



**FIND YOUR  
HOMEWORK HELPER.  
FIND YOUR Y.**

**2023-2024  
School Age Child Care Brochure**

**The Y's Child Care program provides  
a safe, enriching and fun environment  
for kids to enjoy.**

**HAMDEN/NORTH  
HAVEN YMCA**



# BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

We strive to meet the needs of our families while providing quality experiences for the children in our programs. Where and how children spend their time is vital to their growth and success in life.

## FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We help kids reach their potential and thrive in a safe, trustworthy setting. We support your family needs before school, after school or when your child is required to distance learn. The Y offers a curriculum that aligns with the school day and supports growth in literacy, arts science, math, science, engineering and technology (STEAM) while infusing the arts, physical activity and fun. We teach kids confidence, encourage self-expression and enrich social development. Providing our youth with the support, encouragement and positive role models that they need, will not only increase their ability to succeed in school but in life. For families, we offer a peace of mind knowing that your child is in a safe and educational program building new relationships and achieving more.

## FOR HEALTHY LIVING

As a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, supporting their social-emotional, cognitive and physical development. The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA continues to give youth an enriching and safe experience. Our experienced and caring staff 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 child care 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

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

### Hamden/North Haven 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.**



## **OUR CURRICULUM**

A combination of active and engaging learning activities are planned. Fun prevails as well as aligning with school day site themes. All activities are designed to encourage participation by all age groups.

## **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. Healthy snacks are served to teach children to live a healthy life!

## **HOMEWORK HELP**

Time is short at home at the end of the day. We can help! Children can complete homework with the support of our team. No homework, no problem! Children are encouraged to read, play and interact with others.

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART and MATH (STEAM)**

Children are challenged to be critical thinkers, creatively make predictions and become inventors while participating in hands-on activities.

## **ENRICHMENT**

To inspire a child's creative mind, they can undertake crafts, painting, drama and other art projects. From drama and board games to reading, literacy is infused in our programming.

## **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. All Y school age child care sites are licensed through the CT Office of Early Childhood. Many staff members also lead Y youth classes and are Summer Camp leaders.

## **Y VACATION CLUB and Y FUN CLUB**

Children can enjoy planned vacation days or emergency school closing days at the Y, led by staff members from our school age child care program. They'll be with others they already know and that you trust. (Pre-registration and additional fees may apply).

## **SUMMER CAMP**

We provide a happy, healthy environment for children to learn and grow during the summer months. For families, camp offers a peace of mind knowing that your child is in a safe and enriching place with adults and other children they have met during the school year.

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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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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 summer 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 for more information. Financial Assistance may be available.

### **EXPANDED PROGRAMMING**

STEAM focused curriculum will also be highlighted that aligns with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and includes comprehensive units of study. Units will incorporate hands-on enrichment opportunities for students that expand on content learned throughout the day. Additionally, units of study will build on Common Core State Standard in ELA, Literacy, Mathematics, Physical Education and the Arts.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Hamden/North Haven YMCA's Before and After School Programs are licensed programs with the CT Office of Early Childhood. The Before School Program starts at 7:00am . The After School Programs begin when schools dismiss and end at 6:00pm. On days when school is dismissed early for Professional Development or Parent/Teacher Conferences, the After School Program will begin at the time of dismissal and conclude at 6:00pm. However, when school is dismissed early for any emergency or weather related issues, the After School Program will not be operational. When schools are closed for weather, our Y Fun Club Program becomes operational at the Keefe Community Center in Hamden. Two day packages are available for purchase at the beginning of the school year. On scheduled days off from school, the Y Vacation Club Program is available. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in various enrichment activities including STEAM, kids fitness, fine arts, and much more!

### **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

Families must submit a current health and medication authorization forms at least two weeks prior to their child's start date of the program. Those can be found on our website, [hnhymca.org](http://hnhymca.org). To begin the program, all required paperwork and medication has to be received by the Y. A \$25.00 non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee is required to reserve a spot in the program. Payments are due on the 20th of the month prior to services rendered. Financial assistance for programs is available for qualified members, funded by our Annual Campaign. We are community based and believe that our programs should be available for everyone.

### **ENROLLMENT STEPS**

Step 1: Download or pickup a the registration packet. Download at [www.hnhymca.org](http://www.hnhymca.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 Keefe Community Center or email to Kathryn Forsyth, [kforsyth@cccymca.org](mailto:kforsyth@cccymca.org).

<b>2023-2024 CHILD CARE FEES</b>		
<b>YMCA Youth Membership</b>	<b>\$32.00 Monthly</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Partner School</b>	<b>Y Member</b>	<b>Program Participant</b>
Shepherd Glen and Helen Street Before School Programs	\$217	\$297
Shepherd Glen and Helen Street After School Programs	\$346	\$453
Keefe Center After School	\$346	\$453
Y Fun Club	\$70/2 Pack	\$100/2 Pack
Y Vacation Club	\$50	\$85