

WHERE YOU BELONG

When you join the Y, you join a cause that strengthens community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

An annual program membership gives your child access to preschool programs as well as classes offered at the Westfield Area Y Main Facility.

A Family membership gives the whole family an opportunity to get healthy and thrive while entitling you to preferred child care rates.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Please visit the Y or call for an application.



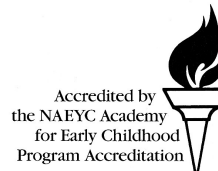
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NAEYC ACCREDITED

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has developed standards which define and recognize quality childcare programs.

To be accredited, a childcare program must go through a process of self-study involving children, parents and teachers.

A variety of criteria related to providing a developmentally appropriate program must be met, including well-qualified and trained staff, and strict health and safety standards. Also, the program must provide a wealth of opportunities for parent involvement.



CREATIVE CURRICULUM

The Westfield Area Y Preschool incorporates "The Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood" into our daily lesson plans.

The most important goal is to help children become enthusiastic learners. This means encouraging children to be active and creative explorers who are not afraid to try out their ideas and to think their own thoughts.

We help children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive learners by teaching them how to learn, not just in preschool, but throughout their lives. We allow them to progress at their own pace and in the ways that are best for them. We teach good habits and attitudes, particularly a positive sense of self, which will make a difference throughout their lives.

Creative Curriculum content areas include: literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, arts, technology, healthy habits and character development.



The Westfield Area Y is a member agency of the Westfield United Fund and United Way of Greater Union County.



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AT THE Y

We believe that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. Kids at the Y cultivate the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health and educational achievement.

The Y provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn, grow and develop the social skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.

OUR PROGRAM

The Robert & Virginia Bauer Family Branch is located at 422 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Experienced and loving staff members lead our programs in classrooms designed for exploration and hands-on learning.

The class schedule offers a balance of active and quiet times with minimal transitions. Room centers include art, dramatic play, building, nature and quiet areas. Small group activities bring learning themes alive. Group time includes snack, story, music and movement. Physical activity is an important component and the children visit the indoor gym or the playground each day.

Parents have a variety of opportunities to become involved including chaperoning class trips, reading to the class or participating on one of our parent committees.



PRESCHOOL

Time for Twos

This is most children's first experience in a group without a parent. We focus on socialization, verbal communication skills, sharing and fairness. Children participate in free play, art, music, story time and physical activities. Potty training is not mandatory. Age 2½ by September 1.

Almost Threes

Socialization, fostering a positive self-image, and developing verbal communication skills are the objectives of this program. These goals are achieved in a small group setting through art, music, free play and physical activities. Potty training is not mandatory. Age 3 by January 31.

Wee Threes

Children are assisted with socialization and are encouraged to grow through hands-on art projects, games, music, and play. Children will be able to master various pre-kindergarten skills (color, shape, group play, name recognition, and cooperation). Children must be 100% potty trained—no pull ups. Age 3 by October 1.



Almost Fours

The children continue to master the skills of the "Wee Threes" and are encouraged to expand their creativity, self-confidence, social and fine motor skills. This program is designed for those who will be attending "More for Fours" the following year. Age 4 by January 31.

Fun for Fours

Teachers expand upon the skills previously developed and encourage creativity, fine motor and cognitive skills. Children are confident and well prepared to meet all the challenges of kindergarten. Age 4 by October 1.

More for Fours

This program is designed for children who have just missed the kindergarten cutoff date, a five year old not ready for kindergarten or an older four year old. This program has a complete kindergarten readiness curriculum. Additional class time allows for more hands-on exploration and development in art, music, dramatic play, science, math and physical activity. Age 4½ by October 1.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Our program follows the Westfield public school curriculum and calendar. The additional class time allows children to expand on their academic skills through our science, art, music and healthy living programs. The newly renovated classroom allows for small and large group learning. Age 5 by October 1.

ENRICHMENTS

Add on to your child's day with 2½ hour enrichment programs such as: Drama; Games, Games; Art in Action; Music and Science/Nature. Shorter enrichment opportunities such as Swim Lessons, Violin, Tumbling, Woodworks, Spanish, and Yoga are also available before or after your child's day.

For more information contact Eileen Rooney, Preschool Director, at 908-233-2700 x423 or erooney@westfieldynj.org.