

Rochester Area Childcare Directory

Rochester Public Library
Children's Room



65 South Main St.
Rochester, NH 03867
(603) 335-7549
www.rpl.lib.nh.us

This listing contains basic information about infant and toddler care, preschools, kindergartens and before and after school programs in Rochester. Addresses and phone numbers only are listed for childcare services in the communities surrounding Rochester.

For more information about Strafford County Programs or help choosing care in general, please contact:

Strafford County Child Care Connections

150 Wakefield St.
Rochester, NH 03867
(603) 335-3849 (888) 440-4914

We cannot endorse any of these programs. This directory is simply a service to our patrons. Please contact providers for up-to-date prices and space availability.

We hope this collection of area childcare providers is helpful to you and your family during your search for childcare.

Some additional things to consider . . .

Plan to visit facilities that interest you in order to find the best situation for you and your child. This will give you the chance to meet the caregivers and children and choose a caring, stimulating environment for your child(ren).

- Does your child respond best to a structured day, or a flexible schedule?
- Do you want your child to spend more time actively learning, or more time in unstructured play with other children?
- What is the teacher/child ratio?
- Is the fee schedule set for the year? When are payments expected?
- Are the hours convenient for your family's schedule?
- Do you like all of the programs at the school or center? Will your child be in the same place next year, and do you like next year's program?
- Is reading aloud a regular part of the daily schedule?
- How often do children get "screen time" (computer, video games, television, movies)?
- Are there a variety of developmentally appropriate activities available for the children?
- Are most of the children happily occupied? Is any child doing nothing or unhappy? How long does it take for the caregiver to notice and direct the child? How long for the caregiver to comfort an unhappy child?
- What are the sunscreen and bug spray policies?
- How are the caregivers interacting with the children? Are caregivers making positive comments to the children?
- Do caregivers touch the children? Hug them? Hold the babies?
- Are you comfortable talking about your approaches to childcare with the caregivers?
- Do the caregivers have experiences and/or educational backgrounds that have trained them for work with young children?
- Do the caregivers continue to learn more about their job by attending workshops, taking courses, and reading?

Once your child(ren) is/are enrolled in a program, it is VERY important to continue to observe the care that your child(ren) is/are receiving.

- Ask your child(ren) about his or her day and LISTEN CAREFULLY for clues about problems your child might be having.
- Ask the caregivers about your child(ren)'s day.
- Discuss any issues and questions you have with your child(ren) and the caregivers.
- Speak up if you are concerned about the program.
- Always remember, you know best what is right for your family.

Childcare in Rochester, NH

Colleen's Country Daycare	8 Sampson Rd.	335-0440
Emmanuel Child Care	24 Eastern Ave	332-5353
Jack and Jill School	56 Whitehall Rd.	332-3177
Melissa's Munchkinland	14 Washington St.	335-8691
Rochester Child Care Center	95 Charles St.	332-9333
St. Elizabeth Seton	16 Bridge St.	332-4803
St. Leo's Kindercare	59 Main St., Gonic	332-9840
Small Wonders Preschool	140 Wakefield St.	749-4015
Storybook Hollow	9 Weeping Willow Dr.	332-8262
YMCA Children's Center	P.O. Box 1804 63 Lowell St.	332-7334

Other options available in Rochester (no additional information in this directory):

Pumpkin Patch Daycare	81 Oak St.	335-0559
Strafford County Head Start	150 Wakefield St.	335-3611

Childcare options outside Rochester are listed after the detailed Rochester listings.

Some providers have not offered in-depth information. We cannot guarantee that all information is current as information is subject to change. Contact providers for the most current data.

This information was provided December 2010; new information will be included as it is provided.

Colleen's Country Daycare

8 Sampson Rd.
Rochester, NH 03867
603-335-0440

Contact Person/Director: Colleen Delmont
Ages Served: 3 months to 12 years
State License: Yes
Fees: Vary
Ratios: 12 pre-school, 5 attending full day school program
Description: Family daycare with a fenced-in playground. We offer a curriculum complete with themes and activities. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are provided as we participate in the USDA food program.

Emmanuel Child Care Center

P.O. Box 1812
24 Eastern Ave
Rochester, NH 03866
603-332-5353
Fax: 332-8112
Email: childcare@emmanuelacc.net
Website: www.emmanuelacc.net

Contact Person/Director: Cindy Blanchette
Hours/Sessions: Mon-Fri 6 am – 6 pm year round
Ages served: 6 weeks – 10 years
Ratios: Infants 1:4
Young Toddlers 1:5
Older Toddlers 1:6
Three Years 1:8
Four Years 1:12
Kindergarten 1:13
School Age 1:15
State License: Yes

Philosophy: Emmanuel Child Care is an outreach ministry of the Emmanuel Advent Christian Church of Rochester and is state licensed for children from infancy to school age years. Our intent is to provide quality childcare and educational programs to families in the greater Rochester area.

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Jack and Jill School

56 Whitehall Rd

Rochester, NH 03867

603-332-3177

Fax: 332-3175

<http://www.jackandjillschool.net>

Contact Person: Angie Schoonmaker

Hours/Sessions: September-June following the school calendar. Extended hours for our students (7:30 am to 4:30 pm) and summer programs also available.

3 year old Program Options:
Tues. & Thurs. 8:45-11:15 am **OR** 12-2:30 pm
Mon. -Wed.-Fri. 9 am to 1 pm

4 year old Program Options:
Mon. - Weds. - Fri. 8:45 to 11:15 am **OR** 12:00 to 2:30 pm
Mon. - Tues. - Weds. - Thurs. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ages Served: 3 and 4 year olds

Ratios: 3 year olds—1:7
4 year olds—1:10

State License: Yes

Fees: 3 year olds
2 day program—\$1,600/yr
3 day program—\$1,800/yr
4 year olds
3 day program—\$1,850/yr
4 day program—\$2,500/yr
Children bring their own snacks

Philosophy: The Jack and Jill School is a place for children to explore, experiment, and play, to enjoy, to discover and to learn. It provides a learning

environment that promotes a multitude of educational experiences. The school gives the child a chance to socialize with children his/her own age and learn to value him/herself as well as others. The Jack and Jill School provides an atmosphere that is encouraging, warm, and understanding. Our goal is to challenge, no frustrate; to work with children to their fullest potential. We provide a stimulating environment where your child can grow in his/her own special way.

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Melissa's Munchkinland

14 Washington St.
Rochester, NH 03867
603-335-8691

Contact Person/Director: Melissa Graves
Hours/Sessions: 6 AM to 4:30 PM, year round
Ages Served: 6 weeks to 12 years
Ratios/Capacity: 9 children total
State License: Yes
Fees: Vary, call for information
Description: We provide a preschool curriculum, meals, and a fenced-in play area with many toys.

Rochester Child Care Center

95 Charles St.
Rochester, NH 03867
603-332-9333
Fax: 332-3912
Website: <http://www.rochesterchildcare.org>

Contact Person/Director: Christine Casserly, Executive Director
Hours/Sessions: Monday – Friday 6:00AM –6:00PM; Year round
Ages Served: 6 months –12 years

- Ratios: Child to Caregiver Ratio is according to state license
- Fees: Weekly Rates (*see following page for more details*)
- Under 17 months: \$187/week
 - 17 mo. – Preschool: \$180/week
 - Preschool: \$157/week
 - Kindergarten: \$157/week
 - School Age: \$50 AM only; \$60 PM only; \$75 AM & PM;
Full day school vacation care: \$30 per day \$135 per week
 - Multiple Child Discounts – 25% of less expensive child’s tuition
 - Families with preschoolers and/or toddlers who also have children in the school age program will receive a \$10 per week discount off the normal rate for school age care.

State License: Yes

Description: RCCC is a private nonprofit childcare center providing early education and childcare to children 6 months to 12 years. The agency strives to provide a range of services that support working parents while fostering the emotional, social, physical, and intellectual growth of their children. Special consideration and effort is given to low-income families and to families going through crises.

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St. Elizabeth Seton School
 KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE PROGRAM
 16 Bridge St.
 Rochester, NH 03867
 603-332-4803 or 603-335-1080
 Fax: 332-2915
 Website: www.sesschool.org

Open House: Last Sunday in January 12:30-2:30 PM

- Principal: Suzanne Boutin
- Contact Person: Linda Buckless or Debbie Vittum
- Hours/Sessions: Morning Care 7-8 AM
 Two Kindergartens are available.
 Kindergarten Half day 8:25-11:45 AM Mon-Fri

Kindergarten Full day 8:25 AM-2:50 PM
After School Program 3-5:30 PM
Follows the Rochester Public School Calendar (with a few exceptions)

- Ages Served: Children must be 5 years old by September 30th
- Fees: Kindergarten—sponsorships and financial aid are available – call for more information
- State License: Yes.
- Accreditation: We are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Philosophy: St. Elizabeth Seton School is much more than an ordinary school. It is a loving and caring family dedicated not only to education but also to discovering and developing the unique gifts which God has given every individual. Our Kindergarten is staffed by dedicated teachers. They hold State of NH teacher certification in Elementary/Early Childhood Education. Our staff maintains its excellence by continuing education through course work, in service training and workshops.

The Kindergarten program at St. Elizabeth Seton School builds the foundation for a child's educational development. There are many advantages to being part of the St. Elizabeth Seton School Community: access to the gym, library, music and the family of students.

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St. Leo's Kindercare

59 Main St.
Gonic, NH 03839
603-332-9840

- Contact Person/Director: Linda Carr
- Hours/Sessions: Day Care Mon. – Fri. 6:45 AM – 5:30 PM year round
Pre-K and K Mon. –Fri. 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Sept. – June
- Ages Served: 3 years – 6 years
- Capacity: 40 children
- Fees: \$150/week – Full time (includes Kindergarten)
\$80/week— Kindergarten only
\$36/day—part time

\$18/day – half day programs
There is a 10% sibling discount
Fees include 1 daily snack.
Children bring their own lunch and afternoon snack.

State License: Yes

Facility: St. Leo's Kindercare is located in the basement of St. Leo's Church. There are 3 large classrooms – 1 room each for 3's, 4's, and Kindergarten. The program focuses on weekly themes that include arts, crafts, prayer time, gross motor activities, cooperative games, music, and outside activities. There is a large spare room for indoor play, a large fenced in playground, and a kitchen for the preparation of healthful snacks.

Philosophy: We strive to provide a safe, developmentally appropriate, and healthy environment in which each child can grow and develop spiritually, socially, emotionally, and academically within a caring Catholic atmosphere. Our curriculum follows educational standards including small motor skills, language and math introductions, science, and social awareness.

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Storybook Hollow Early Learning Program

9 Weeping Willow Dr.
Rochester, NH 03867
603-332-8262

Contact Person/Director: Donna Caton

Hours/Sessions: Monday – Friday 7 AM to 5:30 PM, year round.
Both fall and summer programs available.

Ages Served: 6 weeks to 14 years

Capacity: 50 children

Ratios: According to state guidelines.

State License: Yes

Fees: Vary, please call for more information.

Description: Year round program focusing on childcare, early learning and education.

Strafford County YMCA

Children's Center
P.O. Box 1804
Rochester, NH 03867
603-332-7334 ext. 13
<http://www.gmfymca.org/default.asp?ID=150>

Contact Person/Director: Sharon Porter

Hours/Sessions: Mon- Fri 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM throughout the school year.
(Summer programs are available for ages 10 months to 15 years old; older teens have the option of the CIT, Counselors-in-Training, program.)

Ages Served: 10 months through 6 years

Ratios:

10 months to 3 years	4:1
3 to 4 years	1:8
4 to 6 years	1:12

Fees: Registration fee: \$65.00 (includes annual membership).
Financial assistance is available.
Other rates vary depending on full or part time and the type of program.

State License: Yes

Description: We spend a lot of time outdoors throughout the course of the year. The Children's Center will provide a morning and afternoon snack.

Philosophy: The Children's Center will provide a safe and enriching atmosphere where children will have the freedom to take risks, ask questions, and negotiate the curriculum. The child-centered classrooms will allow for the celebration of the individual child. The children will explore topics that are relevant to their everyday experiences. They will be encouraged to share their interests and curiosities with their peers and teachers. This Children's Center has an open door policy to ensure a true partnership between home and school.

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ROCHESTER SCHOOL'S OUT CHILDCARE

P.O. Box 1804

Rochester, NH 03867

603-332-7334

Website: <http://www.gmfymca.org/default.asp?ID=150>

- Contact Person/Director: Cody Sutton
- Hours/Sessions: Mon-Fri from school dismissal through 6 pm,
throughout the school year. Bus transportation is available from
all the elementary schools to the YMCA program held at the
Rochester Middle School.

(Summer programs are available for ages 10 months to 15 years;
older teens have the option of the CIT, Counselors –in-Training,
program).
- Ages Served: First grade through 8th grade
- Fees: Registration fee: \$65.00 (includes annual membership).
Financial assistance is available.
Other rates vary depending on full or part time care and the type
of program.
- State License: Yes
- Philosophy: The Strafford County YMCA builds strong kids, strong
families, and strong communities.

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**CHILDCARE NEAR
ROCHESTER, NH**

BARRINGTON

**Barrington Village School
Family and Child Education Center**
4 Commerce Way
Barrington, NH 03825
(603) 664-8868

Barrington Community Child Center
1st Site: 473 Franklin Pierce Hwy
2nd Site: Early Learning Ctr.
477 Franklin Pierce Hwy
Barrington, NH 03825
(603) 742-8981
(603) 742-1358 (Early Learning Ctr.)
Email: Barrechildctr@metrocast.net

School House Hill Day Care Center
365 Route 9
Barrington, NH 03825
(603) 664-5518

Way To Grow Preschool
491 Route 9
Barrington, NH 03825
(603) 664-2032
www.waytogrow.biz

DOVER

Child Care Services
(offers child care referrals only)
652 Central Ave #F
Dover, NH 03820
(603)516-1190

Children in Motion Incorporated
274 County Farm Rd
Dover, NH 06820
(603) 743-3312
<http://site.childreninmotioninc.com>

Cross Road Kindergarten

18 French Cross Rd
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 749-4278
<http://crossroadks.org>

Dover Children's Center
43 Back River Rd
Dover, NH 03820
(603)742-7637

**Early Learning Center at Wentworth
Douglass Hospital** (for employees only)
789 Central Ave
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-7155
www.wdhospital.com/body.cfm?id=177

Garrison City Early Childhood Center
105 Durham Rd
Dover, NH 03820
(603)343-1214
www.gcecc.net

Happy Helpers Preschool Center
6 Heather Lane
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-3910

Highland Farm Preschool
148 County Farm Rd
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 743-3399
www.highlandfarmpreschool.com

Honey Hill Childcare
57 Central Ave
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 749-3144

**Little Learning Bees Early Child Care
Center**
349 Washington St
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-5383
<http://littlelearningbees.com>

Little Lamb Nursery & Day Care

31 Tennyson Ave
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-3102

My School

118 Locust St #1
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-0321
<http://myschooldover.com>

Peter Cotton Tail Preschool

42 Long Hill Rd
Dover, NH 03820
(603)749-4411
<http://petercottontailpreschool.com>

Persephone's Playhouse

9 Baldwin Way
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 842-4012

Stay & Play Early Learning Center

23A Atkinson St
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 516-0393
<http://stay-play.com/dover>

**Stafford County Head Start and
Daycare --Childcare Program**

62 Whittier St. #A
Dover, NH 03820
(603) 742-1732

FARMINGTON

Farmington Child Care Center

120 Main St
Farmington, NH 03835
(603) 755-2883

**Strafford County Head Start
Early Head Start**

60 Charles St
Farmington, NH 06835
(603) 755-3108

LEBANON, MAINE

Back to Basics

44 Depot Rd
Lebanon, ME 04027
(207) 457-1838
<http://backtobasicschildcare.com>

Lebanon Children's Garden

29 Pond View Dr
Lebanon, ME 04027
(207) 339-0037
<http://lebanonchildrensgarden.com>

It's All About Me Home Daycare

56 Windswept Dr
Lebanon, ME 04027
(207) 658-9137

Lebanon Head Start

53 Upper Guinea Rd
Lebanon, ME 04027
(207) 457-1294

Pumpkin Patch Day Care

307 Lower Cross Rd
Lebanon, ME 04027
(207) 457-1834

MILTON

Milton Learning Center

62 Dawson St
Milton, NH 03851
(603) 652-9337

Wittle Monkeys Daycare

1091 White Mountain Hwy
Milton, NH 03851
(603) 652-4488
www.wittlemonkeysdaycare.com

Milton School Gilman House

20 School St
Milton, NH 03851
(603) 652-4344

Milton Children's Center

55 Industrial Way
Milton, NH 03851
(603) 652-0990

SOMERSWORTH

Little Hands Childcare
48 Wildflower Circle #2
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603)692-5946

I Can Be Me Preschool & Childcare
233 Route 108
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603)749-0730

Julie's Kids Child Care
10 Rowland St
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-4699

Little Folks Preschool & Day Care
29 Lil Nor Ave
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-4706

Lorraine Family Child Care
40 Cemetery Rd
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-3010

Somersworth Early Learning Center
15 Bartlett Ave
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-2081
<http://somersworthearlylearningcenter.org>

Somersworth Head Start
9 Bartlett Ave
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-6367 (Sept.-1st week of June)
(603) 755-3108 (June, July, & August)

Tri City Christian Academy

150 West High St
Somersworth, NH 03878
(603) 692-2093
Fax: (603) 692-6305
www.tcca-nh.com

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