

A good Family Child Care (FCC) offers children a chance to live and learn in an intimate, homelike setting. Children can participate in preparing meals, working in the garden, tending to animals and baking.

Good child care, whether it is a center or home-based program, should offer children the opportunity to learn and grow at their own pace with a sensitive, nurturing caregiver. Family child care is unique in that it offers the children this care on a smaller scale. This gives parents another choice in selecting the very best care for their children. Every family child care is as different as every family. If FCC might be a choice for you, visit several to find the one that meets the needs of your child and your family.

THE FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS LISTED BELOW ARE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE AND ARE CERTIFIED IN FIRST AID AND CPR.

KATRINA ARAUJO
BS, CDA
50 Sunset Road, Oak Bluffs
508-693-2029
Open year round; 8:00—4:00
Mailing Address:
50 Sunset Road, VH 02568

MISTY ARAUJO
41 Manchester Ave, Oak Bluffs
508-696-0725
Follow public school calendar
Monday—Thursday; 8:15—4:15
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 2649, OB 02557

LINDA COITO
27 Putnam Way
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
508-693-0530
Monday—Friday; 8:00-4:00
July & August:
Monday - Thursday; 8:00-4:00

DONNA CREIGHTON
BA, CDA, NAFCC
27 Michael's Way, Vineyard Haven
508-693-0728
Sept-July; 8:00—4:00
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 4182, VH 02568

BETH HEALY
CDA, NAFCC
73 Midland Ave, VH 02568
508-693-9072
Open year round; 8:00—4:00

MARY JOHNSON
20 Hye Road, Edgartown
508-627-3648
Open Year Round; 8:00—4:00
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1377, Edg 02539

JOANNE LAMBERT
BA, CDA
10 Hitchings Circle, Oak Bluffs
774-563-0459
Follow public school calendar
Monday-Friday; 8:00—4:00
Mailing Address:
10 Hitchings Circle, VH 02568

NANCY SALON
AA
121 Otis Bassett Road, West Tisbury
508-693-1922
Open year round; 7:30—5:00
Mailing Address:
121 Otis Bassett Road, VH 02568

PATRICIA WALLER
BA
50 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown
508-627-3837
Open year round
Monday-Friday; 8:30-4:30
Summer: Monday-Saturday; 8:30-4:30
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1308, Edg 02539

JENNIFER WEILAND
56 Colombian Ave, Oak Bluffs
508-693-2549
Follows public school calendar, with limited summer hours.

FUNDING RESOURCES:

BAILEY BOYD
Childcare Subsidy Program
Www.baileyboyd.com | 508-430-4499
Contact: Carol Bergen | Carol@baileyboyd.com
CHILD CARE NETWORK
OF THE CAPE & ISLANDS
1-888-530-2430 x0

Funding for families who are income eligible is available through a voucher system with Child Care Network. A child care resource and referral agency for placements and subsidies.

OTHER RESOURCES:

ADOPTION JOURNEYS
508-676-5708
Post Adoption Support Services
BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB
508-627-3303
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Vineyard Haven Office: 508-693-5581
EARLY INTERVENTION
Cape Cod Child Development 508-775-6998
FAMILY PLANNING
508-693-1208
FIRSTSTOP
774-549-0555

An all-Island resource guide to various social services including: camps, activities, after-school care and more.

HEAD START
508-693-7900 x321
MV Community Services, Early Childhood Programs Contact: Cindy Flanders
HEALTHY FAMILIES
508-540-2968
Home-based family support and coaching program that supports young, first-time parents and helps them create stable, nurturing environments for their children.

ISLAND WIDE YOUTH COLLABORATIVE
508-693-7900 x400
Resource and referral center for families
MV FAMILY CENTER PROGRAM
508-687-9182
MV Community Services, Early Childhood Programs. A community-based program that connects, supports and strengthens families.
MV PUBLIC SCHOOLS
508-696-0157 x26

Contact: Jenny Royal Early Childhood Coordinator
VINEYARD BIRTH COLLECTIVE
Pregnancy Resources & Community Support
Www.vineyardbirthcollective.com
info@vineyardbirthcollective.org

WIC
508-771-7896
Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program
YMCA OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
508-696-7171



FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE TO EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

This pamphlet, designed as a guide for families, was composed and compiled by professionals involved in early care and education on Martha's Vineyard. It describes common philosophies and goals for young children, describes the variety of programs available, and highlights other resources for families.

All families are encouraged to explore child care options and to visit several programs before choosing the one that best meets each family's individual needs.

Created for the community by Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS)

The early care and education community of Martha's Vineyard celebrates the uniqueness of each child. We recognize that all children learn and grow at their own individual pace. Our programs are designed to encourage positive social interactions, social consciousness and respect for each other. We support children's development of friendships and their awareness of themselves as members of a community. We believe that a strong sense of self in a child builds the foundation for learning. We understand that children are active learners. Therefore we strive to provide safe and enriched environments in which children feel free to creatively explore a variety of materials, activities, and interests.

THE CHILMARK PRESCHOOL
 8 State Road, P.O. Box 425, Chilmark
 508-645-2562, X110
 Open September - June
 Monday-Friday; 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
director@chilmarkpreschool.com

Chilmark Preschool believes that it is essential to create a physical and social environment that promotes respect for all, a positive learning atmosphere and a safe place where children are valued as individuals. Children are viewed as competent, curious and creative. It is their genuine enthusiasm for learning about the world around them that drives our curriculum. The daily activities at Chilmark Preschool reflect these values and visions. The teachers have a strong knowledge of child development and recognize the value of predictability and consistency. They are program planners, guides, careful observers and listeners. The curriculum is not set in stone at the beginning of the year, but rather emerges from the interests and needs of the children and teachers.

FIRST LIGHT CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.
 66 Williams Street, P.O. Box 4623, Vineyard Haven
 508-693-0660
 Open Year-Round; 7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 Contact: Elizabeth Bonifacio, Director
vineyardpreschool@yahoo.com

At First Light, we strive to offer the highest quality of care and education for toddlers and preschoolers. We believe all children are thinkers, researchers, and problem-solvers. Our program revolves around valuing relationships, open dialogue, play and collaboration, which we believe supports the development of strong relationships between all members of the community. Teachers support the children as active learners making sense of the world around them and help foster a positive sense of self in an atmosphere of beauty, nature, and respect. Our mixed-age group Toddler and Preschool classrooms offer a multitude of opportunities for children to support each other as they play, learn, and grow. The rich curriculum includes a monthly Creative Drama class, Music Together Classes and Gardening, along with field trips to further help the children become active members of the community. We accept Bailey-Boyd Funding.

**GARDEN GATE
 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.**
 119 West Spring Street, Box 2666, Vineyard Haven
 508-696-9997
www.gardengatecdc.wix.com/gardengate
 Contacts: Leigh Ann Yuen and Dawn Warner

Garden Gate is a small, non-profit preschool and toddler center, offering full and part-time school-year programs and a summer program. Our classroom is designed to foster cooperative play and work in a setting that is rich in materials and opportunities. Children may explore and learn through artistic experiences, construction and engineering play, through drama and make believe, through the graphic languages of writing and drawing, by designing and conducting scientific experiments, or through books and storytelling.

ISLAND CHILDREN'S SCHOOL
 5 Halcyon Way, West Tisbury
 P.O. Box 1630, Vineyard Haven
 508-693-5815
www.islandchildrenschool.org
 Open September- June: 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
 (Offers a 6 wk summer program)
 Contact: Quinn Savard, Interim Director
islandchildren@comcast.net

Island Children's School strives to meet the needs of the whole child through a dynamic, emergent curriculum. Our teachers are attuned to each child's needs and interests, and support individual growth through a variety of classroom activities that consider the physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional facets of learning. Our classrooms have permanent learning centers and materials as well as evolving dramatic play scenarios and choices that change daily to coincide with learning topics. We emphasize the importance of our Island community and promote the development of meaningful relationships with peers and adults in it through visits and field trips.

**MV COMMUNITY SERVICES
 CHILD CARE CENTER***
 111 Edgartown Road, Oak Bluffs
 508-693-7900 x280
 Open Year Round, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Contact: Early Childhood Programs Office
 Contact: Heather Quinn, Director

MVCS Child Care Center is a nationally accredited play-based full-day year-round program serving children 6 months - 5 years. The indoor environment and two spacious playgrounds are creatively designed to encourage hands-on exploration and discovery. The curriculum, which is tailored to the individual needs and interests of the children, supports the development of age appropriate social and problem-solving skills, the arts, physical development, social studies and STEM activities - science, technology, engineering and math. The curriculum also supports English

language, acquisition for children who are dual language learners. Three nutritious meals a day are provided, supplemented with vegetables grown by the children in the school gardens. The skilled staff work closely with parents, are respectful of the child and family's culture and language, and are responsive to the inclusion of a variety of learning styles. Funding available for limited number of income eligible families

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 PROJECT HEADWAY**
 Old County Road, West Tisbury Elementary School
 Mailing Address: 4 Pine Street, Vineyard Haven
 508-693-2007 x26
 Open September-June, 8:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
 (Extended day program available 1:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.)
 Contact: Jen Royal

Project Headway is a play-based preschool program that serves children ages three to five with and without disabilities. The children participate in a typical preschool schedule that includes activities such as circle, small and large group activities, gross motor play, fine motor opportunities, music, science, manipulatives, and art. The curriculum focuses on communication skills, social skills, and encouraging children to learn through play in both teacher and child directed activities. The program is designed to meet the needs of all children through developmentally appropriate activities. Field trips are also taken throughout the year to support thematic units and utilize local resources.

PLUM HILL SCHOOL
 10 Road to Great Neck Road (Off New Lane), West Tisbury
 P.O. Box 971, West Tisbury
 508-696-7701
www.plumhillschool.org
 Open September-June; 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
 Contact: Laura Marashlian and Lucia Dillon
info@plumhillschool.com

At Plum Hill, we are inspired by Waldorf educational philosophy to nurture the pure creative play by which children do their most profound learning. We provide simple, natural materials to engage the child's imagination and fine art resources to foster artistic expression. Fairy tales, told by heart, puppet plays, and music weave beauty into the daily rhythm. Children help tend the garden, bake the bread, mend the toys. Much of the child's day is spent exploring the world of nature in the fields and farms. We celebrate the changing seasons with songs, crafts, and family festivals. By our example, we encourage reverence for all life, enthusiasm for work, compassion for each other.

RAINBOW PLACE
 34 Anthiers Way, Edgartown
 508-627-8607
 Open year round, 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
 Contact: Cindy Andrews

Rainbow Place offers an individualized program to a mixed age-group of preschool children. We provide a rich social environment which helps develop self-confidence and strong communication skills. Children choose from special planned activities or learning centers, moving from small to large group activities throughout the day. Our curriculum evolves from careful observations of children, their many ideas and interests. Included in our learning experiences are field trips to local businesses and places of interest, special guests and cultural activities. Learning at Rainbow Place is an active experience for all children.

VINEYARD MONTESSORI SCHOOL
 286 Main Street, Vineyard Haven
 508-693-4090
www.vineyardmontessori.com
 Open September-June, 7:45 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
 Serving children preschool through 8th grade
 Contact: Debbie Jernegan, Head of School

Fostering a lifetime love of learning, one child at a time Embracing the philosophies of Dr. Maria Montessori, Vineyard Montessori School provides a carefully planned, stimulating environment which helps children develop within themselves the foundational habits, attitudes, skills, and ideas which are essential for a lifetime of creative thinking and learning. Children learn at their own speed in a prepared environment according to their own capacities and in a non-competitive atmosphere.

*** = Accredited by the National Association for
 The Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**

