



Choosing Childcare



Child Care Services Association (Durham)

1201 S. Briggs Avenue, Suite 200, Durham. 27703
919.403.6950
<http://www.childcareservices.org>
Monday - Friday: 8am - 5pm

Child Care Services Association (Chapel Hill)

1829 E. Franklin St, Bldg 1000, Chapel Hill. 27514
919.967.3272
<http://www.childcareservices.org>
Monday - Friday: 8am - 5pm

We recommend you begin your childcare search by calling the Child Care Services for Durham or Chapel Hill. Child Care Services will ask you where you live and how much money you can spend. IF YOU ASK, they will also provide you with a list of day care centers that have openings at that time.

Duke also has a service for students, faculty and staff with children. Their website has detailed listings of individual child care providers by zip code (postcode) and other valuable information.

Duke Staff & Family Programs

705 Broad Street Suite 201, Durham. 27705

Hours: M - F, 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

919.684.9040 (General Number)

<http://www.hr.duke.edu/benefits/family/care/index.php>

Preschools vs. Child Care

Preschools are usually half-day programs (about 9AM to 12 – 1PM) while **Child Care Centers** are all day (about 7AM-6PM), 5 days a week. Unfortunately, most Preschools and Child Care Centers fill up months in advance so you may have to put your child on a waiting list to enter the school. Many Preschools are closed during the summer holidays, so if you want to enroll your child for the fall semester, you should do so as soon as possible. We recommend putting your child on a school's waiting list, even if the list is long. You can also seek out individual providers for preschool and after school child care. In general it is best to use caregivers who are licensed or certified by the state. Word of mouth is also helpful in finding a preschool or child care center.

Fees: Financial aid is usually not available. Preschools affiliated with a religious institution such as churches or synagogues tend to be less expensive than full-time Child Care Centers. All Child Care Centers are quite expensive. You will have to call each center and school to obtain fee information.

Accreditation: North Carolina uses a rating system from 1-5 stars (5 is the best rating). This is based on the state's evaluation of each facility.

Location: In general, you will need to drive your child to a Preschool or Child Care Center by car. The majority of Day Care Centers and Preschools are NOT within walking distance of Duke.

Other Resources

Durham Mother's Club

A support network for mothers. They offer playgroups, monthly educational meetings, 400 plus members. Membership is \$12/year.

Information: <http://durhammothersclub.wix.com/durhammothersclub>

Contact: durhammothers@gmail.com

Welcome Baby

A support network for new parents. Offers encouragement as well as information on infant care and development. Hosts workshops and activities, with information on all things baby-related. 721 Foster Street, Durham. 27701 Contact: 919.560.7150; Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm www.welcomebaby.org

On the other side is a list of **Preschools (P)** and **Child Care Centers (D)** attended by international children. The International House **does not** endorse any of the schools listed below. Ratings given are in accordance with N.C. State ratings, on a 0-5 star scale. Some centers' ratings were not available (N/A). This list is provided solely for information purposes.

Before enrolling in any preschool or daycare, you are STRONGLY encouraged to visit with your child.

Asbury Preschool (D, 5 stars)
806 Clarendon St, Durham, 27705 919.286.2668
Ages: 0 - 5 yrs
www.asburypreschool.com

Beth-El Synagogue Preschool (P, N/A)
1004 Watts St, Durham, 27701 919.688.8704
Ages: 18 months - 5 yrs
www.bethelpreschooldurham.org

Carolina Friends Early School (P&D, 4 stars)
404 Alexander Ave., Durham, 27705 919.286.7795
Ages: 3 - 5 yrs
www.cfsnc.org/

Chapel Hill Co-op Preschool (P, 5 stars)
110 N. Elliot Rd, Chapel Hill, 27514 919.942.0220
Ages: 0 - 2 yrs
www.chapelhillcoop.com

Chapel Hill Co-op Preschool (P, 5 stars)
106 Purefoy Rd. Chapel Hill, 27514 919.942.3955
Ages: 2 - 5 yrs
www.chapelhillcoop.com

Duke Children's Campus (D, 5 stars)
511 Alexander Ave, Durham, 27705 919.684.8644
Ages: 6 wks - 5 yrs (children of Duke staff and students only)
www.hr.duke.edu/dcc

Duke Memorial Weekday School (P, N/A)
504 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham, 27701 919.688.5130
Ages: 2-5 years
www.dmws.org

Duke School for Children (P & D, N/A)
3716 Erwin Road, Durham, 27705 919.493.1827
Ages: 3-4 (preschool) through 4th grade
www.dukeschool.org

Durham Community Preschool (P, N/A)
304 E. Trinity Ave. Durham, 27701 919.688.7667
Ages: 6 months – 5 yrs
www.durhamcommunitypreschool.org

Erwin Road Montessori (P, N/A)
735 Erwin Rd Durham, 27707 919.265.7809
Ages: 18 months – 6 yrs
www.erwinroadmontessori.com

Epworth Preschool (P, N/A)
3002 Hope Valley Rd, Durham, 27707 919.489.6098
Ages: 1 - 4 yrs
www.epworth-preschool.org

First Presbyterian Day School (D, 5 stars)
305 E. Main St, Durham, 27701 919.688.8685
Ages: 6 weeks -5 yrs
www.fpdayschool.org

Grace Lutheran Preschool (P, N/A)
824 N. Buchanan Blvd. Durham, 27701 919.682.6030
Ages: 2 – 4 yrs
<http://www.gracelutheranchurch.net/>

Greenwood School of Discovery (P, 5 stars)
1307 Woodcroft Parkway, Durham, 27713 919.493.9244
Ages: 6 weeks – 6 yrs
www.thegreenwoodschool.com/

Greystone Baptist Church Preschool (P, N/A)
2601 Hillsborough Rd, Durham, 27705 919.354.6173
Ages: 2 years - Kindergarten
<http://www.greystonepreschoolandkindergarten.org/>

Immaculata School Early Learning Center (P, N/A)
721 Burch Ave, Durham, 27701 919.682.5847
Ages: 4 - 5 yrs
www.immaculaschool.org/

Lerner Jewish Community Day School (P & D, N/A)
1935 W. Cornwallis Rd, Durham, 27705 919.286.5517
Ages: 2 yrs - 5th grade
www.lernerschool.org

KIN (D)
1006 Broad St, Durham, 27705 919.286.7773
Ages: 2 - 5 yrs
www.kinchildcare.org

KIN Too (D)
1416 Broad St, Durham, 27705 919.286.5432
Ages: 3 months - 3 yrs
www.kinchildcare.org

The Little School at Duke (D, 5 stars)
1516 Hull Avenue, Durham, 27705 919.354.6600
Ages: 3 months -6 yrs
www.thelittleschool.net

McMannen Preschool (P, N/A)
4102 Neal Road, Durham, 27705 919.383.1263
Ages: 1 – 5 yrs.
www.mcmannenumc.org

Montessori Children's House (P, N/A)
2800 Pickett Road, Durham, 27705 919.489.9045
Ages: 18 months – Kindergarten
www.mchdurham.org

Montessori Community School (P or D, N/A)
4512 Pope Rd, Durham, 27707 919.493.8541
Ages: 18 months – 6th grade
www.mcsdurham.org

Sounds and Colors Spanish Immersion (P, 5 stars)
200 Davis Road, Hillsborough, 27278 919.621.0182
Ages: 6 weeks – 5 years
www.soundsandcolors.net

Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church School (P & Kindergarten)
927 W. Trinity Ave, Durham, 27701 919.530.8163
Ages: 1 - 5 yrs
<http://trinityave.org/weekday-school/>

Weaver Dairy Community Preschool (P, 5 stars)
124 Weaver Dairy Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 919.932.1300
Ages: 12 months – 5 yrs
www.weaverdairypreschool.com

Yates Baptist Child Development Center (D, 5 stars)
2819 Chapel Hill Rd, Durham, 27707 919.489.5760
Ages: 3mths – 5yrs
<http://www.yateschurch.org/cdc>