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STRATFORD YMCA
EARLY LEARNING BROCHURE
2026-2027



EARLY LEARNING

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.

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OUR MISSION:

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



TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

PROGRAM CREDENTIALS

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

PARTICIPANTS

Our Toddler program serves children 24 months to age 3. Our Preschool Program services children 3-5 years of age. 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. We also have the advantage of being able to swim lesson!

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 child safety and development.

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 LOCATION

Stratford YMCA, 3045 Main Street, Stratford, CT, 06614

OUR PROGRAM

The Stratford YMCA Toddler Program is a full year full day program for 2 year old's. The program helps youngsters gain self confidence and social skills in a safe and nurturing environment. The Y supports and promotes each child's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development.

The Stratford YMCA operates a NAEYC accredited school year preschool program for 3-5 years of age. Full and part time options are available. We are proud to be helping youngsters gain self-confidence and social skills while developing positive attitudes about school and learning!

Children are motivated to explore, manipulate, question, discover, and express their needs through play, group, and individual activities. We offer a comprehensive program to foster the social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative needs and growth of each child. We believe that all children should learn to be safe in and around water by the age of 12. Our swimming program incorporates water comfort, water safety, and stroke development. Swimming is offered at an additional fee. Children must be potty trained and able to dress themselves with minimal help.

Safety is our first priority. All central Connecticut Coast YMCA child care programs follow all 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, staff and volunteers healthy and safe. please call the Y to schedule a tour.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

A registration packet must be completed and signed to register your child for the Toddler and Preschool Programs.

A \$50.00 non-refundable, non transferrable registration fee is required. Payments are due on the 20th of the month prior to services, tuition is based on 10 equal payments paid monthly. Children cannot attend until all registration paperwork is on file including health forms and any medication and authorizations from from the doctor (if applicable).

ENROLLMENT STEPS

Step 1: Download or pick up a registration packet. Download at www.stratfordymca.org **Step 2:** Fill out the registration forms.

Step 3: Drop off completed forms along with your deposit to the Y.

2026-2027 EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM FEES

YMCA Youth Membership	\$46/Monthly	N/A
PROGRAM	Y MEMBER	PROGRAM PARTICIPANT
Toddler Program	\$1,354.00	\$1,859.00
Preschool Program	\$965.00	\$1,400.00
Preschool Half Day Program	\$515.00	\$750.00



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