

Our highly qualified and experienced staff will ensure that your child is receiving the best care and education possible. Professional training is provided to the staff to ensure staff is up to date with current developments in education. Teachers provide ongoing dialogue with families during drop off and pick up time. Conferences are scheduled during the year to go over your child's progress.

Program Highlights

- Hours from 6:30 am- 5:45 pm
- Curriculum follows RI Early Learning Standards
- Licensed by D.C.Y.F. and the Department of Education
- New Security System
- New Playground & Low Ratios
- Easy access from Rte. 295
- Multi-child discounts available
- Full year childcare available
- Financial Aid available

FOUR CORNERS YMCA



early Learning Center

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Children Deserve the Best!

Y Philosophy

Children deserve excitement, education and adventure from their early childhood program and that is exactly what the YMCA provides! The YMCA's Early Learning Center allows children to spend their days in a safe environment. Children have fun in guided recreation, develop lasting friendships and skills that last a lifetime!

The YMCA Early Learning Program is designed around activity-centered classrooms where children are guided by teachers to motivate learning in all areas that the children have shown an interest. This may be done through talking, questioning or through the children's play. A variety of learning experiences are provided throughout the child's structured day.

All children need to discover what they can do, what they like to do, what they do best, and what is worth doing. The more the children have heard and seen, the more they want to hear and see. We will provide in our school many opportunities for self expression and discovery.

A good teacher does not intrude on the child's learning but stands ready to give guidance and direction as the child asks for it. The teacher does not always provide the children with an answer but, instead, provides opportunities for the child to seek the answers to the questions he or she is motivated to ask.

We believe that the YMCA Early Learning Center should be an extension of the home rather than a substitute. This cooperative relationship encourages the child to learn and to develop both at home and through the program with parents' involvement.

The program provides each child with opportunities that encourage the child's self-esteem and positive self-image. Children will engage in social interaction, self-expression and learn communication skills while developing creative expression.

Y Programs

Toddler (ages 18 months - 36 months) - The first three years of a child's life set the stage for all of the years to follow. The Four Corners YMCA Early Learning Center's curriculum is developed to help toddlers build a sense of autonomy, through activities that allow them many opportunities for freedom in self-directed play centers. Our program focuses on learning through the developmental areas of cognitive, social-emotional, language and physical development, utilizing "play" as the focal point for all learning. We monitor and assist children in the acquisition of new skills, believing that children learn at their own pace, developing skills as they build upon gained knowledge. Toddlers are encouraged to use their senses to explore their world.

Kindergarten Enrichment (children attending public school) - This program is structured to facilitate the development of each child in a warm and nurturing environment, while offering growth activities and opportunities for socialization. The child will attend their regular public kindergarten class for half of the day and the other half will be spent in the enrichment program. Experienced staff will foster the development of basic skills and concepts in reading and math and will encourage the formation of both large and small social groups throughout the day.

Preschool Program (must be age 3) - Our Preschool program provides a rich environment where children are encouraged to explore and are challenged to learn, while making friends and developing self-confidence. We offer a values-based program designed to build self-esteem, strengthen positive values and establish healthy behaviors. Since preschoolers learn by doing, we provide many opportunities for hands on experiences. Observation-based and portfolio assessments are used to monitor your child's progress during the year.

Pre-Kindergarten (must be age 4) - This is an important time in a child's life to prepare for school and develop a love of learning. In our Pre-K classes, we promote independence while preparing your child for Kindergarten. We help make this exciting transition easier by providing the children with a more structured environment. Whole group activities develop social skills, listening and cooperation. Your child will continue learning the skills they need to get them ready for Kindergarten. We strive to meet the developmental needs and temperament of each individual child by working in partnership with families. Observation-based and portfolio assessments are used to monitor your child's progress.

Kindergarten (age 5 by September 1) Our full day licensed Kindergarten is a skill based program designed to prepare your child for first grade and success in school. Your child will enjoy the individual attention provided with small class sizes. Children are exposed to many activities with a strong focus on writing, literacy, language, math and science. Formal and informal assessment is conducted to monitor your child's progress. Children who attend our full day kindergarten will be fully prepared for first grade. Before and after school care able at no additional charge.

