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FAIRFIELD YMCA

2021-2022 Early Learning Brochure



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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At the Y, we offer a safe, nurturing environment for children to learn and grow. The Y supports their social-emotional, cognitive and physical development. When you know your child is well cared for, you and your family have the opportunity to focus at work, plan healthy meals, enjoy family activities and establish a routine.

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

All kids have great potential. At the Y, we help set them on a path to learning. Children gain confidence as they recognize the Y as a place where they belong and can feel comfortable. Whether it's gaining the confidence that comes from learning new experiences, building positive relationships or participating in activities, it's about nurturing the whole child, from the inside out.

FOR HEALTHY LIVING

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA is a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of every child. For many, the Y is the starting point for children to develop healthy habits nutritionally and physically, that they'll carry with them throughout their lives. We understand that everyone needs to eat well and be physically active to live a full life and reach their potential, and this is especially important for children. Our experienced and caring staff, partners and volunteers model the positive core Y values of **caring, honesty, respect** and **responsibility** that help build character. Our core values are woven throughout our early learning program to create a warm, nurturing, home away from home. Your child's growth, development and education are important to us, as we do our best to ensure their future is bright.

FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Family unity is strengthened in a child's ability to work and play together through events, workshops and family activities. Plus, everyone belongs at the Y. To ensure that all youth have the chance to participate, the Y offers financial assistance to those in need. Please talk with us to learn more. If you'd like to help send a child to child care, you can donate easily on our web site or at our Y. We also participate in the State of CT Care4Kids program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

FAIRFIELD YMCA

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OUR MISSION: To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.



FAIRFIELD YMCA

2021-2022 EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

Preschool and Nursery School



PROGRAM CREDENTIALS

Our Early Learning program is State licensed with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). Partnerships are developed with families, and community to support the optimal development of each child.

PARTICIPANTS

Our Preschool school services children 2-4 year of age. Children enrolled in our two's program must be 2 by December 31. All Office of Early Childhood (OEC) licensing ratios are followed.

OUR CURRICULUM

Early Learning Experience Plans are aligned with Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards. Activities and materials are geared to the child's developmental level. We encourage individual abilities to enhance self-esteem. A combination of literacy, math, physical fitness, art, science and social studies is included in our programming. Active and engaging learning activities are planned. Classrooms are well-equipped for a wide range of developmental activities which meet curricular goals. Children are motivated to explore, manipulate, question, discover and express their needs through play, group and individual activities. Fun prevails as well as aligning with school day site themes.



HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (HEPA)

The Y follows a set of HEPA standards to build a healthier future for our children. Each day children run, jump, play games and are physically active; indoors and outdoors.

EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS

Our staff are role models with a passion for working with children. All staff go through a rigorous interview process with reference and background checks before being offered employment. They are trained in First Aid/CPR, Medication Administration, Child Abuse recognition and prevention plus receive instructions related to the safety and child development.





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CONNECT TO THE Y

Join the Y and gain access to all of our full-facility Y Branches, discounted fees for youth programs, swim lessons and camp. Join as a family to participate in family nights, open swims and other events. Don't forget yourself! Adult members receive group exercise classes and more. Connect and get healthier together. Call the Y Branch for more information. Financial Assistance may be available.

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Fairfield YMCA 841 Old Post Rd, Fairfield CT, 06824 203-255-2834

OUR PROGRAM

The Fairfield Y offers a preschool program for 2-4 year old's that incorporates the Reggio Emilia approach of emergent curriculum. Our relationship-based approach will be a collaboration between parents, teachers, and children. Through exploration and discovery, our program is based on the principles of respect, responsibility, and community. Learning is a journey, education, and building of relationships.

The children are given the opportunity to explore, discover, manipulate, their interests through play , group and individual activities. Play is one of the main ways in which children learn. Through play we are fostering the children to gain a sense of self worth and learn essential skills such as problem solving, working with other and much more. Along with the play the classroom teachers create an environment that encourages reading, writing, and creative expression. A weekly Swim lesson is also part of our 3 and 4 year old preschool program. Each week the children are brought down to the pool where they are given a 30 min swim lesson with our trained swim instructors.

EXPANDED PROGRAMMING

You can extend you child's day by sending your child to Lunch Bunch. During Lunch Bunch the children spend time working with manipulatives, using gross motor skills in our dance studio and outside. Art projects weekly. Sign up by the day, week or month as needed. Lunch Bunch is 1:00pm-4pm for the 3's and 4's only.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Care-4-Kids is accepted and we offer financial assistance. We follow the guidelines set by the CDC, CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC), Y-USA, and other sources to ensure our policies and procedures are aligned to keep our children and staff healthy and safe. Contact Melissa Spiro, Youth and Family Coordinator to schedule a tour.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

A registration packet must be completed and signed to register your child for the Preschool .A registration packet must be completed and signed to register your child for the Preschool Program, payments are due on the 20th of the month prior to service, tuition is based on 10 equal payments paid monthly. **\$25.00 non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee is required.** **Step 1:** Download or pickup a the registration packet. Download at fairfielddy.org **Step 2:** Fill out the registration forms. **Step 3:** Calculate the deposit (if applicable). **Step 4:** Write out your check and drop off forms at the Y.

2021-2022 EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM FEES		
YMCA Youth Membership	\$29.00 Monthly	N/A
Program	Y Member	Community Member
Two-Year Old 2 Days TTH 9:00-12:00pm	\$230	\$275
Two-Year Olds 3 Days MWF 9:00am -12:00pm	\$345	\$410
Three-Year Old 3 Days MWF 9:00am-1:00pm	\$345	\$410
Four Year Old MTWTHF 9:00am-1:00pm	\$575	\$690
Lunch Bunch Daily 1:00pm-4:00pm	\$20 a Day	