



# FOREVER GROWING.



## VALLEY 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 infants and 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

### VALLEY YMCA

A Branch of the Central Connecticut Coast 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.**



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## 2021-2022 EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

### Preschool, School Readiness, Infant, and Toddler



#### 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 infant/toddler program serves children 8 weeks to age 3. Our school readiness programs service Ansonia and Derby children 2.9-4 years of age. Our preschool program serves children from all other areas. 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.

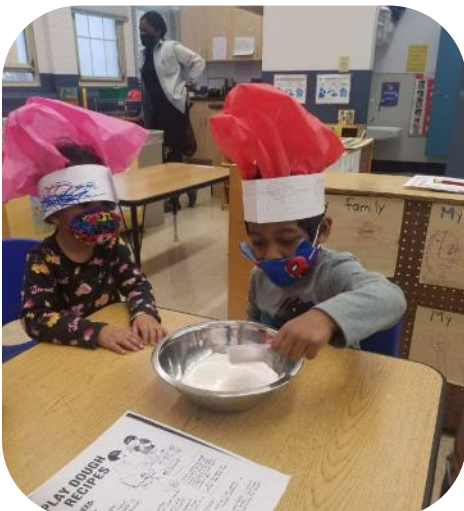


#### HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (HEPA)

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

#### 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 LOCATION**

Valley YMCA Child Care Center, 32 Howard Avenue, Ansonia, CT 06401 P 203 732 7778

**OUR PROGRAM**

Open year round; Monday - Friday.  
Our NAEYC accredited program helps youngsters gain self-confidence and social skills while developing positive attitudes about school and learning. Children learn through play and at their own pace and way. Teachers develop learning experiences to meet each child's needs which includes schedules, daily routines, choice times, small and large group activities and a classroom community where children can learn how to get along and peacefully solve problems. A partnership is developed between families, school and community to support the optimal development of each child.

**EXPANDED PROGRAMMING**

For children entering Kindergarten, our program collaborates with our local schools to ensure a smooth transition to Kindergarten. We also participate in the YMCA Safety Around Water Program which teaches children basic water safety skills.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Our state licensed NAEYC accredited program opened in 2009 serving the Valley area. 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 Barbara Eckner, Child Care Director, at [beckner@cccymca.org](mailto:beckner@cccymca.org) to schedule a tour.

**ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

A registration packet including a health form must be completed and signed to register your child for all of our programs. A **\$50.00 non-refundable, non-transferrable registration fee is required** for our Infant/Toddler and non-School Readiness Preschool Programs. Additional paperwork must be completed for School Readiness programs. Contact Barbara Eckner, Child Care Director, for more details. Payments are due on the 20th of the month prior to service. Financial Assistance forms are due no later than May 1, 2021.

**ENROLLMENT STEPS**

**Step 1:** Download or pickup the registration packet. Download available at [www.valleyy.org](http://www.valleyy.org). **Step 2:** Fill out the registration forms. **Step 3:** If applicable, obtain School Readiness Forms and coordinate completion with appropriate school district. **Step 4:** Drop off completed forms at the center along with your deposit (if applicable).

<b>2021-2022 EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM FEES</b>		
<b>YMCA Youth Membership</b>	<b>\$29.00 Monthly</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>Y Member</b>	<b>Community Member</b>
Infant/Toddler	\$1,290.00	\$1,290.00
Preschool	\$903.00	\$903.00
Ansonia School Readiness	Sliding scale fee	Sliding scale fee
Derby School Readiness	Sliding scale fee	Sliding scale fee