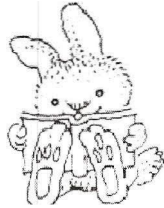


**Rochester Area  
Childcare  
Directory**

Rochester Public Library  
Children's Room



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

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

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

<b>Emmanuel Child Care</b>	63 Eastern Ave	332-5355
<b>Jack and Jill School</b>	56 Whitehall Rd.	332-3177
<b>Melissa's Munchkinland</b>	14 Washington St.	335-8691
<b>Rochester Child Care Center</b>	95 Charles St.	332-9333
<b>St. Elizabeth Seton</b>	16 Bridge St.	332-4803
<b>St. Leo's Children's Center</b>	32 Pickering Rd.	332-9840
<b>Small Wonders Preschool</b>	140 Wakefield St.	749-4015
<b>Strafford County Head Start</b>	150 Wakefield St.	516-2320
<b>YMCA Children's Center</b>	63 Lowell St. P.O. Box 1804	332-7334

**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 August 2020; new information will be included as it is provided.

**Emmanuel Child Care Center**

63 Eastern Ave

P.O. Box 1812

Rochester, NH 03866

603-332-5355

Email: [childcare@emmanuelacc.net](mailto:childcare@emmanuelacc.net)

Website: [www.emmanuelacc.net/childcare](http://www.emmanuelacc.net/childcare)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/emmanuelchildcarecenter](http://www.facebook.com/emmanuelchildcarecenter)

Contact Person/Director:	Cindy Blanchette
Hours/Sessions:	Mon-Fri 6 am – 6 pm year round
Ages served:	6 weeks – 5 years
State License:	Yes
Philosophy:	Emmanuel Child Care is an outreach ministry of the Emmanuel Church of. Our intent is to provide quality childcare and educational programs to families in the greater Rochester area. Emmanuel formulates its philosophy and curriculum on the following viewpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Every child is a unique individual created by God.</li><li>• Every child proceeds through specific levels of growth and development</li><li>• Every child is an active learner and explorer of his/her environment.</li><li>• Every child is to be valued and respected.</li></ul>
Registration Fees:	\$35.00 per child or \$55.00 per family
Infants (6 weeks-18 months)	\$245.00 per week
Toddlers (18-preschool)	\$225.00 per week
Preschool 3 + 4	\$205.00 per week

(3 yrs. by 9/30 - Must be potty trained)

See the 2020 Parent Handbook for more information

**Jack and Jill School**  
 56 Whitehall Rd  
 Rochester, NH 03867  
 603-332-3177  
<http://www.jackandjillschool.net>

Contact Person:	Deb Cuddahy
Hours:	7:00 am-5:00 pm
Sessions:	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Early Preschool (2 ½ year olds):</u></b>          Monday through Friday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm          Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm          Tuesday-Thursday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Preschool 3's:</u></b>          Monday through Friday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm  <b>OR</b> 8:30 am-12:45 pm          Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm  <b>OR</b> 8:30 am-12:45 pm          Tuesday-Thursday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm  <b>OR</b> 8:30 am-12:45 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Pre-Kindergarten (4 year olds):</u></b>          Monday through Friday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm  <b>OR</b> 8:45 am-1:00 pm          Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm  <b>OR</b> 8:45 am-1:00 pm          Tuesday-Thursday: 6:45 am-5:30 pm  <b>OR</b> 8:45 am-1:00 pm</p>
Ages Served:	2 ½, 3, and 4 year olds
Ratios:	2 ½ year olds — 6:1 3 year olds — 8:1 4 year olds — 10:1
License:	State + Licensed Plus
Fees:	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Early Preschool</u></b>          Monday through Friday: \$252/week          Monday-Wednesday-Friday: \$165/week          Tuesday-Thursday: \$115/week</p>

	<p align="center"><b><u>Preschool 3's</u></b>  <b>Monday through Friday:</b>  Full Day: \$231/week  Half Day: \$122/week  <b>Monday-Wednesday-Friday:</b>  Full Day: \$152/week  Half Day: \$83/week  <b>Tuesday-Thursday:</b>  Full Day: \$106/week  Half Day: \$60/week  <b><u>Pre-Kindergarten</u></b>  <b>Monday through Friday:</b>  Full Day: \$226/week  Half Day: \$119/week  <b>Monday-Wednesday-Friday:</b>  Full Day: \$149/week  Half Day: \$80/week  <b>Tuesday-Thursday:</b>  Full Day: \$103/week  Half Day: \$57/week</p>
<b><i>Children Bring Their Own Snacks and Lunches!</i></b>	
Mission:	Our mission is to enrich children's lives with opportunities to explore and develop their unique abilities by engaging them in age-appropriate activities that will enhance their cognitive, social, physical and emotional development.

**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:	Christiane Casserly, Executive Director
Hours/Sessions:	Monday-Friday 6:30AM – 5:30PM; Year round
Ages Served:	6 months- 12 years
Ratios:	Child to Caregiver Ratio according to state license
Fees:	Weekly Rates (see below for more details)
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.

### Rochester Child Care Center's Weekly Tuition Rates & Policies

#### **Registration Fees:** *All programs*

\$40 Enrollment (*one time fee due with completed paperwork*)

#### **Toddlers I** *Butterflies*

Weekly Rate: \$250.00

Daily Rate: \$50.00

#### **Toddlers II** *Bumblebees, Glow Worms, & Caterpillars*

Weekly Rate: \$229.00

Daily Rate: \$46.00

#### **Preschool** *Inchworms, Dragonflies, Crickets, Grasshoppers, & Fireflies*

Weekly Rate: \$197.00

Daily Rates: \$40.00

#### **"UP" Program School Age Sites** *Allen, Gonic, McClelland, East Rochester, Chamberlain, School Street, Nancy Loud, Maple Street Magnet School and Middle School*

Weekly Rates: AM only – \$50.00

PM only – \$65.00

AM & 2:15-3:00 – \$65.00

AM & PM – \$80.00

Kindergarteners taking the 3pm bus – \$30.00

*The school age program only offers a five-day rate*

*Kindergarteners are not eligible for early release days*

*Only children enrolled in the AM are eligible for 2 hour delays*

### **Full day school vacation and school closure days:**

\$31.00 Daily (this rate applies to individual full days, i.e. snow day or teacher workshops. Regular tuition rates apply for the rest of the week.)  
\$145.00 Weekly

### **Multiple Child Rates:**

There is a 20% discount for the second child and any additional siblings. The discount is taken on the slot charged at a lower rate. This discount also applies to the school age summer program. A \$10.00 per week discount is taken for students attending before and after school care. **Children must attend FULL-TIME in order to qualify.**

### **Scholarship Assistance:**

If you feel you may be eligible for reduced rates through the State of NH Child Care Development Fund Scholarship (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/ccdf/index.htm>) please visit the local Department of Human Services office. We will be happy to help with any paperwork.

### **Credit Card Payments:**

Rochester Child Care Center offers the option of having automatic payments made weekly by credit card. Please request our Automatic Credit Card Payment form in the office.

### **Tuition Policies:**

As a non-profit agency, we rely on your prompt payment for the important services we provide. Payment is expected in advance, on Monday, for the upcoming week of care. We will charge a late payment fee of \$10 for any accounts that are 2 or more weeks over due. If your account is 3 or more weeks in arrears we will not be able to accept your child for care the following Monday. We do not wish to cause any inconvenience or hardship to families, but are not in a financial position to offer credit for large balances.

**Families are required to pay their full tuition rate regardless of holidays and their child's attendance in our program.**

### **Vacation Policy:**

After 3 months of attendance in our program, **FULL TIME** families who have children enrolled at the center are allotted 5 vacation days per year in which a family will not be charged for their child's absence from his/her program. All requests to use these days must be put in writing and submitted to the office immediately following the absence. All vacation days renew September 1st each year. Children enrolled in the School Age program do not accumulate vacation days.

### **Summer Activity Fees:**

During the summer months Rochester Child Care Center provides extra activities and events for our toddler, preschool, and kindergarten classrooms. A charge of \$5.00 is applied once in the month of July and once in the month of August to help cover the cost of these extra activities.

### **Return Check Policy:**

A \$20.00 charge will be applied for any returned checks. Once we have received two returned checks on an account, cash only payments will be required.



**Late Pickup Charge:**

A \$10.00 late charge may be applied to any families who arrive between 6:00PM and 6:15PM. After 6:15PM you will be charged \$15.00 for each 15 minute increment.

**Food Program:**

Rochester Child Care Center participates in the CACFP Food Program and offers nutritious meals at no additional cost to families.

**St. Elizabeth Seton School**PRE-K –8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROGRAM

16 Bridge St.

Rochester, NH 03867

603-332-4803 or 603-335-1080

Fax: 332-2915

Website: [www.sesschool.org](http://www.sesschool.org)

Open House:	Periodically throughout the year, please check our website ( <a href="http://sessschool.org">sessschool.org</a> )
Principal:	Suzanne Boutin
Hours/Sessions:	Morning Care 7-8 AM Pre-K Half day 8:25-11:45 AM Mon-Fri Pre-K (full day) Kindergarten Half day 8:25-11:45 AM Mon-Fri Kindergarten (full day) through 8th Grade 8:20 AM-3:00 PM After School Program 3-5:30 PM Follows the <u>Rochester</u> Public School Calendar (with a few exceptions)
Ages Served:	Children must be 5 years old by September 30 <sup>th</sup>
Fees:	Pre-K Half Day- \$5,000 Pre-K Full Day- \$5,500 Kindergarten Half-Day - \$5,000 Kindergarten Full Day- \$5,990 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade \$4,990 (sponsored rate) \$5,990 (non-sponsored rate) 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
Mission:	As a Catholic elementary school, our mission is to celebrate our Catholic identity and to foster academic excellence in our students. Through mutual respect, each student is encouraged to be a responsible, faithful, contributing member of the community.

**St. Leo's Children's Center**

32 Pickering Road

Gonic, NH 03839

603-332-9840

Email: [stleoccc@hrsl.org](mailto:stleoccc@hrsl.org)

Contact Person/Director:	Becky Croteau
Hours/Sessions:	Day Care Mon. – Fri. 6:45 AM – 5:30 PM year round Preschool Mon. –Fri. 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Sept. – June
Ages Served:	2 years 9 months — 5 years
Capacity:	40 children
Fees:	\$190/week – Full time \$40/day—3 or 4 days \$45/day- 2 days \$25/day – Preschool only There is a 20% sibling discount Fees include 1 daily snack. Children bring their own lunch and afternoon snack.
State License:	Yes
Facility:	St. Leo's Children's Center is located in the basement of St. Leo's Church. There are 3 large classrooms. 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 healthy 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.

### **Small Wonders Preschool Lab**

Spaulding High School

140 Wakefield St.

Rochester, NH 03867

603-332-0757 ext. \*2153

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/sau54.org/small-wonders-website/home>

Email: [kane.t@rochesterschools.com](mailto:kane.t@rochesterschools.com)

Contact Person/Director:	Tammy Kane
Preschool Teachers:	Tammy Kane Linda Harte
Hours/Sessions:	October — May <b>3/4 Mixed Age Morning Class-</b> <b>12:45pm-2:45pm</b> Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays \$95 a month
Ages Served:	3 & 4 year olds with birthdays by September 30 <sup>th</sup> for their respective ages.
Capacity:	Fourteen 3 year olds- in the afternoon class Sixteen 4 year olds- in the afternoon class
Ratio:	At least 1.5 classroom teachers session, plus 3-8 high school students
Fees:	\$25.00 registration fee Snacks are included
State License:	Board of Education Certified
Description:	Large facility in the Richard Creteau Technology Center at the Spaulding High School. It's a colorful and bright space, with an observation room and fenced playground.

Philosophy:

Our program is a laboratory school for the high school students taking the two-year Foundation of Education program. The high school students help to plan and carry out appropriate arts and crafts, pre-math, science and social studies, music, language, and movement activities under the supervision of the classroom teachers. We are interested in helping the WHOLE child develop and grow while they are with us. We have designed our program to emphasize the development of fine and gross motor skills, social skills, and cognitive skills. We integrate letters, colors, shapes, numbers, and many other concepts into the activities we do throughout the year. We also have a "theme of the week" around which many of the activities are planned.

## **Strafford County Head Start**

*(multiple locations)*

Head Start Administration

577 Central Ave

Dover, NH 03820

Tel. 603-652-0990 • Fax 603-352-9040 • E-mail [headstart@straffordcap.org](mailto:headstart@straffordcap.org)

Locations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 577 Central Ave, Dover NH 03820</li><li>• 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester NH 03867</li><li>• 120 Main Street, Farmington NH 03835</li><li>• 14 Stackpole Road, Somersworth NH 03878</li></ul>
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Ages Served:	3-5 years
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High-quality early education 5 days a week for 4 hours a day</li><li>• Individualized curriculum</li><li>• An inclusive program for children with disabilities or developmental delays</li><li>• Nutritious breakfast and lunch</li><li>• Health screenings (including dental, vision, and hearing)</li><li>• Access to mental health and nutrition professionals</li><li>• Family support through home visits and access to a Family Advocate</li><li>• Parent involvement and volunteer opportunities</li><li>• Educational field trips and special events</li></ul>
Outreach & Enrollment Coordinator:	Taylor Damato
Philosophy:	Strafford County Head Start helps preschool children in low-income households prepare to enter the school system, aiding in the areas of education, health, nutrition, social services and parent involvement. Program goals are to increase the child's social and learning skills while building self-confidence. Health services to 100% of enrolled Head Start children assure

	complete physicals, immunizations, nutritional services, vision and hearing screenings, speech and developmental assessments, and follow-up services. Children with special needs are welcome and fully included.
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Extended day services **may** be available through our child care program (available in Farmington, Rochester, and Milton). Additional information on rates and availability on child care can be obtained by calling 603-755-2883.

**YMCA**  
 ROCHESTER SCHOOL'S OUT CHILDCARE  
 35 Industrial Way  
 Rochester, NH 03867  
 603-332-7334  
 Website: <http://www.graniteymca.org>

Contact Person/Director:	Katie Soule (Early Learning Center Director) 994-4113 <a href="mailto:ksoule@graniteymca.org">ksoule@graniteymca.org</a> Caitlin Sullivan (School Age Director) 994-4119 <a href="mailto:csullivan@graniteymca.org">csullivan@graniteymca.org</a> Linda Silvia (Payments & Registration) 994-4130 <a href="mailto:lsilvia@graniteymca.org">lsilvia@graniteymca.org</a>
Ages Served:	6 Weeks through Middle School
Fees:	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Early Learning Center</u></b>          Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:30pm          Infant, 1 - 12 Months \$250          Toddler, 12 - 22 Months \$225          Preschool I, 22 - 32 Months \$220          Preschool II, 32 - 42 Months \$210          Preschool III, 42 - 50 Months \$205          Pre-K, 50 - 72 Months \$200</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>After School Care</u></b>          After School until 6:00pm          1-3 days: \$59 For children who attend Chamberlain, East Rochester, Gonic, Maple Street          4-5 days: \$79 For children who attend Magnet, McClelland, Nancy Loud, and William Allen</p>

	<b>Full Day</b> 7:00am-3:30pm City Employees: \$46 / day \$180 / week Non-City Employees: \$46 / day \$195 / week
State License:	Yes
Philosophy:	The Strafford County YMCA builds strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

**Vacation Camps and No School Days K-8 (7:00am-6:00pm)**

The Y offers full day care for your children when school is closed. Additional rates apply and pre registration is required. Children do not have to be enrolled in the School's Out Program in order to participate, but some state-required paperwork must be on file ahead of time. Call for details!

**Snow Days K-8 (8:00am-6:00pm)**

The Y offers drop-in care for your child when school is closed due to inclement weather. Programs are held at the YMCA facility in Rochester. Children do not have to be enrolled in the School's Out Program in order to participate, but some state-required paperwork must be on file ahead of time. Call for details!

**CHILDCARE NEAR  
ROCHESTER, NH**  
*Last updated August 2020*

**BARRINGTON**

**BVS Family and Child Enrichment Center LLC**

45 Commerce Way  
Barrington NH 03825  
(603)905-9183  
[Bvs@metrocast.net](mailto:Bvs@metrocast.net)  
<http://www.bvsfamilyandchildcare.com/>

**Club Kidz**

41 Commerce Way  
Barrington, NH 03825  
(603) 664-2518

**Hill's Home Preschool and More**

22 James Henry drive  
Barrington, NH 03825  
(603) 664-5388

**Kidazzle Child Care**

243 Smoke St.  
Barrington, NH 03825  
603-534-2995  
[kidazzle1@gmail.com](mailto:kidazzle1@gmail.com)

**Way To Grow Preschool**

1324 Franklin Pierce Highway  
Barrington, NH 03825  
(603) 664-2032  
[www.waytogrow.biz](http://www.waytogrow.biz)

**DOVER****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) 740-2612  
Fax: (603) 740-2491  
[Debby.adams@wdhospital.com](mailto:Debby.adams@wdhospital.com)

**Garrison City Early Childhood Center**

105 Durham Rd  
Dover, NH 03820  
(603)343-1214  
[www.gcecc.net](http://www.gcecc.net)  
[gcecc@myfairpoint.net](mailto:gcecc@myfairpoint.net)

**Happy Helpers Preschool Center**

6 Heather Lane  
Dover, NH 03820  
(603) 742-3910  
[happyhelperspreschool@comcast.net](mailto:happyhelperspreschool@comcast.net)

**Highland Farm Preschool**

148 County Farm Rd  
Dover, NH 03820  
(603) 743-3399  
[www.highlandfarmpreschool.com](http://www.highlandfarmpreschool.com)



**Little Lamb Nursery & Day Care**

31 Tennyson Ave  
Dover, NH 03820  
(603) 743-3102

**My School LLC**

118 Locust St  
Dover, NH 03820  
(603) 742-0321  
[myschooldover@gmail.com](mailto:myschooldover@gmail.com)  
<http://myschooldover.com>

**Stay & Play Early Learning Center**

9 Nelson St.  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-0393  
<http://stay-play.com/dover>

**SOMERSWORTH****Little Steps Early Learning Center**

7 Works Way  
Somersworth, NH 03878  
(603) 692-1845

**Somersworth Early Learning Center**

35 Bartlett Ave  
Somersworth, NH 03878  
(603) 692-2081  
<http://somersworthearlylearningcenter.com>  
[dcollins@somersworthelc.org](mailto:dcollins@somersworthelc.org)

**Tri City Christian Academy**

150 West High St  
Somersworth, NH 03878  
(603) 692-2093  
[www.tcca-nh.com](http://www.tcca-nh.com)  
[tcca@tcca-nh.com](mailto:tcca@tcca-nh.com)