A Guide To

EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCES

In Evanston

This publication is a collaborative effort on the part of Evanston’s early childhood programs. Thank you to The Evanston Community Foundation for its generous financial support of this guide.
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.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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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.
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
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.
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

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**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.

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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.

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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

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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

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

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
PHONE (847) 864-6945 Fax (847) 869-4090
EMAIL tiffanyculpepper@iwse.org

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](http://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](http://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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