



THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

early childhood  
center



It's never too early to start preparing  
your child for the future.

## Philosophy

The Community House Early Childhood Center (ECC) 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 ECC program emphasizes learning and uses the HighScope approach, a curriculum that recognizes the value of child-initiated, active learning. Realizing the importance of discovery, creativity and exploration, the program provides activities that build on your child's natural curiosity and are matched to your child's abilities.



## General Information

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

The ECC offers low student-teacher ratios in every room, allowing more one-on-one interaction. We provide breakfast, lunch and healthy snacks five days a week. There are two private, fenced playgrounds that allow the children to ride bikes, dig in the sandbox, scale the climbers on soft, shredded woodchips, or run and play in the grassy area.



## Staff

The ECC staff members are selected based on their educational background, knowledge and experience in the early childhood field. A warm nurturing personality and the ability to communicate with both adults and children are essential qualities the ECC has in its professional staff.

## Parent Involvement

The ECC:

- Works in partnership with parents, and operates as an extension of the family and strives to become a child's home away from home.
- Has an open door policy and encourages parents, grandparents and families to visit at any time to see how your child spends his/her day.
- Invites parents to suggest themes and family/ethnic traditions to be included in weekly lesson plans for the entire center.
- The entire family can attend.



## Why We Are Unique

- Staff members selected based on their educational background and experience in the early childhood field
- HighScope Curriculum - a developmentally appropriate and nationally recognized curriculum of active learning
- Low student/teacher ratios
- Secured facility
- Open 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Private fenced playground
- Meals provided - breakfast, lunch, snacks
- Access to The Community House programs, such as ballet, hiphop, computers, and Stretch & Grow
- Full-time year-round child care
- Sibling discounts
- Daily parent/teacher communication
- Parent/teacher conferences
- Family field trips
- A small, warm, intimate setting



# Infant Program

Ages six weeks until approximately 15 months

A significant portion of the brain develops during infancy and our staff is committed to providing the necessary environment for your child to grow and develop.

- The Infant Room is an intimate environment accommodating up to 8 infants with a 1-to-4 teacher to child ratio. Each child has a primary caregiver that they will bond with daily.
- Children are evaluated on an individual basis and schedules are adjusted to meet their needs.
- The teachers use every possible opportunity as a learning experience and work with them to reach the child's developmental milestones through singing, reading, sensory activities and meaningful interactions.



# Toddler Program

Ages 15 months through 2 1/2 years

The teachers work on helping the children develop their social skills and provide hands-on activities for them to enjoy and investigate.

- The Toddler Room accommodates up to ten children with a teacher/child ratio of 1-to-4. The Toddler Room has a primary caregiver so your child will be able to establish a bond with their teacher.
- The Toddler Room offers a predictable, yet flexible daily routine.
- Utilizing the toddler HighScope approach, the 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 have lunch with their specific small group and primary teacher then nap on their own cots for approximately two hours.
- Planned activities and outdoor play add the final touches to a well rounded day.



# Preschool Program

Ages 2 1/2 years until 5 years

The Preschool Room offers a variety of learning experiences tailored to each individual child, which will better prepare them for school.

- The Preschool classrooms accommodates up to 16 children with a teacher-child ratio of 1-to-8.
- Children eat lunch with their small groups and their primary teacher. Their daily routine is based on the nationally recognized HighScope Curriculum. This program establishes an active learning environment that provides the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills and basic fundamentals that they will need for a jump-start on learning.





## Pre-K

In addition to our Preschool Curriculum, we offer a kindergarten preparation class for children ages 4 to 5 years old. Our Pre-K teachers provide the children with a wide variety of hands-on projects using the research based HighScope curriculum. Along with their daily journal, the children study the foundations of math, science and the beginning stages of reading and writing. The combination of these approaches has proven to be both fun and educational!

This is a full-time program that continues through the summer months. The Pre-K program accommodates up to 24 children with a teacher/child ratio of 1:8.



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