

EARLY EDUCATION & CHILD CARE FACILITIES RANKED BY CAPACITY

	CENTER	CAPACITY AND AGES	HOURS	ADMINISTRATOR	SERVICES
1	YMCA OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD 1500 Main St., Springfield, MA 01115 (413) 739-6955; www.springfieldy.org	1,100 4 weeks to 12 years; teens up to age 18	6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (hours vary by location)	Uriah Rodriguez	Year-round educational programs at 19 locations in Springfield, Chicopee, and Wilbraham; scholarships available
2	HOLYOKE/CHICOPEE/SPRINGFIELD HEAD START INC. 30 Madison Ave., Springfield, MA 01105 (413) 788-6522; www.hcsheadstart.org	1,000 4 weeks to 5 years	6:30 or 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (times vary by location)	Nicole Blais	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, and Ludlow; new Child & Family Center at 145 Union St., Springfield, is a partnership with MGM Springfield
3	THE KIDS PLACE INC. 2149 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095 (413) 596-9509; www.thekidsplace.org	872 4 weeks to 8 years; some school age	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Scott Peterson	Early education and care; year-round program; capacity includes sites in Wilbraham, Springfield, East Longmeadow, Westfield, and Holyoke
4	VALLEY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL 300 High St., Holyoke, MA 01040 35 Mount Carmel Ave., Chicopee, MA 01013 (413) 552-1559; www.valleyopp.com	751 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; 103 licensed family child-care homes throughout Hampden County; comprehensive services for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children
5	SQUARE ONE 1095 Main St., Floor 2, Springfield, MA 01103 (413) 732-5183; www.startatsquareone.org	500 (1,500 families in early learning) 4 weeks to 12 years	Center hours vary	Dawn DiStefano	Center-based child care and family-based child care; emphasis in family-support care
6	GIGGLE GARDENS 627 State St., Springfield, MA 01109 (413) 439-0391; www.gigglegardens.com	250 8 weeks to 13 years	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Kelly Trudeau	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	CHILDREN'S HOUSE INC. 720 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01109 (413) 782-4448; www.childrenshouseinc.org	200 8 weeks to 7 years	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Pamela Flowers	Educational programs; provides lunch and snacks for children; one Holyoke and two Springfield sites
8	PLAYFUL MINDS 999 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA 01020 (413) 593-6300; www.playfulminds.com	190 Infant to 12 years	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Alicia Williams	Educational programs; infant, toddler, and preschool; after-school and before-school programs; cameras allow parents to view class remotely; summer camp
9	ROOTS LEARNING CENTER 1029 North Road, Westfield MA 01085; (413) 538-4186 217 Root Road, Westfield, MA 01085; (413) 562-1767 www.rootslearningcenter.com	185 4 weeks to 5 years	7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Stephanie Anderson Becky King Grace Johnson Nichole Cava	Infant program; toddler and preschool program; pre-kindergarten program; developmentally appropriate curriculum
10	SPRINGFIELD JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER Early Childhood Learning Center 1160 Dickinson St., Springfield, MA 01108 (413) 739-4715; www.springfieldjcc.org	179 15 months to 5 years	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	N/A	Full-day and part-day options; active learning centers; group circle activities; multi-media art projects; active indoor and outdoor play
11	OPEN ARMS CHILD CARE CENTER 568 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077 (413) 569-5151; www.myopenarms.com	170 6 weeks to 5 years	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Kathie Couture	Year-round care; Christian curriculum; educational programs; infant, toddler, preschool, and pre-K; remote cameras; indoor and outdoor playscapes; weekly enrichments; library with reading specialist on staff; flexible schedules; military and corporate discounts
12	AMHERST MONTESSORI SCHOOL 27 Pomeroy Lane, Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 253-3101; www.amherstmontessori.org	125 3 months to grade 6	8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. (before and after care available until 5:30 p.m.)	Kelly Edreich	Montessori early education for 3 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	NEW BEGINNINGS CHILDCARE CENTER Springfield Partners for Community Action 721 State St., Springfield, MA 01109 (413) 263-6500; www.springfieldpartnersinc.com	107 1 month to 5 years	6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Tabitha Desplaines J.C. Shnaeel	Year-round care; licensed by the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care; currently expanding
14	BRIGHT FUTURES 74 Walnut St., Springfield, MA 01105 (413) 734-6300; www.choosebrightfutures.org	103 6 weeks to 10 years	7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Deb Stasiowski Kathy Karowski	Educational programs; infant, toddler, and preschool; after-school and before-school programs
15	KINDERCARE 28 Dwight Road., Longmeadow, MA 01106; (413) 567-9264 201 Cooley St., Springfield, MA 01128; (413) 783-2323 www.kindercare.com	91 6 weeks to 6 years (Springfield) 6 weeks to 5 years (Longmeadow)	6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Lacie Collins (Springfield) Joey'ann Gebo (Longmeadow)	Capacity includes Springfield site in addition to Longmeadow location; educational programs include reading-ready programs and Kelsy's Learning Adventures in Longmeadow
16	ALL ABOUT LEARNING, LLC 7 Pomeroy Lane, Amherst, MA 01003 (413) 256-0013	85 2 months to preschool	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Melissa Wilder	Educational programs for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers; individual attention; weekly progress reports monitor growth and development of all students; specific goals for each child
17	LONGMEADOW MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE 777 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, MA 01106 (413) 567-1820; www.longmeadowmontessori.org	82 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
18	CREATIVE KIDS INC. 1251 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA 01085 (413) 568-9822; www.creativekidswestfield.com	74 3 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-day program; summer adventures
19	MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS 455 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118 (413) 732-2182; www.ducklings-nursery.com	72 33 months to KG	7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Rachel Szlachetka	Full-time and part-time preschool classes; gym and music classes also included in monthly tuition; an encouraging atmosphere and enriched curriculum help children develop a love for learning while creating a strong foundation for them to build on
20	BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS 411 Granby Road, South Hadley, MA 01075 (413) 532-5303; www.brighterbeginningcc.com	71 6 weeks to 6 years	6:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Lillian Krause-Ely	Infant, toddler, preschool, full-year child care
21	SIDE BY SIDE PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE CENTER 27 Streiber Dr., Chicopee, MA 01020 (413) 532-2388; www.sidebysidepreschool.com	65 2 years, 9 months to 11 years	7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Lisa Martin	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
22	WOODSIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER 155 Woodside Ave., Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 253-2604; www.woodsidechildrenscenter.org	41 Infant to 8 years	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Susan Dexter	Full-year educational program that provides infant, toddler, and preschool programming
23	HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE EARLY LEARNING CENTER 893 West St., Amherst, MA 01002; (413) 559-5706 www.hampshire.edu/elc/the-early-learning-center	36 2 months to 5 years	8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Romit Ben-Shir	Reggio Emilia-inspired campus; early-childhood program
24	ARMORY SQUARE CHILD CARE INC. One Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01105; (413) 755-4955 www.stcc.edu/student-services/childcare.asp	20 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