



## Frequently Asked Questions

### *Admissions*

#### **What programs do you offer?**

Parent & Toddler Program: 12 - 18 Months

Parent & Toddler Program: 18 - 24 Months

Transition Program: 2 - 3 Year Olds

3 Day Program: 3 - 4 Year Olds

Prekindergarten: 4 - 5 Year Olds

#### **How do I get more information?**

Overviews of each program are available on the website. Request a virtual tour to learn more!

#### **How do I schedule a tour?**

Request a Virtual Tour by completing the Tour Interest Form located on the website.

#### **How much time should I plan for on a school tour?**

Tours are 30 minutes.

#### **Do I have to take a tour before applying for admission?**

Yes. We do not enroll any child without a parent tour, Application Form and one-time Application Fee.

#### **Can I bring my child(ren)?**

**\*Hanna is hosting Virtual Tours at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Tours are scheduled for Parents. Arrangements may be made in advance to bring children by requesting childcare in your Application form.

#### **Do you interview parents and/or children?**

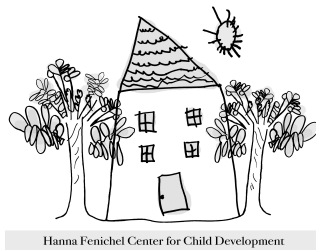
Hanna Fenichel does not interview. We believe it is important for parents to attend and participate in a thorough school tour, meet with the center director, and observe our school in action.

#### **How do I apply for admission?**

Please complete an Application Form and submit the one-time Application Fee, located on the Admissions Page on our website.

#### **Is there a fee to join the Wait List?**

There is a one-time \$75 Application Fee that must accompany the Application Form. The fee is NOT a deposit and does not guarantee enrollment.



**Are Application Forms considered on a first come/first served basis?**

All families that tour and complete a wait pool information form are considered for admission. Priority Enrollment is given to siblings, children of Hanna Fenichel alumni and members of the SD Psychoanalytic Inst. Peer groups remain the same as children articulate through our program, therefore, openings are filled to insure gender and age balance.

**I submitted an Application Form but was not offered a space during the Enrollment Period. Do I need to re-submit an Application Form for the next program?**

No. Application Forms roll over into the next year/program until we are able to offer a space or until it is requested that the child be removed from our lists.

**My child turns 2 on September 15th—just 15 days past the Transition program cut-off date. Will she be considered for the Transition Program?**

We do not make exceptions to our cut-off dates.

**Is there a deadline for submitting an Application Form?**

No, we accept Application Forms year round.

**Do children need to be toilet learned to be enrolled?**

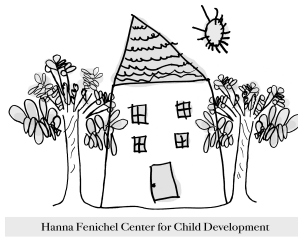
No, we do not require children be toilet learned. Our staff supports you and your child through the process as the child displays readiness.

**Do you have an enrollment period?**

Yes. New Families on our wait list are contacted in February or March once priority enrollment is complete. Priority enrollment for returning students, siblings, and Hanna alumni begins in January for the following school year.

**Is a deposit required once a space has been offered to my child? And, if our plans change once the deposit has been submitted, is it refundable?**

A non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration.



## *General Questions*

### **How many children are enrolled in the Hanna Fenichel Center?**

We are licensed for 50 children per day. Because we offer part time programs, morning and afternoon, we have a total of 100 children enrolled each year.

### **What is the educational background of your teachers?**

CA state licensing requires that teachers have 12 units of Early Childhood Education (ECE). Our staff has a minimum of 24 units in ECE and are actively involved in continuing education through workshops and conferences. We have teachers with AA, BA and Masters in Early Childhood Development.

### **Do you offer any field trips?**

On occasion, we plan walking excursions in our neighborhood to enhance our children's emerging. These excursions are generally planned for 3-5 year olds ONLY. These excursions are planned in collaboration with teachers, parents, and children.

### **What is your sick policy?**

The health of the children, as well as our teaching staff, is very important to us. Children must arrive at school with the energy needed to fully participate and be symptom free of illness. We reserve the right to send any child home who becomes ill while at school or arrives ill. A more thorough guide to our sick policy is located in our family handbook.

### **What is your discipline policy?**

We believe in the importance of recognizing behaviors and supporting children to identify and express feelings in socially appropriate ways. Our staff gives time to value each interaction or circumstance and work through problems by modeling behaviors, validation and guidance. The children are given opportunities to solve problems, negotiate and come up with positive solutions.

### **Are there opportunities for parent involvement?**

One of the important aspects that makes the Hanna Fenichel Center a special place is the parent community who contribute their time to classroom and school wide activities/events. Please volunteer for 15 hours (or more) of your time in a category that interests you. We appreciate your partnership in helping to make Hanna the special place it is!

### **Have additional questions?**

If you have any additional questions, we'd love to talk further. Our phone number is 858-755-0860, or email us at [info@hannafenichel.com](mailto:info@hannafenichel.com)