

# EARLY EDUCATION & CHILD CARE FACILITIES

RANKED BY CAPACITY

	CENTER	CAPACITY AND AGES	HOURS	ADMINISTRATOR	SERVICES
1	<b>HOLYOKE/CHICOPEE/SPRINGFIELD HEAD START INC.</b> 30 Madison Ave., Springfield, MA 01105 (413) 788-6522; www.hcsheadstart.org	<b>1,000</b> 4 weeks to 5 years	6:30 or 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (times vary by location)	Janis Santos	Full-day/full-year, part-day/school year, and migrant Head Start and early Head Start programming to eligible children and families living in the Greater Springfield area, including Holyoke, Chicopee, Ludlow, and Palmer
1	<b>YMCA OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD</b> 275 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01104 (413) 739-6955; www.springfieldy.org	<b>1,100</b> 4 weeks to 12 years	6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (hours vary by location)	Dave Farrell	Year-round educational programs at 19 locations in Springfield, Chicopee, Wilbraham, Monson, West Springfield and Palmer; scholarships available
3	<b>SQUARE ONE</b> 1095 Main St., Floor 2, Springfield, MA 01103 (413) 732-5183; www.startatsquareone.org	<b>1,100</b> 4 weeks to 12 years	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Joan Kagan	Three center-based educational programs in Springfield and Holyoke; multiple (before and after) school-age sites throughout Springfield; monitored, home-based child-care providers in the Greater Springfield area; all programs aligned to EEC standards; parent-education, skill-building, and support groups; child-friendly health and wellness (LAUNCH) program
4	<b>THE KIDS PLACE INC.</b> 2149 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 (413) 596-9509; www.thekidsplace.org	<b>872</b> 4 weeks to 8 years; some school age	7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Scott Peterson	Early education and care; year-round program; capacity includes sites in Wilbraham, Springfield, West Springfield, East Longmeadow, Westfield, and Holyoke
5	<b>VALLEY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL</b> 300 High St., Holyoke, MA 01040 (413) 552-1559; www.valleyopp.com	<b>751</b> Infant, toddler, pre-school, and school age	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Mark Leonas Rae-Ann Rogers	Seven centers in Holyoke and Chicopee; 88 licensed family child-care homes throughout Hampden County; comprehensive services for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children
6	<b>GIGGLE GARDENS</b> 627 State St., Springfield, MA 01109 (413) 439-0391; www.gigglegardens.com	<b>454</b> 1 month to 12 years	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Tasha Johnson	Educational programs; lessons tailored to each child's unique learning style; daily activities include singing, dance, reading, outdoor play, social development, story time, games, large and fine motor-skill development, circle time, counting, cooking, letter recognition, character-building activities
7	<b>THE ARBORS KIDS</b> 999 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA 01020; (413) 593-6300 126 Industrial Dr., East Longmeadow, MA 01028; (413) 224-1770 74 Walnut St., Springfield, MA 01105; (413) 734-6300 www.arborskids.com	<b>271</b> Infant to 12 years	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Christina Rolfe, Amy White (Chicopee); Nicole Gebo, Jessica Thomas (East Longmeadow)	Educational programs; infant, toddler, and preschool; after-school and before-school programs; cameras allow parents to view class remotely; summer camp
8	<b>CHILDREN'S HOUSE INC.</b> 720 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01109 (413) 782-4448; www.childrenshouseinc.org	<b>200</b> 8 weeks to 7 years	6:45 or 7 a.m. to 5:30 or 6 p.m., depending on location	Mary Larrivee	Educational programs; provides lunch and snacks for children; one Holyoke and two Springfield sites
9	<b>ROOTS LEARNING CENTER</b> 1029 North Road, Westfield MA 01085; (413) 538-4186 217 Root Road, Westfield, MA 01085; (413) 562-1767 www.rootslearningcenter.com	<b>185</b> 4 weeks to 5 years	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Stephanie Anderson Becky King	Infant program; toddler and preschool program; pre-kindergarten program; developmentally appropriate curriculum
10	<b>SPRINGFIELD JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER</b> Early Childhood Learning Center 1160 Dickinson St., Springfield, MA 01108 (413) 739-4715; www.springfieldjcc.org	<b>179</b> 15 months to 5 years	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Debra Cohen	Full-day and part-day options; active learning centers; group circle activities; multi-media art projects; active indoor and outdoor play
11	<b>OPEN ARMS CHILD CARE CENTER</b> 568 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077; (413) 569-5151 1504 Allen St., Springfield, MA 01118; (413) 782-7600 www.myopenarms.com	<b>170</b> 6 weeks to 12 years (Southwick) 6 weeks to 5 years (Springfield)	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Kathie Couture (Southwick) Nicole Cava (Springfield)	Year-round care; Christian curriculum; educational programs; infant, toddler, and preschool; before- and after-school programs; remote cameras; indoor and outdoor playscapes; weekly enrichments; library with reading specialist on staff (Southwick); flexible schedules; military and corporate discounts
12	<b>AMHERST MONTESSORI SCHOOL</b> 27 Pomeroy Lane, Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 253-3101; www.amherstmontessori.org	<b>125</b> 6 months to grade 6	8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. (before and after care available)	Shelley Poreda	Montessori early education for 6 months through grade 6, featuring classrooms designed to support child development and a curriculum that integrates music, art, life skills, outdoor time, PE, Spanish, and more
13	<b>MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS</b> 455 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01109; (413) 732-2182 20 Lathrop St., West Springfield, MA 01089; (413) 734-8979 www.makewayforducklingsnurseryschool.com	<b>118</b> 33 months to KG (Springfield) 33 months to 5 years (West Springfield)	Part- and full-time hours at both locations (school calendar only)	Ann Rogalski	Preschool and kindergarten classes; gym and music programs; half- and full-day care; Bodies in Motion, tae kwon do, and dance
14	<b>CREATIVE KIDS INC.</b> 1251 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA 01085 (413) 568-9822; www.creativekidswestfield.com	<b>103</b> 12 months to 7 years	7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Frances Frere Sherri Morini	Educational preschool programs; spacious indoor activity room; open year-round; full- and half-day programs; toddler half-day nursery program; summer adventures
15	<b>MITTINEAGUE METHODIST COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL</b> 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield, MA 01089 (413) 736-2770; www.mmpskids.com	<b>94</b> 33 months to 7 years	Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Christina Rolfe	Full developmental curriculum
16	<b>NEW BEGINNINGS CHILDCARE CENTER</b> Springfield Partners for Community Action 721 State St., Springfield, MA 01109 (413) 263-6500; www.springfieldpartnersinc.com	<b>89</b> 1 month to 5 years	6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Heather Rose	Year-round care; licensed by the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care
17	<b>KINDERCARE</b> 28 Dwight Road., Longmeadow, MA 01106 (413) 567-9264; www.kindercare.com	<b>87</b> 6 weeks to 12 years (Springfield) 6 weeks to 5 years (Longmeadow)	6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Alison Tassinari (Springfield) Danielle Hawkins(Longmeadow)	Capacity includes Springfield site in addition to Longmeadow location; educational programs include reading-ready programs and Kelsy's Learning Adventures
18	<b>LONGMEADOW MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE</b> 777 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, MA 01106 (413) 567-1820; www.longmeadowmontessori.org	<b>82</b> 33 months to 6 years	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Mary Jo McNamara	Montessori-based preschool and kindergarten program promoting creativity, independence, and self-confidence, preparing children for a lifelong love of learning
19	<b>BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS</b> 411 Granby Road, South Hadley, MA 01075 (413) 532-5303; www.brighterbeginningcc.com	<b>74</b> 6 weeks to 6 years	6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Lillian Krause-Ely	Infant, toddler, preschool, full-year child care
20	<b>SIDE BY SIDE PRESCHOOL &amp; CHILD CARE CENTER</b> 27 Streiber Dr., Chicopee, MA 01020 (413) 532-2388; www.sidebysidepreschool.com	<b>71</b> 2 years, 9 months to 14 years	7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Lisa Martin Carole Grenier	Outdoor playground, providing children with a positive and supportive learning atmosphere; year-round educational programs; before- and after-school and summer programs; open enrollment; small classroom setting
21	<b>ALL ABOUT LEARNING, LLC</b> 400 Riverglade Dr., Amherst, MA 01003; (413) 256-0013 287 Russell St., Hadley, MA 01035; (413) 586-1313 www.allaboutlearningmass.com	<b>70</b> (35 each site) 2 months to preschool	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Leona Barrett	Educational programs for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers; individual attention; weekly progress reports monitor growth and development of all students; specific goals for each child
22	<b>WOODSIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER</b> 155 Woodside Ave., Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 253-2604; www.woodsidechildrenscenter.org	<b>41</b> Infant to 5 years	8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (full day) 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (half day)	Jennifer Tucker	Full-year educational program that provides infant, toddler, and preschool programming
23	<b>ARMORY SQUARE CHILD CARE INC.</b> One Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01105; (413) 737-3455 www.stcc.edu/student-services/childcare.asp	<b>40</b> 33 months to 6 years	7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Charity Provost	Nonprofit facility on the campus of STCC; providing children with a positive and supportive learning environment
24	<b>HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE EARLY LEARNING CENTER</b> 893 West St., Amherst, MA 01002; (413) 559-5706 www.hampshire.edu/elc/the-early-learning-center	<b>36</b> 2 months to 5 years	8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Casie Smith	Reggio Emilia-inspired campus; early-childhood program