



**A Private Non-Profit
Year-round Preschool
and Childcare Program
Serving Infants
through Grade 2
Established 1975**





“As this school season comes to a close, I think of the quality care, attention to excellence and love that you have given for the footings and foundations of my daughter’s life. She stands very much on the solid loving work that you have done.”

CCC Family



A Place for Children and Families Since 1975

Concord Children’s Center is a year-round private, non-profit organization, governed by a volunteer board of directors composed of parents and staff. We provide the best early education and care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children at three sites in Concord, Massachusetts.

What Makes Us Unique

Our Educational Philosophy

Concord Children’s Center’s educational philosophy is guided by well researched principles advocating that the best preparation for a child’s development and future learning is open ended, child initiated play. Our child centered approach helps each child reach challenging and achievable goals, vital to ongoing learning and development. Throughout the day our teachers guide children through the creation of new learning experiences, building the foundations for children’s confidence in themselves, the development of meaningful relationships, and a curiosity about learning. In our intimate and supportive learning environments we respond to individual learning styles, addressing each child at their own developmental stage.



Our Teachers

Our commitment to hiring, training and retaining the very best teachers has resulted in typical center-wide teacher tenure of 8-10 years. Our teachers are enthusiastic early childhood educators with a thorough knowledge of child development. 90% of Concord Children's Center teachers have undergraduate or advanced degrees in Early Childhood Education and related fields.

With favorable student-teacher ratios, there are continuous opportunities for interaction between the children and teachers, and for the children to learn by positive personal example. By hiring excellent people, providing competitive compensation, and superior professional development opportunities, Concord Children's Center maintains a stable, nurturing, and inspiring environment for children.



Our Flexible Schedule

CCC offers flexible full and part-time schedules tailored to fit the needs of children and their families. Children may be enrolled for as little as three mornings a week or for as much as five full days. The year before kindergarten children are enrolled for a minimum of four mornings. Children enrolled in our afterschool program attend on early release days and selected afternoons. We provide full day programs for school age children through grade 2 on the Concord Public School's professional days and specific holidays.



Our programs ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Infants, Toddlers and Twos

Our Emerson, West Concord and Ripley programs provide our youngest children a safe and nurturing place in which to grow and develop. The warm, sensitive, and responsive care provided by our professional teachers, knowledgeable in infant and toddler development, help infants, toddlers, and twos acquire new skills and understanding about themselves. The partnerships our teachers form with parents assure an environment that is responsive to each child's individual needs and development.

West Concord

1300 Main Street, Concord MA 01742
978.369.6790

Ripley

120 Meriam Road, Concord MA 01742
978.369.5983

Emerson

134 Old Road to Nine Acre Corner
Concord MA 01742
978.369.0492

Preschool

In our four preschool classrooms at our West Concord program, and our two preschool classrooms at our Ripley program, teachers provide the security and stability that free the child to be curious, to become involved in play with other children, and to discover. Children are invited to be actively involved in their own learning by asking questions, reflecting upon what they are doing and connecting new knowledge with past experience. Our teachers are skilled in following the interests of the child and scaffolding curriculum to build on children's natural curiosity and desire to learn. Developing the social and emotional lives of young children lies at the core of each teacher's curriculum decisions.

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“I want every child to understand their uniqueness. When they understand and appreciate their own uniqueness and that of others, it is part of preparing them for the world.”

Julie Recco, toddler teacher since 1993



Concord Children's Center's Afterschool program has been suspended for the 2020-2021 school year. Afterschool will be offered by the Town of Concord in Concord elementary schools at the end of the school day in the interests of safety. For information, please contact the Concord Recreation Department. We look forward to resuming our Afterschool program. Please contact Candice Campbell enrollment@concordchildrenscener.org for the most up to date information for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Afterschool

Our afternoon program for children attending kindergarten, first or second grade, combines opportunities for active and quiet play, for child initiated and teacher directed curriculum, and for a variety of activities that motivate children to explore and learn. The early childhood focus of our program supports the developmental stage of young elementary aged children, reinforcing the social, emotional, and intellectual skills they are mastering. Concord Public Schools transport children from all three elementary schools to either CCC Ripley (Alcott and Willard only) or CCC West Concord (Alcott, Thoreau and Willard).



Our Summer Program

Concord Children's Center summer program is a relaxed continuation of our school year program available to children currently enrolled and to new families enrolling for the upcoming year. Children entering the Children's Center for the first time are able to make new friends and meet our teachers prior to the Fall start of school.



“The excitement of children when they discover new things keeps me excited about teaching. Each day is a new day and every day is different.”

Penni Hensley Wagner, teacher and program director at the Ripley program since 1984

Our Community

Concord Children's Center creates a vibrant community for families. Social events and volunteer activities provide a framework for developing inter-family relationships. Families are encouraged to become involved in all aspects of the school and are always welcome to spend time in the classroom. Concord Children's Center is committed to working in partnership with parents to provide the best early childhood experience for children.



Local Leader in Early Childhood

Concord Children's Center has been a local leader in early childhood education since 1975. We host regional professional development events for teachers and participate in a variety of early childhood development forums. We maintain an ongoing relationship with the public schools, working collaboratively to assure the successful transition of our children from preschool to kindergarten.





The mission of Concord Children's Center is to cultivate an intimate, welcoming community where children develop respectful relationships and inquisitive minds, build confidence in their individual gifts, and are engaged, prepared and inspired to learn.



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