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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Resources for day care, nursery schools, kindergarten and more

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Howard 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.

Baltimore Sun Media Group's 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' Child Care Subsidy Program (formerly the Purchase of Care Program) at 410-872-8700, http://www.co.ho.md.us/servicesresidents_financialassistance.htm. You may also e-mail children@howardcountymd.gov or call 410-313-1930 or 410-313-2273.

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.

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?

Baltimore Sun Media Group publishes this annual directory of early childhood education facilities for residents of Howard County. A listing in this guide is not an endorsement but simply 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.

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.

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CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOLS

CHILDREN AND CO.

Location: 5355 Phelps Luck Drive, Columbia.
Programs: 2-year-olds (T,Th) 9-11 a.m. (Sept.-Dec.); 9-11:30 a.m. (Jan.-June). 3-year-olds (M,W,F) 9-11:30 a.m.; 4-year-olds (M,T,W,Th) 12:30-3 p.m.
Fees: Two-day, \$115/mo.; three-day, \$125/mo.; four-day, \$135/mo. (based on 12 months of payment); registration fee is \$40.
Contact: 410-992-4644 or www.childrenandcompany.org.

CHILDREN'S TIME PRESCHOOL

Location: 10025 Shaker Drive, Village of Kings Contrivance, Columbia.
Programs: 2-, 3- and 4-year-old program.
Hours: 2-year-olds (T,Th) 9:30-11:45 a.m.; 3-year-olds (M,W,F) 9:30-noon; 4-year-olds (M-F) 12:45-3:15 p.m.
Fees: Call or visit website for current fee schedule.
Contact: 410-964-1534 or 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 p.m. for 3-year-olds; three-day (M,W,F) 9-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3 p.m. for 4-year-olds (co-oping only).
Fees: Two-day, \$100/mo.; three-day, \$135/mo.; \$50 nonrefundable registration fee.
Contact: 410-290-9166, president@eastcolumbiapreschool.com or www.eastcolumbiapreschool.com.

LISBON PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Location: 915 Watersville Road, Mt. Airy; 1.2 miles west of Lisbon in western Howard County.
Programs: State-approved, cooperative, nonprofit pre-kindergarten programs for 3-, 4-, and 5-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 or www.lisbonprekindergarten.org.

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 CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

Location: River Hill Meeting Room, 6330 Trotter Road, Clarksville.
Programs: Two-day classes for 3-year-olds; three-day classes for 4-year-olds. A co-op preschool with limited non co-op positions offered for all classes.
Hours: 9:30 a.m.-noon for 3-year-olds; 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for 4-year-olds.
Fees: Vary according to class from \$115-\$215.
Contact: Melissa Roland, 443-535-9030 or www.mpnps.net.

(THE) NEW LITTLE GEMS ENRICHMENT CENTER

Location: 5659 Cedar Lane, Columbia.

Contact: For information, e-mail amdavis220@aol.com

OAKLAND MILLS CO-OP NURSERY

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

Programs: Three-day a.m. for 3-year-olds; four-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, \$108/mo.; three-day, \$138/mo.; four-day, \$154/mo. for nine months.

Contact: Kathie Blackman, 410-997-4662, info@rbcn.org or www.rbcn.org.

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.

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.

PRIVATE NURSERY SCHOOLS

BET YELADIM

Location: 8910 Route 108, Columbia.

Programs: Part- and full-day programs for ages 2-4 years; infant/toddler from 2 months.

Fees: Vary according to programs selected.

Contact: Barbara Davis or Barbara Frederick, 410-997-7378, 410-997-0577 (fax) or www.betyeladim.org.

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, 410-884-5477.

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 an optional third day on Wednesdays 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 and Spanish. (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 (2010-2011): Pre-K, \$11,210; grades K-12, \$18,910-\$22,450; extra fees for before- and after-school care.

Contact: Karen Wootton, 410-531-7346, admission@glenelg.org or www.glenelg.org.

GLENWOOD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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

Programs: 1 1/2-, 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 and middle school programs available. Full academic day includes reading, math, social studies, science, 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 Pkwy., Columbia; 9100 Quarterstaff Road, Columbia; 2200 Brighton Run Court, Mariottsville.

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

Hours: Varies.

Fees: Varies.

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

Contact: Columbia 100 Parkway, 410-730-1500; Quarterstaff Road, 410-531-1511; Brighton Run Court, 410-442-2122 or www.goddardschool.com.

(THE) LEARNING COTTAGE

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

Programs: Part-time for 3- to 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.

SUNNY DAY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

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

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

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

Contact: Sue Castonguay at suecastonguay@hotmail.com, 410-730-4625, 410-381-6081 or www.mysunnydaypreschool.com.

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 to 4:30 p.m.

Fees: Varied.

Contact: Renée Panoff, 301-498-4242 Renee@templeisaiah.org or templeisaiah.org.

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: 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).

YOUNG STARS

Location: 7741 Mayfield Ave., Elkridge.

Programs: Three-day (M,W,F) and five-day programs.

Open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Age 2 through age 16. After school care available. Transportation provided to some neighborhood schools.

Fees: Call for 2011 fees.

Contact: 410-799-4121.

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-year-olds and early 4-year-olds; pre-K class for 4-year-olds and early 5-year-olds.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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: Patty Rau, 410-461-3393 or www.bethanylanebaptist.org.

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). Small class size; teacher and aide in each classroom.
Fees: \$500 processing fee, book and activity fee includes registration, books, field trips and technology fees; tuition: \$5,800. Extended hours available at \$5/hr. (siblings half price). 7-8 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.
Contact: Patti Wecker, 301-725-4673, 410-792-7722 or bcabizmgr@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. 14. Scholarships available.
Contact: 410-997-8011, Ext. 2, preschool@cmcpusa.org or www.cmcpusa.org.

CORNERSTONE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Location: 7277 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia.
Contact: 410-381-8308 or www.Cornerstoneearlylearningcenter.com or CornerELC@gmail.com.

EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL CENTER

Location: Emmanuel Methodist Church, 10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel.
Programs: MSDE accredited. Mother's Morning Out (MMO) (toilet-trained not required). Two-day (T,Th) and three-day (M,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: Florence Okpala, director, 301-725-5178, emmanuelpreschool@gmail.com or www.emmanuelpreschool.com.

FIRM FOUNDATION PRESCHOOL

Location: 8430 Glen Mar Road, Ellicott City.
Programs: 2- through 4-year-old program. For more information, visit website.
Fees: Call or visit website.
Contact: 301-630-7994 or <http://firmfoundationfaithacademy.org>

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Location: 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City.
Contact: 410-465-5977.

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.

GLENELG UMC NURSERY SCHOOL

Location: 13900 Burntwoods Road, Glenelg.
Programs: 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year-old programs. 2 1/2- and 4-hour sessions. Extended day options. Enrichment classes.
Fees: Tuition range from \$1,300/yr. to \$5,700/yr.
Contact: Kathy Barna or Kathryn Seymour, 410-489-7702, gumc.n@comcast.net or www.glenelgumc.org/nursery.php.

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 fifth grade (10- to 11-year-olds).
Fees: Infant care, full-time, \$363/wk.; toddler, full-time, \$329/wk., part-time, \$74/day; 2-year-olds, full-time, \$290/wk., part-time, \$67/day; 3- and 4-year-olds, full-time, \$261/wk., part-time, \$64/day; nonrefundable registration fee, \$75.
Contact: Admissions, 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 or pre-K programs for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds; day care for 2- through 5-year-olds; Pre-K for 4- and 5-year-olds; before- and after-school care. MSDE licensed.
Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Ages: 2-10 (fifth grade).
Contact: Eileen Main, 410-489-7219 or LCCCC@verizon.net.

MT. HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Location: 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive, Ellicott City.
Programs: 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Two day (T,Th) for 3-year-olds, a.m. and p.m.; three day (T,W,Th) for 3-year-olds, a.m. and p.m.; three day (M,W,F) for 4-year-olds, a.m. and p.m.; daily (M-F) for 4-year-olds, a.m. and p.m.; a.m. Extended enrichment, 11:30 a.m.-1 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); three-day (M,W,F); four-day (M,T,W,Th); four-day (M,T,W,F). Nonsectarian.
Participants: Children 3 years old by Dec. 31, 4 years old by Oct. 31, 5 years old by Dec. 31.
Fees: Call for tuition and registration fees.
Contact: Jennifer Fieni, 301-854-2387.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL'S PRESCHOOL

Location: 4801 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City
Programs: 4-year-old program to begin fall 2011. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Early pickup option. Religion and academic subjects with enrichment in art, music and physical education. Open house Jan. 19.
Fees: \$150 registration fee. For tuition information, visit website.
Contact: 410-744-4251 or www.olphschool.org.

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Location: 5990 Old Washington Road, ElkrIDGE.
Programs: Preschool program for 3-year-olds (T,Th), 9-11:30 a.m.; 4-year-olds (M,W,F), 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fees: 2-day program \$1,575/yr.; 3-day program \$3,575/yr. Tuition payable in 10 installments through Tuition Management Services.
Contact: Patricia Schratz, 410-796-3040, pschratz@staug-md.org or www.staug-md.org.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH DAY SCHOOL

Location: 9130 Frederick Road, Ellicott City.
Programs: a.m., p.m. and full-day programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, full-day programs for transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1-5. Specialists in science, art, music, physical education, media/technology at all levels. Before- and after-school extended care available.
Fees: Early childhood, approximately \$3,000 to \$8,900 depending on age and program; lower school, approximately \$10,500.
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; full-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@stlouispsh.org or www.stlouispsh.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; plus extended day for 3- and 4-year-olds, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Fees: Available upon request.
Contact: Robin Fleegal, 410-461-7283, schooldirector@stpeterspreschool.org or www.stpeterspreschool.org.

TRINITY SCHOOL

Location: 4985 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City.
Programs: 3- and 4-year old programs. M-F, M,W,F, or T,Th, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Before and after care available. A private, accredited, co-ed Catholic school through grade 8.
Fees: For current fee schedule, visit website.
Contact: Joan Voshell, 443-498-5040, www.trinityschoolmd.org or admintrin@trinityschoolmd.org.

WOODMONT ACADEMY

Location: 2000 Woodmont Drive, Cooksville (western Howard County on Route 144 between routes 97 and 32).
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), three-day (T,W,Th), 8:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; pre-K(4), five day (M, T, W, Th, F), 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 for all grades.
Fees: 2010-2011: Pre-K3, \$4,220/yr.; Pre-K(4), \$5,515/yr.; K-8, \$7,950.
Contact: 443-574-8100 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, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Full- and half-day and aftercare programs available.
Contact: Angela Galarza 410-730-7525, DirectorBWMCH@comcast.net or www.bryantwoodsmontessori.org.

CHILDREN'S MANOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Location: 4465 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City.
Programs: Full-time and part-time licensed school. Programs include computer, music, art, Spanish, library, yoga and physical education.
Participants: 2-year-olds through grade 5
Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fees: \$865/mo. for full-day program. Call for information on part-time and elementary student fees.
Contact: 410-461-6070 or www.CMMSchool.com.

CHILDREN'S MANOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL AND DAY CARE

Location: 9008 Red Branch Road, Columbia.
Programs: Full-time and part-time. Programs include computers, music, Spanish, yoga.
Participants: Infants (6 weeks-kindergarten).
Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fees: \$885/mo., pre-K and primary; \$900/mo., kindergarten; \$1,240/mo. infant/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) or www.juliabrownmontessorischools.com.

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.

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.

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.

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 Bushy 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: Atholton, Bryant Woods, Centennial, Clarksville, Clemens Crossing, Cradlerock, Guilford, Hammond, Jeffers Hill, Longfellow, Northfield, Phelps Luck, Running Brook, Stevens Forest, Swansfield, Talbott Springs, Thunder Hill, Waterloo, Worthington.
Hours: Before- and after-care; 7 a.m.-bell; bell-6 p.m.
Fees: a.m., \$145/mo.; p.m., \$195/mo.
Contact: Bunny Egerton, 410-715-3164, bunny.egerton@columbiaassociation.com or 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 fee based upon enrollment, ranging from \$80-\$160/year.
Contact: Diana Chaffee, 410-381-0906, cradlerockcenter@comcast.net or www.cradlerockcenter.org.
Department of Recreation and Parks
Licensed Child-care Programs:

HOWARD COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Locations: Bushy Park, Elkridge, Fulton, Kiwanis-Wallas, Roger Carter, Triadelphia Ridge and Veterans.
Programs: Extended preschool program focuses on developing children's social, cognitive, emotional and motor skills through directed activity; circle time; music and movement; art, science, math and language arts activities, and field trips. Staff trained in early childhood education.
Participants: Preschools program, ages 3 and 4 by Sept. 1, 2010; Kiwanis Wallas two-year old program, age 2 by March 1, 2011.
Hours and fees: Elkridge: age 3, T,Th, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$233; age 4, M,W,F, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$465; Kiwanis Wallas: age 2 by March 1, 2011, M,W, 9:30 a.m.-noon or T,Th, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$160/mo. Roger Carter: age 3, T,Th, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$233/mo.; age 4, M,W,F, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$465/mo. Triadelphia: age 3, M,W,Th, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$221/mo., age 4, M,W,Th, noon-3 p.m., \$265/mo. Veterans: M-F, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$713/mo. \$50 nonrefundable registration fee.
Contact: Stephanie Wise, 410-313-4721 or Swise@howardcountymd.gov.

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, Lime Kiln, Glenwood (at Bushy 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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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.

ESSENTIALS LEARNING CENTER

Location: 10215 Guilford Road, Jessup.
Programs: Preschool and kindergarten MSDE approved curriculum. Learn through play and true experiences.
Hours: 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fees: Infants, \$310/wk.; 2-year-olds, \$220/week; 3- and 4-year olds, \$185/week; Before and after care, \$157/week. Before care only, \$90/week; after care only, \$95/week.

Contact: Naisha Feliciano-Brown, 240-294-7716, EssentialsLC@comcast.net or elcmd.com.

FIRST START CHILDCARE & LEARNING CENTER

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 Mortimer, 410-379-8200 or www.firststartcenters.com.

GOOD BEGINNINGS

Location: 10473 Gorman Road, Laurel.
Programs: Licensed child care and preschool serving children 18 months through 5 years.

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

Fees: Visit website for fees.

Contact: Dawn Randall, director, www.gbbeginnings.com.

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

Fees: Five days, \$220/wk.; three days (M,W,F), \$160/wk.; two days (T,Th), \$115/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. Creative curriculum endorsed by MSDE. 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. Karate, dance and camp program.

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: 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. Before- and after-school care for K-5, including transportation, full-time, \$480/mo.; part-time, \$280/mo. Weekly (M-F), 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Hours: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. (M-Th); 7 a.m.-midnight (F); 8:30 a.m.-midnight (Saturday).

Contact: Maggie Surbrook, 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; 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

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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.

LITTLE BUILDER'S LEARNING CENTER

Location: 13342 Clarksville Pike, Highland.

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

Christian-based program.

Participants: Infants six weeks to age 5.

Fees: Contact center for fee schedule.

Contact: Cynthia Hanna, director at 301-854-2221, cyndi@littlebuilderslearningcenter.com or www.littlebuilderslearningcenter.com.

(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, Spanish lessons, one-on-one tutoring; outdoor play centers and field trips. Before- and after-school care with homework and tutoring. Summer programs for 2- to 12-year-olds. Tuition includes meals.

Contact: 410-992-3999, littlestarsincolumbia@gmail.com.

LORNWOOD DAY CARE & PRESCHOOL

Location: 10453 Green Mountain Circle, 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, \$270/wk.; 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds, five full days, \$170/wk.; three days, \$120/wk.; two days, \$94/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 \$85/wk.; before-care only, \$45; after-care only, \$60.

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 5 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, \$85; three days, \$105; four days, \$145; five days, \$155. For 3- and 4-year-olds: two days, \$80; three days, \$100; four days, \$140; five days, \$150. Full-day: 2-year-olds: two days, \$120; three days, \$175; four days, \$205; five days, \$215. 3- to 5- year olds: two days, \$115; three days, \$165; four days, \$195; five days, \$205.

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.

WEMS Y LEARNING CENTER

Location: 4649 Columbia Road, Ellicott City.

Programs: Multi-age center providing care for toddlers 18 months-4 years olds. Intellectual development in language, literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, art and music. Physical development encouraged through activities that strengthen gross and fine motor skills.

Hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fees: Call for fees.

Contact: Monica Banks, director, 410-418-9265, wemyslearningcenter@msn.com.

Y CHILD CARE @ OWEN BROWN

Location: 9270 Homespun, Columbia.

Contact: Robert Smith, 410-290-6505, robertsmith@ymaryland.org or www.ymaryland.org.

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 United States. 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; Information and Referral Line: 410-313-2273 or 877-261-0060, www.howardcountymd.gov/childcareresourcecenter or 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 may be 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 or www.cac-hc.org/CAC/CAC_HeadStartApplyHere.htm.

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: 410-313-2273, children@howardcountymd.gov or 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 5 years. The program has eligibility requirements.

Contact: 410-313-1453 or www.howardcountymd.gov/children.

HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Locations: Atholton, Bellows Spring, Bollman Bridge, Bryant Woods, Bushy Park, Cradlerock, Dayton Oaks, Deep Run, 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 (410-313-1571), Deep Run (410-313-5000), 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 (410-313-7142), 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 kindergarten who live in the Cradlerock School attendance area or who attend Dasher Green Head Start or a partner childcare center or preschool. The Judy Center is an early childhood and comprehensive family services program. Our goal is school readiness and our vision is that every child enter school ready to learn and be successful. We acknowledge the importance of parents as their child's first teacher and offer support to parents to help them be excellent first teachers of their children. Information and referral services to community agencies and Judy Center Partners are available. All programs and services are free and include parent workshops on the topics of child development, language and literacy, What to expect in kindergarten and pre-K and how to help prepare your child, Learning Parties and more; Parent/Child events including Families Together Nights, Terrific Tuesdays for 2 and 3 year olds, Meals with Magnificent Men, Games with Great Guys, Storytime and playgroups for young children, special health programs that include screening fairs and nutritional, health and safety workshops. Also available are staff development opportunities for family childcare providers, and day care center staff, kindergarten, pre-K and Head Start teachers. An on-site Parent Resource Center includes books, videos and learning activity backpacks that parents can borrow and use with their children at home.

Participants: Families with children birth through kindergarten who live in the Cradlerock School attendance area and/ or who attend a partner childcare center and families whose children attend the Dasher Green Head Start Center.

Hours: Day and evening programs are available.

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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 disorder and related developmental disabilities offering a 12-month program in a therapeutic environment with educational, vocational and residential components when needed. 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: Karen Spence, 410-465-1352, kspence@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, Waverly and Worthington 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.

For information on other child-care providers, call the Howard County Child Care Resource Center's referral line at 410-313-1930.

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