



**DIRECTORY OF
LICENSED EARLY CARE and EDUCATION, HOME CARE and
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
in
MANSFIELD, CT**

This directory is meant to be used by anyone looking for State-licensed early care and education, home care, or before and after school programs in Mansfield. Program directors who agreed to participate in this project provided information about their programs to Early Childhood Services, who compiled the directory. Arrangement is by type of child care program -- *Early Care & Education Programs, Before and After School Programs* and *Home Care* -- and then alphabetically by name of program or provider.

The information about each program is descriptive only, and not to be interpreted as an endorsement of or recommendation by the Town of Mansfield Human Services Department or Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC). Every effort has been made to secure information that is accurate as of February 2019.

Mansfield Advocates for Children

Website: currently under construction

Information can be found temporarily at:

<https://www.facebook.com/mansfieldadvocatesforchildren/>

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* Indicates State of CT School Readiness Grant Funded.

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Community Children's Center (CCC)*
797 Mansfield City Road
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: 860-456-7171

Email: director@communitychildrenscenter.org

Website: www.communitychildrenscenter.org

Executive Director: Lisa Dahn (B.S., Human Development and Family Relations; member NAEYC)

Program Director: Kate Vallo (M.Ed., Multicultural Arts & Education; B.S., Human Development and Family Relations)

Ages: 18 months to 5 years (prekindergarten)

Capacity: 10 toddlers, 16 preschoolers

Calendar: All year, Mon.-Fri., except Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, 2 days at the end of June and 3 days at the end of August. CCC is also closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving weekend, MLK Birthday, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day and July 4.

Program hours: 7:30 am-5:30 pm (full day); 7:30 am-12:30 pm, and 12:30 pm-5:30 pm (half days).
Contract periods: late Aug. thru Jan. – Feb. thru Jun. – (4) 2 week sessions in July & Aug.

Minimum days/week: 3 half days for toddlers, 4 half days for preschoolers

Fee structure: based on schedule; 10% sibling discount; income based sliding scale

License #: DCCC16060

Enrollment: starts in April for the next school year; enrollment is always open if we have room

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

NAEYC accreditation: yes

School Readiness Site: yes

Special features: Community Children's Center (CCC) is a non-profit early care and education parent cooperative, offering a professionally staffed, high quality program for children ages one through five years old. We are accredited by the [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#), a member of the [Natural Start Alliance](#), and [Eco-Healthy Child Care](#) certified. CCC is the premier nature-based, play-based early childhood program in eastern Connecticut.

Educational Playcare

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Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: 860-477-1244

Email: storrsepc@educationalplaycare.com

Website: www.educationalplaycare.com/storrs

Blog: www.educationalplaycare.com/blog

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/educational-playcare-ltd

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EdPlaycare>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Educational-Playcare-in-Storrs-CT/760338430731539

Owner and President: Jane Porterfield [B.A., Education, LaSalle University; member of NAEYC, HAEYC, The National Association of Childcare Professionals, The Hartford Area Childcare Collaborative, and the Connecticut Child Care Association (CCCA)]

Executive Director: Nancy Walsh [B.S., Design and Resource Management, University of Connecticut; member of Society of Human Resource Management, President of The School of Family Studies Alumni Society]

Program Director: Catherine Schaefer [B.A., Sociology, ECSU; CDA credential]

Ages: 6 weeks to 5 years (pre-kindergarten)

Capacity: 196 children

Calendar: All year, Mon.-Fri., except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, and Christmas Day.

Program hours: 7:00 am-6:00 pm (full day); 7:00 am-12:30 pm (half day)

Minimum days/week: Two full days

Fee structure: Based on schedule; 10% sibling discount; Care4Kids and NACCRRRA accepted, some corporate employee discounts may apply

License #: DCCC.70272

Enrollment: Open enrollment throughout the year

Waiting list: No

Brochure/flyer available: Yes

NAEYC accreditation: Yes

Special features: Nutritious lunch and snacks included. Award-winning curriculum includes weekly instruction in yoga, music, and fitness. Daily electronic reports, pictures and videos keep families connected and informed. Beautiful new spacious state-of-the-art facilities. Flexible schedules, professional staff, fun field trips, exciting special guests, family events and advanced sanitizing technology.

***Mansfield Discovery Depot**

50 Depot Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: 860-487-0062

Fax: 860-429-0646

Email: mdd@mansfieldct.org

Website: <https://www.mansfielddiscoverydepot.org>

Interim Director: Debbie Plourde

School District: All Mansfield schools and surrounding towns.

Ages: 6 weeks to kindergarten

Capacity: 114

Ratio: Infants 3 to 1, Toddlers 4 to 1, 3-4 yr olds and K 10 to 1

Calendar: All year (except the week between Christmas and New Year's and the third week in August); Mon.-Fri.

Program hours: 7:00 am-5:00 pm (M – F); extended care available 5-6 PM

License #: 13856

Staff Qualifications: BA/AA in ECE, Infant/Child/Adult First Aid – CPR Certified. Medication Administration trained.

Wait list available: Yes, please contact director.

NAEYC Accreditation: Yes

Additional Info: Breakfast, Lunch, PM snack included. Child and Adult Care Food Program participant.

Special features: Curriculum is based on NAEYC criteria, CT ELDS – Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards. Full-day kindergarten program.

Building designed for children 6 wks – kindergarten, large indoor gross motor room, beautiful large multi-surface playground.

†Office of Early Childhood-funded Child Day Care spaces may be available. Sliding fee based on family size and income

**Mansfield Pre-Kindergarten Program
(at Goodwin, Southeast and Vinton Elementary Schools)**

Mansfield Public School
4 South Eagleville Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: 860-429-3353

Director: Shamim Patwa, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services,
Mansfield Public Schools

Ages: 3 and 4 yr. olds

Capacity: 18 Students a.m. session; 18 Students p.m. session.

Calendar: Programs follow the Mansfield Public Schools calendar.

Program hours: a.m. session 8:50-11:45 a.m.; p.m. session 12:50-3:30 p.m., M-F

Fee structure: No fee

Transportation: Provided by regular transportation services of the Mansfield Public Schools.

Enrollment: Screening required. Also based on P.P.T. recommendation for special needs children; screenings take place in the spring of each school year by appointment.

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure available: yes

NAEYC accreditation: yes

Special features: In addition to the preschool program described above, the Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program offers a variety of services to preschool-age children and their parents.

Mount Hope Montessori School

48 Bassetts Bridge Rd.
P.O. Box 267
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: 860-423-1070

Email: mthopemontessori@snet.net

Website: www.mounthopemontessori.com

Head of School: KC Carrancio

Office Administrator: Erin Clark

School District: Southeast Elementary School

Ages: Primary Classroom 2 years, 9 months (September of school year) to age 6 (kindergarten)
Toddler Program 2-3 year olds

Capacity: up to 8 toddlers; up to 20 preschoolers (ages 3-4); up to 10 kindergarteners

Calendar: Early September to mid-June for school year. Summer camp program for 8 weeks.
Primarily follows the Mansfield Public Schools calendar.

Program hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm (full day); 9:00 am-12:30 pm (half day); 8:00-9:00 am (before school); 3-5:30 p.m. (after school).

Minimum days per week: Primary-4 consecutive half days or full days *Mon-Thurs
Toddler-3 consecutive half days * Tues-Thurs

Fee structure: Full-day and half-day fees

License #: 12892

Enrollment: start beginning of February; open until all spaces are filled

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Special features: Affiliated with American Montessori Society. Credentialed, highly experienced Montessori teachers guide children through social and academic developmental stages. Multi-age classrooms mean children can learn at their own pace. Extensive outdoor space allows for plenty of exercise. A rich cultural environment celebrates student diversity and promotes love of learning. "Helping children help themselves since 1961"

Staff Qualifications: First Aid, Infant/Child CPR, Medication Administration; Head Teachers are certified by American Montessori Society and the North American Montessori Center

Oak Grove Montessori Elementary and Preschool

132 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: 860-456-1031

Fax: 860-456-2907

Email: admin@ogms.org

Website: www.ogms.org

Head of School: Susan Angelides

Ages: 2 yrs 9 mos – 12 yrs

Capacity: 75

Ratio: 10 to 1 (preschool & K) 10 to 1 (grades 1-6)

Calendar: Close to Mansfield Public Schools calendar

Program hours:

- Preschool and kindergarten:** full day (8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
- 3 yr old program:** available with naps, full and half days (8:30 -12:15 p.m.)
- Grades 1-6:** 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- All ages:** 7:00 a.m. to school opening (before school care); from school closing to 5:30 p.m. (after school care).
- Summer Program:** TBA

Minimum days/hours per week: For Preschool and Kindergarten, 4 half days (12 hours)

Enrollment: Begins in February for the following school year. Openings may be filled at any time.

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR, Administration of inhalant meds. Head teachers must have Montessori Certification.

Additional Info: No meals

Special features: CAIS Accreditation, Affiliated with American Montessori Society and Montessori School of Connecticut

All classrooms are bright and well equipped with age-appropriate materials.

All classes are taught by certified Montessori teachers. Our Mission Statement is:

Nurture the Child

Empower the Student

Unleash the Potential

***University of Connecticut Child Development Laboratories (Child Labs)**

Human Development Center
843 Bolton Rd., U-117
Storrs, CT 06269-1117

Phone: 860-486-2865, *Fax:* 860- 486-5278; *Website:* www.childlabs.uconn.edu

Executive Director: Anne Bladen (M.A. Education, University of Connecticut). Member of National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council of Child Development Laboratory Administrators.

Administrative Coordinator: Janice Bridge

Contact Person: Anne Bladen or Janice Bridge

Ages: 6 weeks to 5 years

Capacity: 16 infants (6 weeks to 18 mos.); 12 toddlers (18 mos.-3 yrs.); 40 preschoolers (3-5 yrs.)

Ratio: Infants/Toddlers 3 to 1, Preschool 5 to 1

Calendar: Ten (10) month program. September through mid-June, Mon – Fri. Closed 1 week in November, 2 weeks in December and 1 week in March.

Program hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (full day); 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (**half day option for preschool only**), Monday-Friday.

Minimum days or hours per week: All day, 5 days/wk, 5 mornings/wk (**half day option for preschool only**).

Fee structure: Sliding scale. Also accept Care-4-Kids.

License #: 13495

Staff Qualifications: All professional staff have at least a B.A/B.S degrees. 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR, Administration of OTC Meds, Administration of Inhalant meds, Administration of Injectable Medications. Ongoing professional development in nature play and social-emotional development.

Enrollment: Registration in March for following August/September

Waiting list available: yes – online; *Brochure/flyer available:* yes – see website

NAEYC accreditation: yes

Special Features- Developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum for all ages. Program Alignment with State of CT Early Learning and Development Standards. Emphasis on social-emotional development, nature exploration and meeting individual needs of children. Outdoor classrooms certified as a “Nature Explore Program” through National Arbor Day Society. Ongoing collaboration with UConn Speech and Language Clinic and Kinesiology Department (Physical Therapy) and ECE faculty. Regular participation in Office of Early Childhood pilot projects. *Training Site for University Students in Early Childhood Development and Education (HDFS).*

Willow House Preschool & Early Learning Center

1208 Stafford Road
Storrs Mansfield, 06268

Phone: 860-429-5240

Email: willowhouse1@att.net

Website: <http://willowhousedaycare.homestead.com/>

Director: Susan Daley

Ages: 6 weeks - 9 years

Capacity: 12 infants (6wks – 18 mos), 8 toddlers (18 mos – 36 mos), 10 Preschoolers (3 – 5 years)

Calendar: Monday through Friday year round. Closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th. Also the first Friday and Monday in August.

Program hours: 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fee structure: Full week, part week. Half days and 6 hours of care are available. Sibling discount. Sliding tuition fee scale available for families. Call or email for tuition fee(s) and availability.

License #: DCCC13500

Waiting list available: yes, please contact Director for more information.

Brochure/flyer available: yes

NAEYC Accreditation: no

Staff Qualifications: Teaching staff have early childhood degrees along with First Aid/CPR and continuing education in the early childhood field. Teaching staff also are trained in the Administration of Inhalant and injectable medications

Additional Info: Breakfast and PM snack provided

Curriculum: Each of our early education programs start with planning based upon each child's individual needs that is assessed through the Office of Early Childhood Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS) along with information from families about their child. All of this helps us to help build each child's confidence and help children feel good about themselves.

Special features: With 32 years of experience in early childhood education, hundreds of families have entrusted us with caring for and educating their child. Each child's safety and security is as important as academics and activities. Located convenient to home, work, and/or local universities such as UCONN and Eastern. We provide an inviting environment for children and families with positive routines. We are open late and have flexible schedule options for families.

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Mansfield Parks & Recreation Before and After School Friends Program

Locations:

Mansfield Community Center, 10 South Eagleville Rd. Mansfield, CT 06268

Vinton Elementary School, 306 Stafford Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Southeast Elementary School, 134 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Goodwin Elementary School, 321 Hunting Lodge Road, Storrs Mansfield, 06268

Phone: 860-429-3015, *Fax:* 860-429-9773

Email: jared.redmond@mansfieldct.org

Website: www.mansfieldcc.com

Program Director: Jared Redmond

Ages: K-5 at MCC location and K-8 at VES and SES locations

Calendar: Program operates all days school is in session, including scheduled half days. If Mansfield Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the program is closed.

Program hours: Before School Hours (VES and SES ONLY) – 7:00am to start of school day. After school programs runs from school dismissal to 6:00pm. Transportation is provided from the elementary and middle schools to the Community Center.

Minimum days/week: Pre-registered Drop In available and any combination of consistent days per month.

Fee structure: Regularly scheduled days (by month) is \$10.50 each morning/\$13 each afternoon. Drop-In Rate is \$12.50 each morning/\$15 each afternoon. Fees vary from month to month based on the number of days/hours the program runs.

Enrollment: open

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Staff Qualifications: Red Cross First Aid and Infant/Child CPR certifications

Additional info: Snack provided from the Mansfield Public School Food Services Department

Special features: The After-School Friends Program offers a safe, fun and relaxed atmosphere for children at the end of the school day. The program is for children in grades K – 5 whose parents would like them to join special activities in a peer setting, or are unable to care for them after school. Participants are bused to the Community Center from their schools daily or have the option of staying at Vinton or Southeast Schools. The children are offered daily snacks and beverages upon arrival to the Community Center.

Fee waiver program available, call for more information

HOME CARE

Vincentia (Tia) Fricano
Forever Friends Day Care
32 Puddin Lane
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: 860-456-1176

Email: tiafricano@charter.net

School District: Vinton

Ages: 6 months - pre-kindergarten

Capacity: 6 FT, plus 3 before and after school. Ratio: 6 to1

Calendar: Open during the Mansfield Public School year, Mon.-Fri.; open during the summer Mon – Thurs. Follow the school calendar for holidays, winter and spring break.

Program hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Minimum days or hours per week: part-timers considered on space-available basis

Fee structure: Please inquire

Enrollment: open

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: no

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, CPR

License #: 21194

Additional Info: Meals provided.

Pet(s): 1 dog

Special features: It is my philosophy to provide a loving, caring and nurturing environment for the children placed in my day care. I hope the children come to think of my day care as a home away from home. I use a theme-based preschool curriculum. In addition, we read, have music and movement, cook, play outdoors and have plenty of time for free play to interact with one another. We occasionally take field trips.

I provide meals and snacks. I am first aid and CPR certified and an active member of the Windham Area Family Child Care Association.

Mary Hodgins
Old Schoolhouse Family Child Care/Preschool
23 Old Schoolhouse Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Phone: 860-429-7095(h) or 860-465-7710(c)

School District: Goodwin, Vinton, MMS

Ages: 12 months - grade 5

Capacity: 9 children (2 under 2 yrs.; 4 between 2 and 5 yrs.; 3 before- and after-school)

Calendar: Mon.-Fri., all year, except major holidays and 3 weeks' vacation during the year.

Program hours: 7:30am-5:00pm (full day); 7-8:15am (before school); 4-5:00 p.m. (after school).

Minimum days or hours per week: flexible depending on current openings – full days

Fee structure: daily/weekly; accepts Care4Kids

License #: dcfh35279

Enrollment: open

Capacity: 6 Full Time, 3 Before and After school

Staff Qualifications: 1st aid, Infant/Child CPR. Medication Administration for Child Care. The provider has a Child Development Associate certificate.

Waiting list available: yes

Brochure/flyer available: yes

Additional Info: Meals included

Pet(s): 1 dog, 2 cats

Special features: A “Homey” natural learning environment where children are offered a large indoor area specifically designed for home day care with many special features. The provider offers a large array of pre-school activities with a focus on time to learn social interaction. The provider is situated at the end of a cul-de-sac with a large fenced-in play area offering many physical and hands-on activities to help nurture and develop young bodies and minds.

Also included in your child's day is a professionally-developed pre-school program designed to develop basic skills essential to the learning curve as they progress in age towards formal schooling. A meal program is available which supplies breakfast, lunch and a snack at no additional cost.

Karri Prandy
Kare-A-Lot Daycare
10 Ridge Road
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268

Phone: 860-208-0503

Email: karealot07@gmail.com

School District: Goodwin

Ages: 6 weeks and up

Capacity: 6 Full-time, including 2 under 2 years old, 3 before/after school

Calendar: Open year round, following the Mansfield school calendar of regular closings.

Program Hours: 7:30am – 5:00pm (some flexibility considered).

Minimum days/hours per week: Full time, part time considered.

Fee Structure: Inquire, fees based on age and schedule.

Additional Info: CPR, first Aid Certified, snacks and beverages provided

License #: 54607

Special features: Kare-A-Lot is located in a quiet neighborhood circle, behind UCONN. Our goal is to provide a loving, safe environment where children come to play. We offer a flexible daily schedule, including outdoor time, free play, reading, music, and more! Here, children enjoy the art of being children!

Nancy Trudeau
Three Bears Day Care
2 Mt. Hope Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Phone: 860-617-5218

Email: mocek_n@yahoo.com

School District: Southeast

Ages: 3 months to 12 years old

Capacity: 6 Full-time, including 2 under 2 years old, 3 before/after school

Calendar: Year round, three scheduled vacations per year

Program Hours: 6:00am – 6:00pm (flexible scheduling)

Minimum days/hours per week: Minimum 2 days/week

Fee Structure: Inquire, based on age.

Additional Info: CPR, First Aid Certified, CNA certification

Meals: breakfast, lunch, and a snack provided

Pets: 1 dog

License #: 52343

Special features: I am a licensed childcare provider who has provided care for the last 15 years in Mansfield. I am located in Southeast District of Mansfield at the end of a quiet dead end road. I am CPR/First Aid certified. I was a Medical Assistant for many years before starting my daycare business. While I believe everyone has their own style of parenting, I also know it takes a Village.

I am not a preschool but I do have structured activities during the day. Reading, Arts/Crafts, free play, outdoor time etc. We work daily on our manners, respect, personal space, using our words. All tools the children will need when starting school.

I do use some Sign Language and have had experience with Autism and Cerebral Palsy.

Please feel free to contact me with questions.