kindermusik. Ongoing enrollment. Please call for information/schedule a tour.

PART DAY **PART WEEK** **TODDLERS** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
SUMMER CAMP

ADDRESS 3637 Golf Rd, Evanston 60203

WEBSITE www.covenantnurseryschool.org

CONTACT Tina Vanderwarker

PHONE (847) 675-2993

EMAIL tinav@covenantnurseryschool.org

SIZE 50 - 100

HOURS 9:15 am - 11:45 am; Early care 8:30 am - 9:15 am

ACCREDITATION NAEYC

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Family Child Care Connections

A network of licensed professional family child care providers serving infants and toddlers and located throughout Evanston and Skokie. Providers are selected and supported by the Child Care Center of Evanston.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **INFANTS** **TODDLERS**
TWOS **FAMILY CHILD CARE**
ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP

ADDRESS 1840 Asbury, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.childcarecenterofevanston.org

CONTACT Treana Monroe

PHONE (847) 864-5610 **FAX** (847) 869-2687

EMAIL monroet@childcarecenterofevanston.org

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston: Baby Toddler Nursery

A developmental child care center providing high-quality, individualized, developmentally appropriate care and early learning experiences with a dedicated, highly-qualified teaching staff. Each infant and toddler classroom has 8 children and three teachers, which supports individualization. Our 3 to 5 year-old room has 14 children per class. The Infant Welfare Society of Evanston has been supporting families' efforts to be self-sufficient providers and effective parents since 1913, and opened Baby Toddler Nursery in 1971.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **INFANTS** **TODDLERS**
TWOS **PRESCHOOL** **EHS** **ISBE PFA** **ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP**

ADDRESS 2200 Main Street, Evanston 60202

WEBSITE www.iwse.com

CONTACT Pamela Staples

PHONE (847) 491-9650 **FAX** (847) 491-9410

EMAIL pamelastaples@iwse.org

SIZE 70

HOURS 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

ACCREDITATION(S) NAEYC; ExRateGold

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston: Teen Baby Nursery

A developmental child care center providing care for the infants and toddlers of teen parents since 1989. Offers support according to the special needs of teens/young adults ages 13-22. Provides high-quality, individualized, developmentally appropriate care and parenting support with a dedicated, highly-qualified staff of teachers.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **INFANTS** **TODDLERS** **TWOS**
EHS **ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP**

ADDRESS 2010 Dewey, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.iwse.com

CONTACT Tiffany Culpepper

PHONE (847) 864-6945 **FAX** (847) 869-4090

EMAIL tiffanyculpepper@iwse.org

SIZE 16

HOURS 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

ACCREDITATION(S) NAEYC; ExRateGold

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation JRC Early Childhood Center

Early childhood professionals nurture families and children through a relationship- and play-based approach to learning to support the compassionate, creative and cognitive growth of children 2 to 5 years old. Low teacher/child ratios, large classrooms, a natural outdoor play setting and a green building provide a healthy environment where Jewish values and celebrations are woven into an inclusive, emergent curriculum responsive to each child's approach to learning.

PART DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
EXTENDED DAY **SUMMER CAMP**

ADDRESS 303 Dodge, Evanston 60202

WEBSITE www.jrc-evanston.org

CONTACT Claudia Rozenberg

PHONE (847) 328-7678 ext. 2227 **FAX** (847) 328-2298

EMAIL crozenberg@jrc-evanston.org

SIZE 50

HOURS 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

ACCREDITATION NAEYC

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Learning Bridge Early Education Center (Please see Child Care Center of Evanston)

McGAW YMCA Children's Center

An Early Learning Program committed to promoting individual growth and development through a variety of activities and experiences. Swimming, gym, music and art enrich classroom activities. **School's Out** after-school program is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Supervised transportation is provided. See website for details.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **INFANTS**
TODDLERS **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL** **SCHOOL AGE**
AFTER SCHOOL **EXTENDED DAY** **ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP**

ADDRESS 1420 Maple Avenue, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.mcgawymca.org

CONTACTS Becca Schroeder; Becky Slenk

PHONE (847) 475-8580 Fax (847) 733-2562

EMAIL rebecca@mcgawymca.org

SIZE 250 +

HOURS 7:00 am - 6:15 pm

ACCREDITATION NAEYC

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Midwest Montessori Demonstration School

We are a warm community of lifetime learners – parents, teachers and children alike! We offer part-day and full-day programs for children ages 3 to 6. Our nurturing staff and carefully sequenced materials promote self-respect, dignity, independence and community responsibility while challenging the intellect of our young learners.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PRESCHOOL**
KINDERGARTEN **MONTESSORI**

ADDRESS 926 Noyes St, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.midwestmontessori.com

CONTACT Linda Bechtle

PHONE (847) 328-6630

EMAIL mmchoffice@gmail.com

SIZE fewer than 50

HOURS 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

ACCREDITATION(S) AMS; AIMS

Northminster Nursery School

A developmental half-day, non-sectarian program with flexible scheduling. School days are filled with opportunities for children to develop their physical, emotional, academic and social skills under the guidance of a team of experienced teachers. Tuition assistance is available. Extended day is only over lunch for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds (Lunch Bunch).

PART DAY **PART WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**

ADDRESS 2515 Central Park, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.NNSEvanston.com

CONTACT Margaret Parcell

PHONE (847) 869-9210 **FAX** (847) 869-9220

EMAIL nns@northminpres.org

SIZE 50 - 100

HOURS 9:15 am - 11:45 am / 12:45 pm - 3:15 pm

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Pope John XXIII Preschool

Our school is unique: six rooms for playing, discovering, and learning, through hands-on activities in three learning centers and an outside playground. Curriculum includes gym, music, library, computer and foreign language instruction. We are a faith-based school that educates the whole child — spiritually, socially, physically and academically — in a caring, loving atmosphere.

1:10 teacher/student ratio.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **PRESCHOOL**
KINDERGARTEN **SCHOOL AGE** **BEFORE SCHOOL**
AFTER SCHOOL **EXTENDED DAY**

ADDRESS 1120 Washington, Evanston 60202

WEBSITE www.popejohn23.org

CONTACT Christina Lampa, Director of Admissions

PHONE (847) 475-5678 ext. 105

EMAIL christina.lampa@popejohn23.org

SIZE 290

HOURS 8:15 am - 3:00 pm, before and after care available

ACCREDITATION(S) Archdiocese of Chicago; NCEA

Puerta Abierta Preschool

A dual language, Spanish/English, two way immersion preschool in a part-day developmental program. Second language acquisition is possible in a natural setting through play, songs, art and games.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART DAY** **PART WEEK** **TWOS**
PRESCHOOL **SCHOOL AGE** **BEFORE SCHOOL** **EXTENDED DAY**
SUMMER CAMP **ISBE PFA**

ADDRESS 933 Chicago Avenue, Evanston 60202

MAILING 9023 Lincolnwood Drive, Evanston 60203

WEBSITE www.puertaabiertapreschool.com

CONTACT María or Lee Weisgal

PHONE (847) 328-1491 **FAX** (847) 328-1491

EMAIL puertaabiertapresch@gmail.com

SIZE 46 (am) 46 (pm)

HOURS 7:45 am - 4:00 pm

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Reba Early Learning Center (RELC)

Reba Early Learning Center is a community-based organization dedicated to providing high quality care, education, and support for children and families of diverse cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **PRESCHOOL**
ISBE PFA **ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP**

ADDRESS 740 Custer Ave., Evanston 60202

WEBSITE www.rebaearlylearningcenter.org

CONTACT Bettye Cohns

PHONE (847) 475-6480 **FAX** (847) 475-6490

EMAIL Rebaelc@gmail.com

SIZE 56

HOURS 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

ACCREDITATION(S) NAEYC; AOE; ExRateGold

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Robert Crown Center's Creative Play Preschool

An innovative play based preschool program offering a variety of child care options for families. Promotes an active form of learning through "play with a purpose", and enhances the development of children in all domains to prepare them for not only school but lifelong success.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
WINTER, SPRING & SUMMER CAMPS
ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP

ADDRESS 1701 Main Street, Evanston 60202

WEBSITE www.cityofevanston.org

CONTACT Tiffany Caston

PHONE (847) 448-8167

EMAIL tcaston@cityofevanston.org

SIZE 100

HOURS 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Roycemore School

Roycemore's Early Childhood program offers an academic foundation with plenty of time for play! At the heart of our mission is the expectation that every student will be known by name and valued as an individual. In small classes, experienced teachers nurture and build upon each student's strengths, while providing support in areas of challenge. It is a welcoming and diverse community. Sliding scale tuition is available.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PRESCHOOL**
KINDERGARTEN **SCHOOL AGE** **EXTENDED DAY**
SUMMER CAMP

ADDRESS 1200 Davis Street, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.roycemoreschool.org

CONTACT Melinda Orzoff

PHONE (847) 866-6055 **FAX** (847) 866-6545

EMAIL morzoff@roycemoreschool.org

SIZE 40 (preschool)

HOURS 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

ACCREDITATION ISACS

St. Joan of Arc Preschool

A developmental early childhood program that encourages learning through play in a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth of each child. Our program builds confidence, develops social skills and provides a solid academic foundation to prepare students for kindergarten. With theme-based activities, encouragement and guidance from teachers, children will learn about themselves, form friendships, and learn about the world around them. Preschool class size is 16.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PRESCHOOL**
KINDERGARTEN **SCHOOL AGE** **EXTENDED DAY**
SUMMER CAMP

ADDRESS 9245 Lawndale Avenue, Evanston 60203

WEBSITE www.saintjoanofarc.net/school

CONTACT Kendra Dillon; Craig Scanlon

PHONE 847-679-0660

EMAIL Kdillon@sjasaints.org; cscanlon@sjasaints.org

SIZE 210

HOURS Half Day Preschool 9:00 - 11:30 am

Full Day Preschool 9:00 - 3:00 pm

ACCREDITATION Archdiocese of Chicago

School for Little Children Preschool

Located in the heart of Evanston, School for Little Children is a NAEYC accredited part-time preschool with additional enrichment extensions. Children, ages 2 to 5 years, learn and discover together in an environment where cultural diversity and differing abilities are seen as valuable learning opportunities for all.

PART DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
EXTENDED DAY **SUMMER CAMP**

ADDRESS 1427 Chicago Avenue, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.slcevanston.org

CONTACT Chrissy Cornell

PHONE (847) 864-3889 **FAX** (847) 475-5647

EMAIL info@slcevanston.org

SIZE 150 +

HOURS 9:15 am - 3:00 pm

ACCREDITATION NAEYC

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Toddler Town Day Care

Toddler Town Day Care is a fully licensed day care center dedicated to providing a safe and happy environment where small children, ages 2 to 6, can learn, play, and live together while their parents work.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL** **KINDERGARTEN**
SCHOOL AGE **ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP**

ADDRESS 1501 Howard Street, Evanston 60202

WEBSITE www.toddlertownevanston.com

CONTACT Angelo Nikolov

PHONE (847) 475-1660 **FAX** (847) 475-5339

EMAIL Angelo@toddlertownevanston.com

SIZE 76

HOURS 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

ACCREDITATION(S) NAEYC; ExRateGold

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Total Child Preschool & Childcare Center

Located in the heart of downtown Evanston, Total Child offers a play-based, developmental program where children learn through exploring, negotiating and problem solving. The Total Child community celebrates diversity and values each child as an individual.

FULL DAY **PART DAY** **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **TWOS**
PRESCHOOL **SUMMER CAMP** **ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP**

ADDRESS 516 Church St., Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.totalchild.org

CONTACT Beth Ruppe

PHONE (847) 86-7100 **FAX** (847) 864-8091

EMAIL beth@totalchild.org

SIZE 75 - 80

HOURS 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

ACCREDITATION(S) NAEYC; ExRateGold

DCFS LICENSE Yes

Unity Preschool

Unity Preschool is a non-sectarian, developmental preschool that provides a warm and nurturing learning environment for children ages 2 to 5. We are conveniently located in a bright, open, ground floor space on Foster Street just west of Sherman Avenue.

PART DAY **FULL WEEK** **PART WEEK** **TWOS** **PRESCHOOL**
EXTENDED DAY **SUMMER CAMP**

ADDRESS 827 Foster Street, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.unitypreschoolevanston.com

CONTACT Annie Hughes

PHONE (847) 869-7170

EMAIL 827unitypreschool@gmail.com

SIZE 60

HOURS 9:15 am - 11:45 am Morning Program

8:30 am - Early drop-off option

11:45 am - 1:45 pm Lunch option

DCFS LICENSE Yes

For information about the Programs listed below, please contact directly.

Bright Horizons Evanston

PHONE (847) 491-9032

ChildTime

PHONE (847) 492-2166

Kindercare

PHONE (847) 869-3456

Northshore University

Child Development Center

PHONE (847) 570-1490

Additional Information

HEAD START (HS) EARLY HEAD START (EHS)

Low-income families can receive support for the mental, social, and emotional development of children from birth to age 5, as well as services for pregnant women.

In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social, and other services. EHS services respond to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage. The program encourages the role of parents as their child's first and most important teachers. Providers offering this program will have HS or EHS as a descriptor.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESCHOOL FOR ALL (ISBE PFA)

Children who are at-risk for school success may be enrolled in this part-day program. Risk factors may include but are not limited to: low income; English is not home language; chronic health problems; difficulties with social interactions; vision, hearing, or communication difficulties; or a child with special needs.

Families needing full day programming must either be eligible for child care subsidy or pay for the balance of the day. Providers offering this program will have ISBE PFA as a descriptor.

SERVICES FOR PRE-PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN (SPPAC)

Offers developmental screenings for children from ages 2 years, 8 months to 5 years.

Screenings are done regularly throughout the school year at the Joseph E. Hill Education Center, 1500 McDaniel Avenue, and throughout the community.

Eligibility determinations will be made based on criteria from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
(847) 859-8300

Evanston/Skokie School District 65

District 65 Joseph E. Hill (JEH) Early Childhood Education Center provides comprehensive services and systems for children ages 0-5 and their families.

JEH CENTER-Based Program: Ages 3-5 years

JEH Early Childhood Education Center is a **no cost** program for children 3-5 years old. JEH is a fully developmental and educational program that provides a strength-based, anti-bias, multi-language and inclusive environment, while being aligned with D65 Kindergarten Readiness goals. Transportation is available for those who qualify. Program selection is determined on qualifying factors and is ranked by those highest in need. All residents of D65 are strongly encouraged to apply.

GENERAL EDUCATION **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

ADDRESS 1500 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.district65.net

CONTACT (847) 859-8300

HOURS Vary

ACCREDITATION(S) ExceleRateGold

JEH CENTER-Based Program: Ages 0-3 years

District 65 provides a welcoming, stimulating, nurturing and licensed environment for 0-3 children to learn and practice new skills during play. Instructional services are designed to support young children's development and promote the development of new skills in the following areas: language & literacy, cognition and general knowledge, social/ emotional development, physical development and health, physical development, and approaches to learning. Program selection is determined on qualifying factors and is ranked by those highest in need. Families in District 65's attendance area are strongly encouraged to apply. District 65 does not charge for 0-3 program services for participating children and families.

FULL DAY **FULL WEEK** **INFANTS** **TODDLERS** **TWOS**
EARLY HEAD START **ACCEPTS IDHS CCAP**

ADDRESS 1500 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.district65.net

CONTACT 847-424-2440

HOURS 7:30 am-5:30 pm

JEH Home-Based Program: ages 0-3 years

District 65's **free** home-based services are designed to:

- (1) develop an understanding of child development
- (2) enhance parent/child relationships
- (3) strengthen parents' skills as their child's first teacher
- (4) support school readiness skills.

Home-based services are year-round, twice-a-month home visits scheduled to meet the needs of families. Services include site-based playgroups, parental education and support, as well as resources and referrals, screenings, and a lending library. Program selection is based on qualifying factors, ranked by those highest in need. All families in District 65's attendance area are welcome to apply.

EARLY HEAD START

ADDRESS 1500 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.district65.net

CONTACT (847) 424-2440

HOURS Vary

D65 New Student/Kindergarten Registration

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION is held the first week of March. Information Nights are held in January. Computers and assistance are available at the JEH Center.

STEP 1: Complete the online registration form at **www.district65.net/registration**. Upload the following documents: child's birth certificate, residency documents, any applicable court documents.

STEP 2: Finalize registration in person by bringing the original birth certificate to JEH along with any other documents that were not submitted electronically.

STEP 3: Prior to your child's first day at school, s/he will need an up-to-date physical exam and proof of immunization. Submit copies to the JEH Health Services Department. For questions call 847-859-8120.

ONCE REGISTERED you may apply for another attendance-area school of one of the magnet schools/programs through a permissive transfer.

ADDRESS 1500 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.district65.net

EMAIL parents@district65.net

CONTACT (847) 859-8065

HOURS 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

General Resources

Childcare Network of Evanston (CNE)

Offers a range of programs designed for young children and their families, teachers and caregivers. Includes Early Head Start & Head Start Home Visiting program, family childcare homes, and center-based Head Start classrooms. CNE also offers programs for special needs children, low-income families and children at risk for school success.

EARLY HEAD START **HEAD START**

ADDRESS 1335 Dodge Avenue, Evanston 60201

WEBSITE www.childcarenetworkofevanston.org

PHONE 847-475-2661

EMAIL cne@childcarenetworkofevanston.org

HOURS 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

City of Evanston: Parks & Recreation

Evanston's Parks & Recreation is committed to enhancing the quality of life of all citizens by providing collaborative opportunities for our community to grow, learn, create and play. Check out our wide variety of classes and activities on our website. **The Recreation Division, Cultural Arts Division** and **Ecology Center** offer great summer camps for all ages. Summer Camp Guides available in late December / early January.

TWOS **PRESCHOOL** **SCHOOL AGE** **SUMMER CAMP**

WEBSITE www.cityofevanston.org

Family Focus Evanston – Our Place

Family Focus helps parents gain confidence and skills as the primary caregivers and educators of their children by offering critical resources and learning opportunities. Programs include screenings for a child's developmental milestones; parent education workshops/support groups; evidence-based early childhood curriculum; prenatal education; family goal-setting; pre-literacy learning activities; focus on father engagement.

ADDRESS 2010 Dewey Avenue, Evanston, 60201

WEBSITE www.family-focus.org

CONTACT Carmen Francellno

PHONE (847) 475-7570 Fax (847) 475-7590

General Resources, cont.

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston: Family Support Program

Provides home visiting services to families with children birth to three years old, including prenatal women. All home visits are based on the individual needs of the child according to their development. We offer monthly Parent-Child Groups in the morning and evening. During these group sessions you and your children will engage in planned activities with other families to further support the emotional and social aspect of developmental growth. A range of activities, screenings and services are provided without charge based on need. A prioritized list is used for program eligibility.

FAMILY CHILD CARE

ADDRESS 2010 Dewey Avenue, Evanston, 60201

WEBSITE www.iwse.org

CONTACT Tiffany Culpepper

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Financial Assistance

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) helps pay for child care expenses for income-eligible families who work or go to approved school or training programs. Families are required to cost share on a sliding scale based on family size and income. **Two delivery systems exist for assistance:**

- 1. Certificate Program** through Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, such as **Action for Children** in Cook County, that provide payments for all types of legal child care providers. Info at: www.actforchildren.org
- 2. Site Program** through Site Administered Child Care Centers who are paid directly through IDHS

Community-wide Scholarships support Evanston families whose income is above the IDHS CCAP eligibility limit. Contact Childcare Network of Evanston at 847-475-2661 or visit their website at www.childcarenetworkofevanston.org.

General Resources

WEBSITES

CHILD CARE AWARE helps families learn more about the elements of quality child care and how to locate programs in their communities. Provides child care providers with access to resources for their child care programs. Check out the printable brochures on topics of interest to parents. www.childcareaware.org/families

EVANSTON CRADLE TO CAREER (EC2C) is a partnership of schools, nonprofits, businesses, faith-based institutions, and individuals committed to the idea that every child in Evanston deserves a path to a fulfilling and productive life. The partnership commits to common goals and pledges to collaborate, share data, and hold each other accountable. It's not about creating programs but about helping existing programs work more effectively to address inequality. The goal is to fundamentally change how our community addresses the multiple needs of ALL of our families to achieve more equitable outcomes. www.evanstonc2c.org

THE PARENT CIRCLE is a community of parents that provides a multitude of social and educational opportunities for families. Our goal is to promote a positive family experience through education, support and social interactions. We provide our members with playgroups, workshops, family activities and a monthly newsletter. Visit The Parent Circle of Evanston at www.theparentcircle.org

ZERO TO THREE is a national organization that provides information, training and support to parents, professionals, and policymakers in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers. Zero to Three brings together the perspectives of many fields and specialties of study showing that all domains of development—social, emotional, intellectual, language and physical—are interdependent and work together to promote a child's overall health and wellbeing in the context of his family and culture. www.zerotothree.org/early-learning

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