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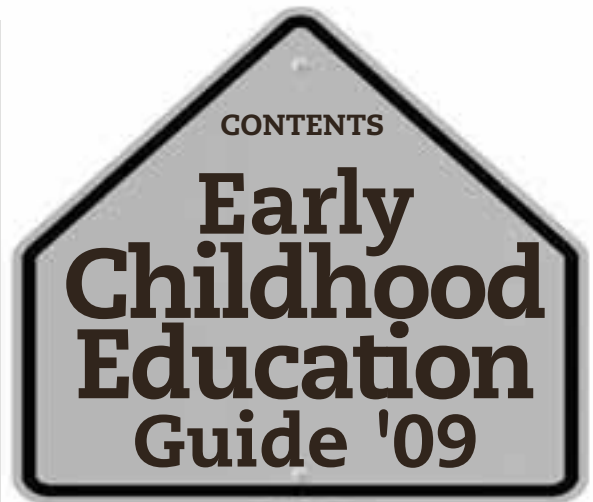
# Childhood Education

**Guide '09**



**Teaching children good social skills**





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# Fun with Sequencing:

## Putting things in order

Courtesy of The Ready at Five Partnership

**R**outines are a way to help your child understand sequencing. Talking to your child about what happens next helps her understand order and feel secure because she knows what to expect. By helping your child understand order (through songs, daily routines and books), you are helping your child get an important jump on understanding an early math skill. Try these suggestions.

### Infant:

- Sing "Head, shoulders, knees and toes." As you sing, be sure to gently touch each body part mentioned.
- Establish routines. By 3 months old, routines can help your baby make sense of the world and feel safe in it. It is especially helpful to follow a bedtime routine that may include a bath, books, lullabies, kisses and then bed. Be sure to follow the same order each night.
- Talk to your baby during everyday activities. When getting your infant dressed, say: "Let's put on your shirt. First, it goes over your head, now one arm goes through the hole and here comes the next arm. All done, your shirt is on." Or, when getting ready for a walk, say, "Let's put on your coat and your hat."

### Toddler:

- Sing songs like "Rain, Rain Go Away" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider" with your child. Teach your child

the gestures that go with "Itsy Bitsy Spider." Your child will soon know the order of the hand motions by heart.

- Cook with your child. Try making fruit salad. As you cook, talk about the steps: "First, let's put in the blueberries. Second, we'll add the grapes. Third, we'll add the strawberries." Have your child put the fruit in the bowl.

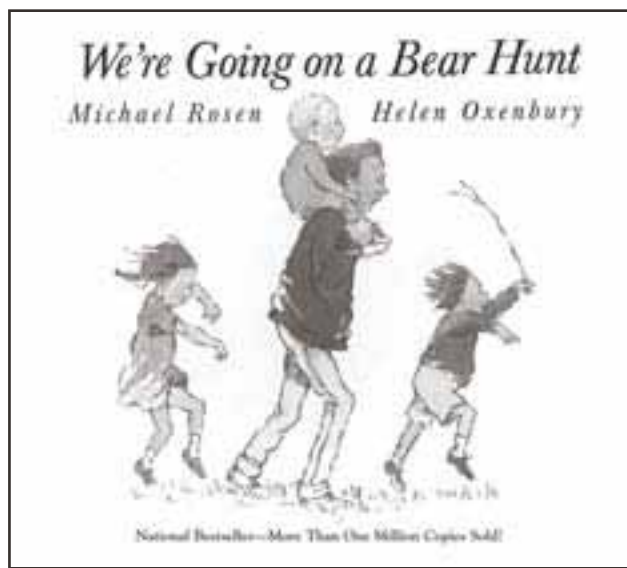
### Preschoolers:

- Teach your preschooler musical games such as Hokey Pokey, Miss Mary Mack and Musical Chairs.
- Help your child understand sequences. Talk about your daily routines. For example, "First we wake up, second we brush our teeth, and third we eat breakfast." Help your child talk about other routines. At bedtime say: "We just had our bath, what do we do next before bed?"
- Use musical instruments to play a sequence game.

Have your child follow the sequence you do, for example: drum, tambourine, shaker. Let her make up a sequence for you to follow. Ask her if you did it correctly.

- Read the book "Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. See if your child can remember the sequence of events.

*Ready At Five is a statewide partnership of public and private organizations whose goal is to make sure all children enter school in Maryland ready to learn and succeed. For more information, visit [www.readyatfive.org](http://www.readyatfive.org).*



"We're Going on a Bear Hunt" cover courtesy of Simon and Schuster, Inc. Baby with headphones: ©istockphoto / Anette Romanenko

# Teaching Children Good Social Skills

Survey highlights the importance of teaching children good social skills



**Y**our 4-year-old may already know how to tie her own shoelaces and spell out her first and last names. But as preschool looms around the corner, are you worried about how well they'll fit in with the rest of the classroom?

According to a nationwide survey of 1,000 parents conducted by Mom Central on behalf of Hasbro Inc., the majority of parents feel the same way with 90 percent considering social skills to be vital to their children's happiness and confidence.

Nearly eight out of 10 parents also think social skills are more important than academic skills when it comes to their child's overall happiness. As a matter of fact, parents gave social skills a higher ranking than academic skills on the survey in nearly every area of child development.

"More than ever, our children must get along with others to function effectively," says Stacy DeBroff, chief executive officer of Mom Central, found at [www.momcentral.com](http://www.momcentral.com). "In this age of team sports and structured play, it has never been more critical for our children to master socialization skills. From children's play groups to collaboration in the classroom, kids today engage in significantly more structured group activities, raising the profile and the necessity for good social skills."

According to the survey, one in five parents feel overwhelmed with teaching social skills and more than one-third say that teaching social skills leads to frustration. In response, DeBroff has developed some tips parents can

use to help their child learn social skills in a positive and reinforcing way:

- **Lead by example.**

Children are excellent observers. If they see Mom and Dad using polite language, sharing and being respectful, they will follow their parents' guidance.

- **Play with them in an educational way.**

Children love to play games with their parents because it provides them with direct attention. Noodleboro by Hasbro is a new line of board games, which includes storybooks and audio CDs that nurture preschoolers' social skills through laughter and play.

- **Take a problem-solving approach.**

If a situation becomes stressful, encourage your child to talk about the issues they might have with saying "please," and "thank you" or sharing their toys with their friends. By allowing children to talk, they often discover for themselves what's causing the problem while also coming up with unique ways in which they will be able to handle themselves.

"It's more than just manners, it's sharing, it's listening, and it's engaging with others. The Noodleboro games offer an innovative way to use a classic board game to reward and challenge kids as they learn valuable social skills," says DeBroff.

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# Comparing & Contrasting:

## Are they the same or different?

Courtesy of The Ready at Five Partnership

**H**elping your child learn math skills by comparing and contrasting will help strengthen his ability to problem solve. With your help, these skills will give him a firm foundation in math when he starts school.

### For infants:

- Talk with your baby. Use opposite words like soft/hard or bumpy/smooth to talk about different objects. For example, "What a soft blanket you have" or "That rattle feels bumpy, doesn't it?"
- Help your child to learn "cause and effect" with toys that squeak, rattle, light up or play music when handled.
- Hide a toy under a blanket and let your baby find it.

### For toddlers:

- Go on a texture hunt. Help your child find different textures (soft/hard, bumpy/smooth, etc.) in your home. Be creative about where you find textures: a bumpy sponge, a soft towel, a soft pillow, a hard table. Have your child talk about each texture. Ask "What does this feel like to you?"
- Help your child compare things. Find leaves with your child and arrange them from smallest to biggest. Help your child arrange her books on the shelf from tallest to shortest.
- Use finger paints. Make prints of your child's hands and your hands. Ask your child, "What's the same about our handprints? What's different?"

### For preschoolers:

- Play the Question Game with your child. Ask questions that use compare words like short/tall, fast/slow, more/less, wide/narrow, heavy/light, far/near or now/later. Ask "Is your book bag heavy or light?" or "Which of those trees is taller?" or "Which of us has more cereal?"
- Put everyday objects (measuring cups, balls or a coin) into water and watch whether they float or sink. Help your child to predict which objects will float and which will sink.
- Make a weather chart. Every morning look outside the window and ask your child: What do you see? Is it sunny, rainy or cloudy? Draw a sun, clouds or raindrops on a piece of paper with the word underneath. Let your toddler help by coloring and drawing with you. Post each day's forecast and talk about the week's weather on Friday. Can your child remember the weather words?

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# Early Childhood Programs

Resources for day care, nursery  
schools, kindergarten and more

Compiled by Diane Pajak

**H**oward County has an abundance of early childhood programs, from full-time, year-round day care to parent-run co-op nurseries. Before- and after-school care is also available. As the programs vary, so do the sizes and types of organizations sponsoring them. Whether they are large day-care chains or franchises, religious groups, Montessori schools, Head Start classes or publicly funded special services for children with disabilities, they can all be found on our list.

Patuxent Publishing Co.'s annual directory provides basic information gathered from each program located in Howard County, but parents are urged to do their own research regarding programs of interest.

Facilities that offer extended or full-time child care (including home-care providers) are licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education, Office of Child Care. Call 410-750-8770 or 8771 to check licensing status.

Financial assistance to help pay for child care programs for income-eligible parents is available through the Howard County Department of Social Services' Purchase of Care Program at 410-872-8700, [www.dhr.state.md.us/ccs/sub/index.htm](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/ccs/sub/index.htm).

Some day-care programs, such as those sponsored by religious organizations, require other forms of approval. Those that offer kindergarten, nursery or any type of curriculum-based programs receive approval from the Maryland State Department of Education Nonpublic School Approval Branch. For more information about these programs, call 410-767-0408.

Assistance in locating a suitable child-care facility can be obtained by calling the Howard County Child Care Resource Center's referral line at 410-313-1930 or visit [www.co.ho.md.us/childcareresourcecenter](http://www.co.ho.md.us/childcareresourcecenter).

Parents are encouraged to call individual providers for details regarding policies and procedures. Some questions to ask might be: Are parents welcome to drop in anytime? Does the children's schedule alternate between active and quiet times? What are the staff's qualifications? Are the financial charges clearly outlined?

Schedule an observation visit, and take your

children along. Such visits are a good way to get a feel for each program's characteristics as well as the physical environment of each facility. Is a positive approach used for learning and/or discipline? Are children encouraged to respect each other? Is there adequate space for play, both inside and out? Discuss the visit afterward with your children. How did they like what they saw and felt?

Patuxent Publishing is proud to publish this annual directory of early childhood education facilities in Howard County. A listing in this guide is not an endorsement. We simply seek to provide basic information. Parents are urged to make their own inquiries to ensure the best possible choice for their child. Listed programs are contacted each year; descriptions of their programs are updated to the extent that they have provided us with revised information.

Free copies of this guide are available at: Patuxent Publishing Co., 10750 Little Patuxent Pkwy. in Columbia; the Columbia Association Service Center at 10221 Wincopin Circle in Columbia; Howard Community College Science Tech Center; Howard County libraries; Columbia village offices; Howard County Office of Economic Development; Howard County Chamber of Commerce; and the county's Child Care Administration office. It is also available at Howard County General Hospital's Special Care Nursery, Howard County Department of Children's Services, the Howard County Public Information Office and at the Preschool/Child Care Information Fair, "Children on Board," to be held at the Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville on Jan. 31, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Not included in this listing, because it is beyond the scope of this publication, are the hundreds of registered home-based child-care providers in Howard County, many of which include an educational component. These providers offer yet another alternative for parents. Home-based caregivers offer diverse approaches, from a relaxed, homelike atmosphere to specific planned activities. This allows parents to match their own child-rearing philosophies to those of the caregivers. Other benefits include small-group settings and the ability to keep siblings together. Care is restricted to eight children at a time per provider, with no more than two children

under the age of 2 per provider. Most offer care Monday through Friday, some beginning as early as 5:30 a.m. and ending as late as 7:30 p.m. All providers must have physical exams, FBI checks, health and child development training and have had their homes inspected by the health and fire department. Fees vary. Maryland law requires caregivers to be regulated if caring for a child outside the home for more than 20 hours per month.

For referrals and information, parents should call the Howard County Family Child Care Association at 301-776-4841 or the Howard County Child Care Resource Center's referral line at 410-313-1930.

Nursery schools generally have the same holidays as the public schools and meet for 2 1/2 hours a day. Parents may usually choose either a morning or an afternoon session. Cooperative nursery schools are almost identical to regular nursery schools, except that parents act as aides in the classroom. Co-op parents are scheduled on a rotating basis and spend an average of one school day a month helping the teacher and working with the children. The Maryland State Department of Education is responsible for accrediting private and co-op nursery schools. It regulates curriculum and equipment and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin. The Maryland State Department of Education requires that nursery school teachers have degrees in early childhood education. Each classroom must also have an aide. Nursery programs sponsored by religious organizations are currently exempt from state regulations, but many voluntarily comply with the guidelines.

## CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOLS

### • CHILDREN AND CO.

**Location:** 5355 Phelps Luck Drive, Columbia.

**Programs:** 2-year-olds (T,Th) 9:15-11:15 a.m. Beginning Jan. 1: 9:15-11:45 a.m.; 3-year-olds (M,W,F) 9:15-11:45 a.m.; 4-year-olds (M,T,W,Th) 12:30-3:00 p.m.

**Fees:** Two-day, \$100/mo.; three-day, \$110/mo.; four-day, \$125/mo. (based on 12 months of payment); registration fee is \$40.

**Contact:** 410-992-4644 or [www.childrenandcompany.org](http://www.childrenandcompany.org).

### • CHILDREN'S TIME PRESCHOOL

**Location:** 10025 Shaker Drive, Village of Kings Contrivance, Columbia.

**Programs:** 2- and 3-year-old program and PreK program.

**Hours:** 9:15-11:45 a.m. and 12:45-3:15 p.m.

**Fees:** Call school for current fee schedule.

**Contact:** 410-964-1534 or [www.childrenstime.org](http://www.childrenstime.org).

### • EAST COLUMBIA PRESCHOOL

**Location:** Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia.

**Programs:** Two-day (T,Th) 9-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m. for 3-year-olds; three-day (M,W,F) 9-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m. for 4-year-olds (co-oping only).

**Fees:** Two-day, \$95/mo.; three-day, \$128/mo.; \$50 nonrefundable registration fee.

**Contact:** 410-290-9166, [president@eastcolumbiapreschool.com](mailto:president@eastcolumbiapreschool.com) or [www.eastcolumbiapreschool.com](http://www.eastcolumbiapreschool.com).

### • LISBON PRE-KINDERGARTEN

**Location:** 915 Watersville Road, Mt. Airy; 1.2 miles west of Lisbon in western Howard County.

**Programs:** State-accredited, cooperative, nonprofit pre-kindergarten programs for 3- and 4-year-olds designed to offer parent and child an enriching experience while providing a satisfying transition between home and school. Call for specific class schedules.

**Contact:** Gail Reinking, 410-489-7422.

### • LONGFELLOW NURSERY

**Location:** Longfellow Neighborhood Center, 5267 Eliots Oak Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** 4-year-olds, four-day p.m. (M-Th) 12:45-3:15 p.m.; 3-year-olds, three-day a.m. (M,W,F) 9-11:30 a.m.; 2-year-olds, two-day a.m. (T,Th) 9-11:30 a.m.

**Fees:** Two-day a.m., \$105/mo.; three-day a.m., \$126/mo.; four-day p.m., \$147/mo. A non co-op option is available in the three-day and four-day programs.

**Contact:** Karen Smith, 443-319-5354.

### • MIDDLE PATUXENT NURSERY SCHOOL

**Location:** River Hill Meeting Room, 6330 Trotter Road, Clarksville.

**Programs:** Two-, three- and four-day classes for 2- to 4-year-olds. A co-op preschool with limited non co-op positions offered for all classes.

**Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-noon.; 12:45-3:15 p.m.

**Fees:** Vary according to class.

**Contact:** 443-535-9030, [mpnskids@verizon.net](mailto:mpnskids@verizon.net) or [www.mpns.net](http://www.mpns.net).

### • OAKLAND MILLS CO-OP NURSERY

**Location:** Thunder Hill Neighborhood Center, 9205 Log Chain Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** One-day a.m. for 2-year-olds; two-day a.m. for 3-year-olds; three-day (two a.m. classes, one p.m. class) with optional fourth day p.m. for 4-year-olds.

**Hours:** Morning classes 9:15-11:45 a.m.

Afternoon classes 12:15-2:45 p.m.

**Fees:** Call for current fees.

**Contact:** 410-997-4024.

### • RUNNING BROOK CHILDREN'S NURSERY

**Location:** Running Brook Neighborhood Center, between West Running Brook Road and Columbia Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** Two-day (T,Th) 9-11 a.m. Sept.-Dec., 9-11:30 a.m. Jan.-May for 2-year-olds; three-day (M,W,F) 9-11:30 a.m. for 3-year-olds; four-day (M,T,Th,F) 12:45-3:15 p.m. for 4-year-olds.

**Fees:** Two-day, \$101/mo.; three-day, \$129/mo.; four-day, \$144/mo. for nine months.

**Contact:** Wendy Silver, 410-997-4662.

### • STEVENS FOREST CO-OP NURSERY

**Location:** Stevens Forest Neighborhood Center, 6061 Stevens Forest Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** Two-day a.m. for 2-year-olds (T,Th); three-day a.m. for 3-year-olds (M,W,F); four-day p.m. PreK-4-year-olds (M,T,W,Th).

**Hours:** 9-11:30 a.m. (daily); 12:30-3 p.m. (M,T,W,Th).

**Fees:** Two-day, \$95/mo.; three-day, \$125/mo.; four-day, \$145/mo. \$40 registration deposit.

Registration is on first come, first served basis.

**Contact:** 410-997-0808 or [www.stevensforestnurseryschool.org](http://www.stevensforestnurseryschool.org).

### • WILDE LAKE CHILDREN'S NURSERY CO-OP

**Location:** Faulkner Ridge Neighborhood Center, Marble Faun Court, Columbia.

**Programs:** 2-year-old class, 9:15-11:15 a.m., (T,Th); 3-year-old class, 9:15-11:45 a.m., (M,W,F); 4-year-old class, 12:30-3 p.m. (M-Th).

**Fees:** (Approximate, monthly) 2-year-olds class, \$101; 3-year-olds class, \$121; 4-year-old class, \$143; \$45 registration fee.

**Contact:** 410-997-4856.

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## PRIVATE NURSERY SCHOOLS

### • BET YELADIM

**Location:** Beth Shalom Synagogue, 8070 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia; 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia.

**Programs:** Robert Oliver Place. Full-day: ages 2 to 5 years (K), M through F, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. two, three or five days/week. Harriet Tubman Lane. Part-day: for 12-18 months and 18 months to 2-year-olds to 4-year-olds, 9:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.; various a.m. programs.

**Fees:** Vary according to programs selected.

**Contact:** Barbara Davis, 410-997-7378 or Barbara Frederick, 410-531-2091.

### • BROOKFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Location:** 6347 Ten Oaks Road, Clarksville.

**Programs:** Preschool/childcare from 6 weeks to kindergarten.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** Monthly

**Contact:** Barbara Gibson, 410-531-9443.

### • CHILD'S GARDEN LEARNING CENTER

**Location:** 10210 Donleigh Drive, Columbia.

**Programs:** Pre-K program, preschool, full-day care; ages 2 and older. Before- and after-school program K-grade 5. Summer camp, preschool and elementary.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Contact:** Harry Walker, 301-596-1108 or 410-995-1344.

### • CLARLEN NURSERY INC.

**Location:** Bethany United Methodist Church, 2875 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** 4-year-olds, three-day (M,W,F) 9-11:45 a.m. and 12:30-3:15 p.m.; 4-year-old enrichment day offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3:15 p.m.; 3-year-olds, two-day (T,Th) 9-11:45 a.m. and (M,W) 12:30-3:15 p.m.

**Contact:** Helen Moody, 410-465-7405 or 443-609-4598.

### • COLUMBIA ACADEMY

**Locations:** 9210 Route 108 (at Route 29); 7425 Maple Lawn Blvd., Fulton; 10380 Old Columbia Road, Columbia; 6000 University Blvd., Ellicott City.

**Programs:** State-licensed school with child-care amenities; infants through pre-K. Degreed teachers. Full academics enhanced by music, P.E., computers. (Columbia Academy's elementary/middle school is located at 10350 Old Columbia Road, 410-312-7413.)

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Fees:** \$145/wk. to \$336/wk. depending on program.

**Contact:** Route 108 (410-992-0484), Maple Lawn Blvd. (301-604-1940), Old Columbia Road (410-312-9790), University Boulevard (410-203-9608).

### • CREATIVE EXPLORERS

**Location:** 10435 E.B. White Court, Laurel.

**Programs:** Morning and afternoon classes for ages 2 through 5; 2- and 3-year olds (T,Th), 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds (M,W,F).

**Hours:** Daily: 9 a.m.-noon or 12:30 p.m., 12:30-3:15 p.m. or 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

**Fees:** Call for fees.

**Contact:** Bonnie Cassels, 301-490-4201.

### • GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL

**Location:** 12793 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Pre-K (4-year-olds) through 12th grade. Before- and after-school extended day care. Pre-first grade available.

**Hours:** Pre-K, 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F; K-8, 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., M-F. Before- and after-school care, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m..

**Fees:** Tuition (2007-2008): Pre-K, \$9,920; grades K-12, \$16,730-\$19,860; extra fees for before- and after-school care.

**Contact:** Karen Wootton, 410-531-7346.

### • GLENWOOD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

**Location:** 14785 Bushy Park Road (near Route 70 and Route 97), Glenwood.

**Programs:** 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year-old programs; full- and half-day (M-F); 6-year-old pre-first program, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (M-F); full-day kindergarten, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Elementary school program available. Full academic day includes reading, math, social studies, science, French, art, media, music, physical education and computers.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m. extended day; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. full day. Summer Adventures Camp: 2- to 12-year-olds.

**Contact:** Cheryl Stradling, 410-489-5203, administration@glenwoodcountrydayschool.com or www.glenwoodcountrydayschool.com.

### • GODDARD SCHOOL

**Locations:** 8866 Columbia 100 Parkway, Columbia; 9100 Quarterstaff Road, Columbia; 2200 Brighton Run Court, Marriottsville.

**Programs:** Infants, toddlers, preschool, kindergarten and after-school enrichment. Full- and half-day sessions.

**Hours:** M-F, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** Varied.

**Ages:** 6 weeks to 6 years (ages vary per location).

**Contact:** Columbia 100 Parkway, Heather Andrews (410-730-1500); Quarterstaff Road, Elise Dunetz (410-531-1511); Brighton Run Court, Sheeba Mathew (410-442-2122).

### • HOWARD PRESCHOOL

**Location:** St. James United Methodist Church, Route 99 (1/8 mile east of Route 32), West Friendship.

**Programs:** Two-day for 3's; three-day for 4's; five-day for 4's.

**Fees:** Two-day \$92/mo.; three-day \$122/mo.; five-day \$210/mo. Nonrefundable registration \$115.

**Contact:** Nancy Stanley, 410-442-2381 or www.howardpreschool.org.

### • (THE) LEARNING COTTAGE

**Location:** 9660 Basket Ring Road, Talbott Springs Neighborhood Center, Columbia.

**Programs:** Part-time for 3-5 year olds. Small, multi-age classroom with low teacher to child ratio. Child-directed learning centers. MMSR guidelines. Four-day (M-Th), 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; two-day (M,W) or (T,Th), 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Fees:** Visit Web site, www.thelearningcottage.info.

**Contact:** Ann Marie Irby, 410-740-5538, 410-740-1255 or thelearningcottage@verizon.net.

### • SHALOM SCHOOL

**Location:** 6201 Broken Wing Court, Columbia.

**Programs:** Independent cooperative Jewish school. Classes include music, crafts, cooking and field trips. Curriculum emphasizes Jewish values, culture, prayer, history and Hebrew language.

**Hours:** Classes meet twice a month on Sundays. Preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds, pre-K, kindergarten, first through third grades.

**Fees:** Call for fee information.

**Contact:** Ellen Budish, 410-290-0345.

### • SUNNY DAY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

**Location:** Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center, Tamar Drive, Columbia.

**Programs:** 2's class, 3's class, 4's class, enrichment class.

**Fees:** E-mail or call for information about hours and fees.

**Contact:** Sue Castonguay at suecastonguay@hotmail.

com, 410-730-4625 or 410-381-6081.

• **TEMPLE ISAIAH PRESCHOOL**

**Location:** 12200 Scaggsville Road, Fulton.

**Programs:** Parent/toddler, 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds; 9:15 a.m.-2 p.m.; various part-time options. Late stay (M,W,F) to 3:45 p.m.

**Fees:** Varied.

**Contact:** Renée Panoff, 301-498-4242.

• **WEE FRIENDS**

**Location:** Located at Kings Contrivance (Amherst House), Columbia.

**Programs:** Classes designed to offer time for parent/caregiver to play and interact with child through developmental and age-appropriate activities. Each class meets once a week. Classes for children ages 14-21 months (45 minutes), 20 months to 2 1/2 years (one hour); 2-3 years (one hour); 3-4 years (1 3/4 hours).

**Hours:** Classes mornings or on one afternoon.

**Fees:** Vary with length of session. Discounts given to CA lien payers. Materials/administrative fee paid each session.

**Contact:** Judy Milke, 410-381-5633, milke2@verizon.net. or www.wee-friends.com.

• **THE YOUNG SCHOOL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Locations:** 8310 Guilford Road, Columbia; 8251 Tamar Drive, Columbia.

**Programs:** Philosophies of Reggio Emilia and Magda Gerber inspire our preschool and infant curricula. Program includes ballet, tap, sports, gymnastics, Spanish, computers and science. Classes for infants, 2-year-olds, and 3- and 4-year-olds, kindergarten.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** Call for information.

**Contact:** Karen Fambro (Guilford Road, 410-381-6098) or Beth Snyder (Tamar Drive, 410-740-7476).

**PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

• **BETHANY LANE BAPTIST CHURCH CHILD CARE CENTER**

**Location:** Bethany Lane Baptist Church, 3030 Bethany Lane, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Infant/toddler class for 6-week-olds to 23-month-olds; class for 2-year-olds and early 3-year-olds; class for 3 1/2-year-olds and early 4-year-olds; pre-K class for 4 1/2-year-olds and young 5-year-olds.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-5:45 p.m.; preschool, 8:45-11:30 a.m.

**Fees:** Vary according to age, toilet training and program.

**Contact:** Patricia Rau, 410-461-3393.

• **BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

**Location:** 8455 Savage-Guilford Road. Savage/

**Programs:** Full- and half-day (a.m.) kindergarten for 3- and 4-year-olds; full-day for 5-year-olds (M-F).

**Fees:** \$400 registration fee includes books, field trips and technology fees; tuition: \$5,600. Extended hours available at \$4.75/hr., 7-8 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.

**Contact:** Patti Wecker, 301-725-4673, 410-792-7722 or bcbazmgr@yahoo.com.

• **BETHEL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

**Location:** 4261 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Two-day (T,Th) 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. for 3-year-olds; three-day (M,W,F) 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. for 4-year-olds.

**Contact:** Michelle Abernathy, 410-465-5690 or 410-465-1192.

• **CHRIST MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

**Location:** 6410 Amherst Ave., Columbia.

**Programs:** 3-year-olds (T,Th); 4-year-olds (M,W,F); five-day pre-K (M-F). All classes 9 a.m.-noon.

**Fees:** Two-day class, \$120/mo.; three-day class, \$180/mo.; five-day class, \$290/mo.; nonrefundable registration fee \$100. Tuition and fees subject to change. Public registration begins Feb. 9.

**Contact:** 410-997-8011, Ext. 107, preschool@cmpecusa.org or www.cmpecusa.org.

• **CORNERSTONE EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

**Location:** Cornerstone Church of God, 7277 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia.

**Contact:** 410-381-8308.

• **EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL CENTER**

**Location:** Emmanuel Methodist Church, 10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel.

**Programs:** Mother's Morning Out (MMO) (toilet-trained not required). Two-day (T,Th) and (W,F) a.m. sessions. All children must be toilet-trained for two-, three- and five-day a.m. and p.m. sessions.

**Hours:** 9-11:30 a.m.; 12:30-3 p.m.

**Participants:** MMO children Sept. 1-Dec. 31.

Children 3 and 4 years old by Aug. 31.

**Fees:** Fees and registration dates available Jan. 1. Call for information.

**Contact:** Barbara Bloodworth, 301-725-5178, director@emmanuelpreschool.com or www.emmanuelpreschool.com.

• **FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

**Location:** 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City.

**Contact:** 410-465-2977.

• **GAN ISRAEL PRESCHOOL**

**Location:** 770 Howes Lane, Columbia (in the Sebring community).

**Programs:** Three- to five-day toddlers program for 2-year-olds; 9 a.m.-noon or extended day to 3 p.m. for 2- to 5-year-olds; five-day kindergarten, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; five-day first grade, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Integrated Judaic and secular program.

**Fees:** 2-year-olds, three half-days \$205/mo., five half-days \$310/mo.; 3- to 4-year-olds, three half-days \$175/mo., five half-days, \$235/mo.; three full days \$310/mo., five full day. \$440/mo.; five full days kindergarten \$515/mo. Materials fee, 3- and 4-year-olds \$115, kindergarten \$170; field trip fee, \$50; registration fee, \$50 (nonrefundable). Limited scholarships available.

**Contact:** Rabbi Hillel M. Baron, 410-740-2424.

• **GLEN MAR PRESCHOOL**

**Location:** Glen Mar United Methodist Church, Route 104 and Glen Mar Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** 4-year-old programs: M,W,F 9:15-11:45 a.m. and p.m. or T,Th 12:30-3 p.m.; 12:30-3 p.m. five-day pre-K; 3-year-old program: M,W,F or T,Th 9:15-11:45 a.m. or M,W,F or T,Th 12:30-3 p.m. (must be toilet-trained); 2-year-old program: T or Th 9:15-11:45 a.m. (must be 2 by September, need not be toilet-trained). Two-and-one-half-year old program for older twos. Christian values program.

**Fees:** Three-day program, \$169/mo.; two-day program, \$119.50/mo.; five-day program, \$280/mo.; 2-year-old program, \$90/mo.; two days for children age 3 by Nov., \$159; \$75 first child (\$100 more than one child) nonrefundable registration fee. Some tuition money available, based on need. New fees available Jan. 1. Public registration is 10 a.m., Feb. 23 (snow date Feb. 30).

**Contact:** Louise Walker, 410-465-7133.

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• **GLENELG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL**

**Location:** 13900 Burntwoods Road, Glenelg.  
**Programs:** 3-year-olds, two and three sessions per week; 4-year-olds, four sessions per week; 5-year-olds (Pre-K), five sessions per week, 2 1/2 hours, and four and five sessions per week, 4 hours (9:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.). Sessions, 9:15-11:45 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m.  
**Fees:** Range from \$1,300/yr. to \$4,530/yr.  
**Contact:** Kathy Barna or Kathryn Seymour, 410-489-7702.

• **GRACE CHURCH CHILDCARE CENTER**

**Location:** 6725 Montgomery Road, Elkridge.  
**Programs:** Day care, birth to 5 years, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (M-F); two-day (T,Th) a.m. and p.m. preschool program for 3-year-olds; three-day (M,W,F) a.m. and p.m. preschool program for 4-year-olds; five-day (M-F) preschool program for 4-year-olds; summer camp program for 5-year-olds to students entering third grade (8- to 9-year-olds).  
**Fees:** Infant care, full-time, \$320/wk.; toddler and younger 2-year-olds, full-time, \$290/wk., part-time, \$64/day; 2-year-olds, full-time, \$255/wk., part-time, \$59/day; 3- and 4-year-olds, full-time, \$230/wk., part-time, \$55/day; nonrefundable registration fee, \$50.  
**Contact:** Christina Cross or Kim Keplinger, 410-796-4561 or gracechildcarecenter@yahoo.com.

• **LISBON CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER**

**Location:** 15875 Frederick Road, Lisbon.  
**Programs:** Two half-day and three half-day nursery programs for 3- and 4-year-olds; day care for 2- and 3-year-olds; Pre-K for 4- and 5-year-olds; before- and after-school care.  
**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.  
**Ages:** 2-10 (fifth grade).  
**Contact:** Eileen Main, 410-489-7219.

• **MT. HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL**

**Location:** 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive, Ellicott City.  
**Programs:** Two day (T,Th) for 3-year-olds, a.m. and p.m.; three day (T,W,Th) and (M,W,F) for 3-year-olds, p.m.; three day (M,W,F) for 4-year-olds, a.m. and p.m.; daily (M-F) for 4- and 5-year olds, a.m. and p.m.; a.m. sessions (9-11:30 a.m.); p.m. sessions (12:30-3 p.m.).  
**Contact:** Robin Murray, 410-461-2773, mthebronnursery@aol.com or www.mthebronpc.org.

• **MT. ZION CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

**Location:** Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 12430 Scaggsville Road, Highland.  
**Programs:** Two-day (T,Th) 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. or three-day (M,W,F) 9:15-11:45 a.m. for 3-year-olds; three-day (M,W,F) 9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m.; four-day (M,T,W,F) 9:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:15-2:45 p.m. for 4-year-olds; five-day (M,T,W,Th,F) 12:15-2:45 p.m. for 5-year-olds. Nonsectarian.  
**Participants:** Children 3 years old by Oct. 31, 4 years old by Oct. 31, 5 years old by Dec. 31.  
**Fees:** Two-day, \$140/mo.; three-day, \$170/mo.; four-day, \$210/mo.; five-day, \$270/mo. There is a \$100 nonrefundable registration fee.  
**Contact:** Jennifer Fieni, 301-854-2387.

• **ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Location:** 5990 Old Washington Road, Elkridge.  
**Programs:** Preschool program for 3-year-olds (T,Th), 8:45-11:15 a.m.; 4-year-olds. (M,W,F), 8:45-11:30 a.m.  
**Fees:** 2-day program \$1,400/yr.; 3-day program \$1,900/yr.; Tuition payable in 10 installments through Smart Tuition Management Services.

**Contact:** Patricia Schratz, 410-796-3040 or pschratz@staug-md.org.

• **ST. JOHN'S PARISH DAY SCHOOL**

**Location:** 9130 Frederick Road, Ellicott City.  
**Programs:** Two-, three- and five-day a.m. programs for 3-year-olds as well as three-day p.m. for 3-year-olds; five-day a.m. or p.m., and full-day for 4-year-olds and transitional kindergarten. Full-day kindergarten, and grades 1-5. Before- and after-school care available.  
**Fees:** Preschool: \$2,925 to \$8,400 depending on age and program. Lower School: \$9,000-\$9,975 depending on grade.  
**Contact:** 410-465-7644 or www.stjohnspds.org.

• **ST. LOUIS SCHOOL EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

**Location:** 12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville.  
**Programs:** Roman-Catholic accredited school emphasizing Catholic values and academic excellence. Pre-K a.m. and p.m. sessions for children age 4 by Sept. 1; fully-day kindergarten. Pre-K a.m. session: 9:15 a.m.-noon (M-Th); Pre-K p.m. session: 1-3:45 p.m. (M-Th); K-8th grade: 8:45 a.m.-3:40 p.m.  
**Fees:** \$3,100 for parishioners of St. Louis, St. John in Columbia, and St. Francis in Fulton; \$4,000 for non-parishioners. Kindergarten to 8th grade: \$5,820 for parishioners of St. Louis, St. John in Columbia, and St. Francis in Fulton; \$7,560 for non-parishioners.  
**Contact:** Christina Kerr, director, Pre-K program; Terry Weiss, principal, St. Louis School. 410-531-6664, stlouisschool@stlouisparish.org or www.stlouisparish.org/school.

• **ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**

**Location:** 3695 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City.  
**Programs:** Two-day (T,Th) 9:30 a.m.-noon for 2-year-olds; three-day (M,W,F) 9:30 a.m.-noon for 3-year-olds; five-day (M-F) 9:30 a.m.-noon and afternoon program for 4-year-olds.  
**Fees:** Available upon request.  
**Contact:** Robin Fleegal, 410-461-7283, preschooldirector@verizon.net or www.stpeterspreschool.org.

• **TRINITY SCHOOL**

**Location:** 4985 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City.  
**Program:** Kindergarten.  
**Fees:** \$10,535/yr.  
**Contact:** 443-498-5040.

• **WOODMONT ACADEMY**

**Location:** 2000 Woodmont Drive, Cooksville (western Howard County).  
**Programs:** A Pre-K(3) through grade 8 independent, private Catholic school approved by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The school implements the Integral Formation method developed by the Legionaries of Christ. PreK(3), two-day (T,Th), 8:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; two-day (M,F), pre-K(4), 8:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; K-8 (M,T,W,Th,F) 8:20 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Before- and after-school care available.  
**Fees:** 2008-2009: Pre-K3, a.m. only, \$3,900/yr.; Pre-K(4), \$5,100/yr.; K-8, \$7,560.  
**Contact:** Marcie Zimmermann, 443-574-8100, Ext. 104 or www.woodmontacademy.org.

**MONTESSORI SCHOOLS**

Montessori classrooms are specially prepared environments; the equipment is different from other schools' and children are taught to use a variety of Montessori learning tools.

More than 60 years ago, Maria Montessori discovered that with her techniques, children can learn at a younger age than through conventional methods. Based on the philosophy that each child develops at his or her own rate.

• **BRYANT WOODS MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE**

**Location:** 10449 Green Mountain Circle, Columbia.

**Participants:** Ages 3-6; includes state-certified kindergarten program; American Montessori Society affiliated.

**Hours:** M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Full- and half-day programs available.

**Contact:** Angela Galarza 410-730-7525, DirectorBWMCH@comcast.net or www.bryantwoodsmontessori.com.

• **CHILDREN'S MANOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**Location:** 4465 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Full-time and part-time. State-licensed school. Programs include computers, music, art, Spanish, gymnastics, physical education, library, dance.

**Participants:** 2-year-olds through grade 5

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** \$820/mo. for full-day program. Call for information on part-time student fees.

**Contact:** 410-461-6070.

• **CHILDREN'S MANOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL AND DAY CARE**

**Location:** 9008 Red Branch Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** Full-time and part-time. Programs include computers, music, gymnastics, Spanish.

**Participants:** Infants (6 weeks-kindergarten).

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** \$820/mo., pre-K; \$835/mo., kindergarten; \$1,200/mo. baby/toddler.

**Contact:** Jeni Martone-Harkleroad, 410-730-3100 or www.childrensmanormontessori.com.

• **COLUMBIA MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**Location:** 10508 Marble Faun Court, Wilde Lake Village, Columbia.

**Programs:** Three-day and five-day a.m. and p.m. classes, 9-11:30 a.m., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 12:30-3 p.m.; before- and after-school day-care program, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Participants:** Ages 2 1/2 to first grade. Children must be toilet-trained.

**Contact:** Maria Garcia, 410-772-8353.

• **GLOBAL CHILDREN MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**Location:** 8995 Lambskin Lane, Columbia

**Programs:** Ages 3 and 4; kindergarten.

**Hours:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; before- and after-care, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** Call for fees.

**Contact:** 410-241-5771.

• **THE JULIA BROWN MONTESSORI SCHOOLS**

**Location:** 9760 Owen Brown Road, Columbia; 9450 Madison Ave., Laurel.

**Programs:** School and full-day program for ages 2-1/2 through 9.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Contact:** Columbia (410-730-5056); Laurel (301-498-0604).

• **LOVE OF LEARNING MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**Location:** 9151 Rumsey Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** Ages 6 weeks through 9 years; before/after care; full Montessori curriculum; Spanish and physical education. After-school activities.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Contact:** Awilda Torres, 410-715-9600 or info@lolms.com.

• **NURTURING NEST MONTESSORI**

**Location:** 4649 Columbia Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Birth to 36 months; mixed-

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age infant and toddler community.

**Hours:** M-F, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Fees:** Call for fees

**Contact:** Sabrina Fioretto, 410-418-9265.

### DAY-CARE/PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Day-care centers are licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education, Child Care Administration. Most centers are open Monday through Friday year round and accept children younger than 5 years old. Many will also accommodate school-age children before and after school or on school holidays.

For preschoolers, most local day-care centers offer programs that include reading readiness and other teacher-directed activities, similar to those in nursery schools and kindergartens.

The Howard County Department of Social Services currently has funds available to help low- and moderate-income families pay for day care.

For more information on funding help, call 410-872-8700, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

#### • ANGELS AFTER CARE AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**Location:** 4801 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Extended kindergarten, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; licensed after-school care, 3-6 p.m. (includes snacks, activities using safe, recycled materials, homework time, field trips).

**Hours:** 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** Extended kindergarten, \$107/mo.; extended kindergarten and after-school, \$255/ mo.; after-school only, \$145/mo.

**Contact:** Martina Kerns, 410-744-1133.

#### • BRIGHT BEGINNINGS CHILDREN'S CENTERS

**Locations:** 5138 Thunder Hill Road, Columbia; 6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia.

**Programs:** Year-round, full- and part-day early childhood education program includes developmentally appropriate hands-on learning activities. Ages 8 weeks to school-age. Van transportation to area schools.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Contact:** Yvonne Bush-Minge, 410-312-7742, or Yolanda Jackson, 410-740-5437.

#### • CELEBREE LEARNING CENTERS

**Locations:** 10020 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City; 10785 Birmingham Way, Woodstock.

**Programs:** Infants through school-age. Developmentally appropriate curriculum for all ages. Transportation to and from most area elementary schools.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Fees:** Weekly: infants and toddlers, \$275; 2-year-olds, \$200; 3- to 4-year-olds, \$185; before- and after-kindergarten care, \$170; school-age before- and after-school care, \$135; school-age before- or after-school care, \$88. Prices differ between centers. Call for information.

**Contact:** Ellicott City (410-461-5557), Woodstock (410-480-5400) or [www.celebree.com](http://www.celebree.com).

#### • CHILDREN'S CENTER OF GLENWOOD

**Location:** 3070 Route 97, Glenwood.

**Programs:** Preschool program, day-care, and before- and after-care for Bushy Park Elementary School.

**Hours:** M-F, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Participants:** Ages 2-5. After-care for Bushey Park Elementary School.

**Fees:** Call for fees.

**Contact:** Andrea, 410-489-4402.

#### • CHILDTIME

**Location:** 4895 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Play-based curriculum.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Fees:** Tuition varies with age; \$100 nonrefundable registration fee.

**Contact:** Peggy Yancey, 410-480-9212 or Jennifer Beard, 410-480-9212.

#### • CHILDTIME LEARNING CENTER

**Location:** 6905 D Oakland Mills Road, Columbia.

**Program:** Learning through play program with preschool emphasis, including writing and math centers, for infants to school-age children, ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Full- and part-time openings.

**Contact:** Erin Titus, 410-309-4020.

#### • COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

**Location:** Most day-care programs are held at school child normally attends. Summer programs are available.

**Programs:** Full-day kindergarten: Atholton, Bryant Woods, Centennial, Clarksville, Clemens Crossing, Cradlerock, Guilford, Hammond, Jeffers Hill, Longfellow, Northfield, Phelps Luck, Running Brook, Stevens Forest, Swansfield, Talbot Springs, Thunder Hill, Waterloo, Worthington.

**Hours:** Before- and after-care; 7 a.m.-bell; bell-6 p.m.

**Fees:** a.m., \$140/mo.; p.m., \$185/mo.

**Contact:** Bunny Egerton, 410-715-3164, [bunny.egerton@columbiaassociation.com](mailto:bunny.egerton@columbiaassociation.com) or [www.columbiaassociation.com](http://www.columbiaassociation.com).

#### • CRADLEROCK CHILDREN'S CENTER

**Location:** 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia. Located in the lower level of Owen Brown Interfaith Center.

**Programs:** MSDE accredited full-time child care and part-time preschool programs available. Two- and three-day full day options available. Preschool Plus available for children attending another program such as Head Start or HCPSS Pre-K who need full time care.

**Enrollment options:** 6 weeks-5 years. Full- and part-time enrollment available.

**Hours:** M-F, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Year-round program with options for attending during months Howard County Public Schools are in session.

**Fees:** Vary with type of enrollment. Scholarships available, based upon income. Department of Social Services Child Care subsidies accepted. One-time registration fee of \$80/family. Annual activity base upon enrollment, ranging from \$80-\$160/year.

**Contact:** Diana Chaffee, 410-381-0906, [cradlerockcenter@comcast.net](mailto:cradlerockcenter@comcast.net) or [www.cradlerockcenter.org](http://www.cradlerockcenter.org).

#### DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS LICENSED CHILD-CARE PROGRAMS:

##### • HOWARD COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER (FORMERLY SOCIAL SANDBOX AND PRESCHOOL ACADEMY)

**Locations:** Bushy Park, Elkridge, Fulton, Kiwanis-Wallas, Roger Carter, Triadelphia Ridge and Veterans.

**Programs:** Licensed preschool program focuses on developing children's social, cognitive, emotional and motor skills through directed play; circle time; music and more. Staff trained in early childhood education. Preschools program, ages 3 and 4 by Sept. 1, 2009; Kiwanis Wallas two-year old program, age 2 by March 1, 2009.

**Hours and fees:** Elkridge: age 3, T,Th, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$222; age 4, M,W,F, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$443; Kiwanis Wallas: age 2 by March 1, 2009, M,W, 9:30 a.m.-noon or T,Th, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$152/mo. Roger Carter: age 3, T,Th, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$222/mo.; age 4, M,W,F, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$443/mo. Triadelphia: age 3, M,W,F,

9:30 a.m.-noon, \$210/mo., age 4, M,T,W,Th, 12:30-3 p.m., \$285/mo. \$50 nonrefundable registration fee.

**Contact:** Stephanie Wise, 410-313-4721.

#### • HOWARD COUNTY KINDER PROGRAMS

Gorman Crossing, Rockburn, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., fees vary from \$242 to \$539 per month.

#### • HOWARD COUNTY SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

**Elementary:** Bellows Springs, Bollman Bridge, Bushy Park, Dayton Oaks, Deep Run, Elkridge, Forest Ridge, Fulton, Gorman Crossing, Hollifield Station, Ilchester, Laurel Woods, Lisbon, Manor Woods, Pointers Run, Rockburn, St. John's Lane, Triadelphia Ridge, Waverly, West Friendship and Veterans.

**Hours:** 7 a.m. until school begins, \$143; when school dismisses until 6 p.m., \$225; both a.m. and p.m. care, \$327.

**Contact:** 410-313-4723.

#### • HOWARD COUNTY NEW STUDENT UNION PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Middle Schools:** Bonnie Branch, Clarksville, Elkridge Landing, Ellicott Mills, Folly Quarter, Fulton (at Lime Kiln Elementary School), Glenwood (at Busy Park Elementary School), Mount View, Patapsco, Patuxent Valley (at Bollman Bridge Elementary School).

**Hours:** When school dismisses until 6 p.m., \$255.

#### • ED-U-CARE LEARNING CENTER

**Location:** 11625 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia.

**Programs:** Full-time care for infants and toddlers.

Full-time and part-time care for ages 2-5 years.

Morning preschool program for age 2 and older,

9 a.m.-noon; before- and after-school care for

children attending Swansfield Elementary.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** Full-day: infants/toddlers, \$250/wk.; 2-year-olds, \$190/wk.; 3- to 5-year-olds, \$180/wk. Preschool program: two days, \$44/wk.; three days, \$66/wk.; five days, \$110/wk.; before- and after-school program: \$100/wk. (after-school care only, \$85/wk.). Registration fee \$40.

**Contact:** Jonette Duvall, 410-997-2633.

#### • FIRST START

**Location:** 6501 Huntshire Drive, Elkridge.

**Programs:** Loving, nurturing and curriculum-based center for children 6 weeks through school-age; full- and part-time programs available.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Fees:** Infants, \$260/wk.; 2-year-olds, \$210/wk.; 3- and 4-year-olds, \$185/wk. Before- and after-school, \$110/wk.

**Contact:** Linda Evans or Rosa Purrazzello, 410-379-8200.

#### • HILLTOP CHILD CARE CENTER INC.

**Location:** 12121 Linden Linthicum Lane, Clarksville.

**Programs:** MSDE accredited. Christian environment; preschool curriculum emphasizes a balance between social skills and kindergarten readiness. Small classes. 3-year-old (toilet-trained) through pre-K accepted.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m. M-F. Open year-round.

**Fees:** Five days, \$185/wk.; three days (M,W,F), \$133/wk.; two days (T,Th), \$97/wk.

**Contact:** Gerry Feild, 443-535-8505.

#### • HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

**Location:** 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia.

**Programs:** Full-day educational preschool program. M-F, or M,W,F, for 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds.

**Hours:** 7:15 a.m.-6 p.m. M-F.

**Fees:** Five-day, full-day: 2-year-olds, \$230/wk.; preschoolers, \$220/wk. Tuition prorated for other options.

**Contact:** Kim Pins, 410-772-4150.

#### • JOY IN LEARNING PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL AGE CENTER

**Location:** 8991 Lambskin Lane, Columbia.

**Programs:** Before- and after-school care; child care for ages 2-5; preschool program ages 3 and 4; van transportation to Jeffers Hill and Talbott Springs elementary schools; bus service to Phelps Luck Elementary.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. M-F.

**Fees:** 2-year-olds, \$180/wk.; 3- to 4-year-olds, \$165/wk.; 5-year-old (call for fee); half-day preschool (4-year-olds) \$200/mo. (9-11:30 a.m.); grades K-5: Phelps Luck \$100/wk.; Jeffers Hill, Talbott Springs, \$105/wk.

**Contact:** Richelle Dutch, 410-740-2999.

#### • KIDDIE ACADEMY

**Location:** 6534 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge.

**Programs:** Infants 6 weeks through age 5.

Developmentally appropriate curriculum for all ages.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Kate Foster, 410-799-7722.

#### • (THE) KIDDIE GARDEN

**Location:** Guilford Road at 8909

Twelve Sons Court, Columbia.

**Programs:** Ages 18 months to 12 years. Children explore their world through age-appropriate activities.

Full-time toddler care; full- and part-time child

care for ages 2-12. Half-day preschool. Before- and

after-school program. Transportation to Guilford

Elementary. Meals provided. Drop-in care available.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Contact:** 301-604-3575.

#### • KIDS TIME OUT DROP-IN CHILD CARE CENTER

**Location:** 5809 Clarksville Square Drive, Clarksville.

**Program:** Hourly drop-in child care on an as-needed basis, with night and weekend hours; weekly and part-time care; before- and after-school care.

**Fees:** Weekly (M-F), 7 a.m.-7 p.m., \$225/wk; part-time care, choose the three days needed; \$130/wk. Before- and after-school care for K-5, including transportation, full-time, \$120/wk.; part-time, \$70/wk. Drop-in child care, \$8/hr. first child, \$7/hr. second child, \$6/hr. each additional child; 25-hour block purchase, \$7/hr.; 50-hour block purchase, \$6/hr. Annual \$50 registration fee per child for drop-in.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-9 p.m. (M-Th); 7 a.m.-midnight

(F); 8:30 a.m.-midnight (Saturday).

**Contact:** Felicia Minnix, 410-531-3858.

#### • KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTERS

**Location:** 10820 Little Patuxent Parkway,

Columbia; 6080 Marshalee Drive, Elkridge.

**Programs:** Infants at Little Patuxent Parkway and Marshalee Drive locations; infants and toddlers at Little Patuxent Parkway location. Ages 2-12. Preschool learning program incorporates social and educational skills. Emphasis placed on reading readiness.

Before- and after-school and schools out program.

Transportation provided to and from several public

schools. Summer camp. Part-time preschool program,

ages 3-4. State-approved full-day kindergarten at

both locations. Computers available at all locations.

**Fees:** Call for information about fees and payment plans.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Little Patuxent Parkway (410-730-5757); Elkridge (410-796-0666).

#### • KINDER CARE LEARNING CENTER

**Location:** 7195 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia.

**Programs:** Preschool program, 2- and 3-year olds;

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pre-K programs, 4- and 5-year olds; private, licensed full-day kindergarten program for 5-year olds; school-age, before- and after-care and drop-in programs.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. M-F

**Fees:** Infants and toddlers, \$328/wk.; 2-year-olds, \$240; preschool and pre-K, \$224/wk.; kindergarten, \$230/wk.; before- and after-care, \$130/wk.; drop-in, \$30/day.

**Contact:** Connie Cusato, 410-290-0980.

• **KINDER CARE LEARNING CENTER**

**Location:** 6185 Sunny Spring, Hickory Ridge, Columbia.

**Programs:** Half-day, full-day; preschool educational enrichment programs; summer camp. Open year-round. Before- and after-school, with transportation to local elementary schools, at Hickory Ridge location, plus infant care.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Participants:** Ages 6 weeks-12 years.

**Contact:** Hickory Ridge, 410-730-8449.

• **KNOWLEDGE BEGINNINGS**

**Location:** 7551 Montpelier Road, Laurel.

**Programs:** Child development center serving children starting at 6 weeks old (through age 12 for after-care). Breakfast, lunch and two snacks provided. Transportation to and from local elementary schools is provided. Extracurricular activities. Before- and after-care.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Fees:** Full-time rates: infant/toddler, \$337/wk.; 2-year-olds, \$267/wk.; preschool (3-year-olds)/prekindergarten (4-year-olds), \$242/wk.; before- and after-care, \$141/wk. Part-time programs available.

**Contact:** Ellen Jones, 301-725-6500.

• **LA PETITE ACADEMY**

**Locations:** 7475 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia;

8890 Columbia 100 Parkway, Columbia;

10101 Frederick Road, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Full- or part-time preschool enrichment, before- and after-school care. Open year-round, 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Participants:** Ages 6 weeks to 12 years, all locations.

**Contact:** Eden Brook Drive, Columbia (410-381-4576); Columbia 100 Parkway, Columbia (410-740-5546); Ellicott City (410-750-0826).

• **LIL' KIDZ KASTLE**

**Location:** 8370 Old Montgomery Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** Thematic-based curriculum.

Includes two snacks and lunch.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Contact:** Michelle McBride, 410-799-9445.

• **(THE) LITTLE LIGHTHOUSE**

**Location:** 9055 Chevrolet Drive, Suite 30, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Five days/wk. 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Participants:** Infants to 5-year-olds.

**Fees:** Call for current fees.

**Contact:** 443-535-8668.

• **LITTLE STARS' LEARNING CENTER**

**Location:** Longfellow Neighborhood Center, 5265 Eliots Oak Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** Open 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., M-F. Full-day enrichment programs for 2- to 5-year-olds emphasizing academics, computers, one-on-one tutoring; outdoor play centers and field trips. Before- and after-school care with homework and tutoring. Summer programs for 2- to 15-year-olds. Tuition includes meals.

**Contact:** 410-992-3999.

• **LORNWOOD DAY CARE & PRESCHOOL**

**Locations:** 10453 Green Mountain Circle, Columbia; 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia.

**Programs:** Full-day and half-day programs for ages 2-5; before- and after-school care (grades K-5); infant care program; summer camp program (ages 2-13); summer enrichment program.

**Fees:** Infant and toddler, \$250/wk.; 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds, five full days, \$170/wk.; three days, \$120/wk.; two days, \$74/wk. 15% off fee for second child; \$40 registration fee. Call for part-time rates.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Before- and after-school care available \$95/wk.; before-care only, \$50; after-care only, \$65.

**Contact:** Joanne Rynn or Cynthia Bell at Bryant Woods, 410-992-7026.

• **NANTUCKET CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Location:** 5455 Harpers Farm Road, Columbia.

**Programs:** Academic preschool curriculum; 8:1 student/teacher ratio; degreed faculty; full- and part-time enrollment for preschoolers ages 2 through 5.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Contact:** Renée DuBois, 410-992-9761.

• **PETER PAN LEARNING CENTER**

**Location:** 1260 Driver Road, Marriottsville.

**Programs:** Half- and full-day programs for ages 2 to 4 stressing academic and social growth; summer camp, ages 2 to 10.

**Hours:** 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. full days; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. half days.

**Fees:** Half-day: for 2-year-olds: two days, \$80; three days, \$100; four days, \$135; five days, \$145. For 3- and 4-year-olds: two days, \$75; three days, \$95; four days, \$130; five days, \$140. Full-day: 2-year-olds: two days, \$110; three days, \$165; four days, \$195; five days, \$205. 3- and 4-year-olds: two days, \$105; three days, \$155; four days, \$185; five days, \$195.

**Contact:** Sue Kruhm, 410-442-1440, peterpanlc@aol.com or www.peterpanlearningcenter.com.

• **STARS LEARNING CENTER**

**Location:** 9535 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel.

**Programs:** Educational development, part- and full-time for infant to preschool; before- and after-care for school age. Curriculum includes math, science, language arts, social studies, creative arts, performing arts, computer. Breakfast and lunch, two snacks. Before- and after-school enrichment program.

**Hours:** 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (M-F).

**Contact:** Ray Hicks, 301-498-5285.

• **YMCA CHILD CARE AT OWEN BROWN**

**Location:** 9270 Homespun, Columbia.

**Contact:** Kim Brydie, 410-290-6505.

• **THE YOUNG SCHOOL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Locations:** 8310 Guilford Road, Columbia; 8251 Tamar Drive, Columbia.

**Programs:** Philosophies of Reggio Emilia and Magda Gerber inspire our preschool and infant curricula. Tuition includes enrichment classes in music, art, Spanish and library time. A la carte classes in ballet, tap, sports, gymnastics, computers, science and music. Programs for infants, 2-year-olds, and 3- and 4-year olds, Pre-K and kindergarten.

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Fees:** Phone for information.

**Contact:** Karen Fambro at Guilford Road (410-381-6098) or Beth Snyder at Tamar Drive (410-740-7476).

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### • HEALTHY FAMILIES HOWARD COUNTY

Healthy Families Howard County is part of the Healthy Families America initiative in the U.S. This free, national program identifies first-time parents in the community, aligns them with community resources and offers them support in their new role as parents. Optimally, families are welcomed prenatally into the program and are qualified to enroll up to 90 days after the birth of the baby.

**Contact:** 410-715-3716.

### • HIGH SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS

Early Childhood Education Program

**Programs:** For 3- and 4-year-olds. Early Childhood Development students at Hammond and Howard high schools study early childhood development in their family and consumer sciences classes as a part of their practical experience, manage an on-site child-care laboratory center for 3- and 4-year-olds from the community. The Early Childhood Development students act as teachers for the nursery school children while being supervised by state-certified family and consumer sciences teachers. A minimal fee is charged for supplies. Space is limited. For more information, contact the family and consumer sciences teacher at Hammond (410-313-7615) or Howard (410-313-2867) high schools.

### • HOWARD COUNTY CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER

**Program:** A government-sponsored resource and referral service that assists parents in locating and selecting a child-care or preschool program that best fits their needs. Information is also provided on child care, continuing education classes and parent training programs. This program is operated by the Howard County Department of Citizen Services and funded through the Maryland State Department of Education. The Resource Center is part of the Statewide Child Care Resource Network.

**Participants:** Infants through school-age children.

**Hours:** Service hours vary according to needs.

The center hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Fees:** Free.

**Contact:** Main: 410-313-1940; Child Care Locate Line: 410-313-1930, [www.howardcountymd.gov/childcareresourcecenter](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/childcareresourcecenter) or [www.mdchildcare.org](http://www.mdchildcare.org).

### • HOWARD COUNTY HEAD START

**Locations:** Three Howard County locations.

**Programs:** Early childhood program provided at no charge to eligible families. Full-day: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (M-F) at Tubman. Part-day: 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. or 12:30-4:30 p.m. (M-F) at the Dasher Green center. Part-day: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ellicott City (M-F). Breakfast and lunch provided for morning sessions; lunch and snack provided for afternoon session.

**Participants:** 3- and 4-year-olds. Transportation provided for Ellicott City and Dasher Green. Family income must be within federal poverty guidelines. Foster children and families receiving Temporary Relief to Needy Families (TANF) benefits are eligible regardless of income. Physical exam, dental exam and current immunizations must be completed before enrollment.

**Contact:** 410-313-6443.

### • HOWARD COUNTY INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM

**Locations:** Services are provided through the Howard County Public School System, Howard County Health Department and the Department of Social Services.

**Programs:** Services to address a child's area of need may include special instruction, speech pathology

and audiology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, service coordination, medical services for diagnostic and evaluation purposes only, health services necessary to enable the infant or toddler to benefit from other early intervention services, community health, nursing, nutrition services, family training, counseling, home visits and family education/support.

**Participants:** All children from birth to 3 years old who are developmentally delayed or suspected of experiencing delay, and their families.

**Hours:** Service hours vary according to need.

Referrals accepted M-F, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Fees:** None.

**Contact:** Office of Early Intervention Services, 410-313-7017.

### • HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES-CARE LINE

A free resource, referral and information line for Howard County residents who have questions about children from birth to 18 years. Categories such as development, parenting or county resources are some of many possible topics that can be called about. The CARE Line is open M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Contact:** 410-313-CARE, [children@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:children@howardcountymd.gov) or [www.howardcountymd.gov/children](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/children).

### • PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAM (PAT)

An early childhood parent education and family support program whose goal is to improve the school readiness and literacy skills of children younger than 3 years. The program has eligibility requirements.

**Contact:** 410-313-1453, [pat@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:pat@howardcountymd.gov) or [www.howardcountymd.gov/children](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/children).

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• **HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

**Locations:** Atholton, Bellows Spring, Bollman Bridge, Bryant Woods, Bushy Park, Cradlerock, Dayton Oaks, Deep Run, Fulton, Gorman Crossing, Guilford, Ilchester, Laurel Woods, Longfellow, Phelps Luck, Pointers Run, Rockburn, Running Brook, St. John's Lane, Swansfield, Talbott Springs, Triadelphia Ridge, Veterans, Waterloo, Waverly.

**Programs:** The curriculum includes math and reading readiness, social and emotional development, physical development and health, scientific thinking, social studies and the arts. Transportation provided via Howard County public schools for children living in their schools' attendance areas or designated region.

**Participants:** Early childhood program for 4-year-olds who meet certain enrollment criteria as set forth by the Maryland State Department of Education. Children must turn 4 on or before Sept. 1.

**Hours:** All programs are half-day (2 1/2 hours) either in the morning or afternoon. Contact each school for specific hours.

**Fees:** None.

**Contact:** Atholton (410-313-6853), Bellows Spring (410-313-5057), Bollman Bridge (410-880-5920), Bryant Woods (410-313-6859), Bushy Park (410-313-5500), Cradlerock (410-313-7601), Dayton Oaks (410-313-5568), Deep Run (410-313-5000), Fulton (410-880-5957), Gorman Crossing (410-880-5900), Guilford (410-880-5930), Ilchester (410-313-2524), Laurel Woods (410-880-5960), Longfellow (410-313-5964), Phelps Luck (410-313-6886), Pointers Run (410-313-7242), Rockburn (410-313-5030), Running Brook (410-313-6893), St. John's Lane (410-313-2813), Swansfield (410-313-6907), Talbott Springs (410-313-6915), Triadelphia Ridge (410-313-2560), Veterans (410-313-1700), Waterloo (410-313-5014), Waverly (410-313-2819), Howard County Public School System (410-313-6600).

• **THE JUDY CENTER PARTNERSHIP**

**Location:** Cradlerock School, 6700 Cradlerock Way, Columbia.

**Programs:** The Judy Center serves families with children birth through age 5 who live in the Cradlerock School attendance area or who attend Dasher Green Head Start. The center offers support to help parents be excellent first teachers of their youngsters. Our mission is to help children prepare for school and to help parents receive information about and referrals to community resources and Judy Center Partners. All offerings are fee and include parent workshops such as Nanny 911, Helping Your Child Become A Reader, What to Expect in Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten, Learning Parties, Adult Literacy classes and more; Parent/Child Events including Families Together Nights, Terrific Tuesdays for 2's and 3's, Meals with Magnificent Men, Games with Great Guys, Storytimes and Play Groups for young children. Special health programs including screening fairs, nutritional and health workshops and workshops on balancing home and work included, as are staff development opportunities for family childcare providers, center-based and day care staff, K, preK and Head Start teachers. A Parent Resource Center has books, videos, and activity backpacks that parents can borrow and use with their child at home.

**Participants:** Children birth through age 5 who live in the Cradlerock attendance area and/or attend a child care center in this area, and families whose children attend the Dasher Green Head Start Center.

**Hours:** Day and evening programs are available.

**Fees:** None

**Contact:** 410-381-9024 or 410-381-9407.

• **LINWOOD CENTER INC.**

**Location:** 3421 Martha Bush Drive, Ellicott City.

**Programs:** Linwood provides services to children with autism-spectrum and other challenging behaviors, offering a 12-month program in a therapeutic environment with educational and vocational components. The student receives instruction and support as detailed on his or her individualized education program and residential treatment plan.

**Hours:** Office hours, M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; residential, five-day and seven-day.

**Fees:** Paid by placing agency or county.

**Contact:** William Moss, 410-465-1352, admin@linwoodcenter.org or www.linwoodcenter.org.

• **PRESCHOOL CHILD FIND PROGRAM**

**Location:** County Diagnostic Center (Old Cedar Lane School), Columbia.

**Programs:** An interdisciplinary team that provides point-of-entry to preschool-age children who may be in need of special education and/or related services. Information gathering procedures may include:

audiological, vision, educational, speech-language, behavioral, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

**Participants:** Children from 3 through 5 years who may have educational disabilities.

**Hours:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Fees:** None.

**Contact:** Preschool Child Find Team, County Diagnostic Center, 410-313-7046.

• **PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

**Locations:** Cedar Lane School, The Judy Center at Cradlerock, and Regional Early Childhood Centers at Atholton, Bellows Spring, Bollman Bridge, Bushy Park, Dayton Oaks, Deep Run, Fulton, Gorman Crossing, Hollifield Station, Ilchester, Longfellow, Pointers Run, Rockburn, Running Brook, Triadelphia Ridge, Veterans, Waterloo and Waverly elementary schools.

**Programs:** Individualized programs are developed for each child. Speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and psychological services are provided when appropriate. Services are provided to children in half- and full-day classes. Transportation is provided.

**Participants:** 3- to 5-year-olds who have disabilities and are in need of special education and related services. 3- and 4-year-old children who do not have disabilities may enroll on a space-available basis.

**Hours:** Dependent on school/program.

**Fees:** Free for children with disabilities.

**Contact:** Early Intervention Office, 410-313-7017.

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