

Early Childhood Education Resource Guide

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The Waltham Public Schools PIC is an information center for questions about the schools, new student registration, and a central location for educational and community resources available to Waltham residents and the Waltham community. The goal of the PIC is to provide parents with information about educational opportunities available in the Waltham Public Schools and in the community at large.

The PIC has compiled early childhood education information for Waltham. The following pages include listings of city programs and additional resources. If you have additional questions please contact the PIC at 781-314-5672 or by email at pic@walthampublicschools.org. If you have questions about specific programs or resources, please contact the programs or agencies directly.

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Early Childhood Education is defined as educational opportunities for children from birth until age 5 or entrance into Kindergarten, for purposes of this resource guide.

Children must be age 5 by September 1st to enter Kindergarten in the Waltham Public Schools.

Waltham Public Schools **Early Childhood Education Center**

The Special Education Department of the Waltham Public Schools has integrated pre-kindergarten programs at the Stanley and Northeast Elementary Schools.

An Integrated classroom is one in which less than half the students have a diagnosed special education need. In order to provide students with access to typically developing peers, children without diagnosed or suspected needs are recruited to attend classes on a part time basis.

Parents of children with a diagnosed or suspected special education need should contact the ***Special Education Department at 781-314-5429 or Joyce Kidd at 781-314-5653*** to schedule a screening for your child and to learn more about the program. There is also a Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC), please call the Special Education Department for contact information.

Parents of children without a diagnosed or suspected needs can apply for program spaces for typically developing students by following the guidelines below:

- To qualify for consideration, children must be either three or four years old by September 1st, and have their own transportation.
- The program for three-year-old children is held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:15 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Hours and days are the same at both sites. Parents must provide transportation. There is a yearly tuition rate.
- The program for four-year-old children is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:05 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hours and days are the same at both sites. Parents must provide transportation. There is a yearly tuition rate.

On line applications are accepted beginning in the fall of the year prior to the year of enrollment. Paper applications are available during regular office hours (8:00am to 3:00pm) at the Parent Information Center, 617 Lexington Street Waltham MA. All applications received after January 1st will be placed on a waitlist. To complete the online application please visit the website at www.walthampublicschools.org >Families > Parent Information Center .

Parents of applicants will be contacted in January for a visit date with their child. Due to a high level of interest and a limited number of openings, it is anticipated that there will be more applicants than can be possibly accommodated. After visits are complete, selections will be made. Parents are usually notified in February if their child has been selected. If so, a tuition deposit is due June 1st. Filling out an application and visiting the program does not constitute acceptance. A waiting list will be maintained for those not selected throughout the school year.

For an application to the program, information about tuition costs, or additional information, please contact: The Parent Information Center 781-314-5524 or 781-314-5672

Integrated Pre-Kindergarten Coordinator: Joyce Kidd - 781-314-5653

The Waltham Family School

Together We Learn, Together We Read, Together We Succeed

The Waltham Family School is an Even Start Family Literacy Program in Waltham. The purpose of the Even Start Family Literacy Program is to improve educational opportunities for children by integrating early childhood, adult education and parenting activities in a comprehensive family literacy program. The Waltham Family School is a partnership between the Waltham Public Schools and four key community agencies: Breaking Barriers, Inc; the Parent Child Home Program; the Power Program; and the Waltham Partnership for Youth.

The Waltham Family School serves families who have a preschool age child, age 3-5, and/or a SEI Kindergarten Child and who want to work on improving their English language skills and strengthening their parent and life skills.

Children and parents attend school 4 mornings a week, Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The children, ages 3-5, will be in a preschool class that emphasizes language and literacy development. At the same time parents will be taking ESL Classes (2 mornings a week), a Life Skills class (1 morning a week), and a Parenting Discussion and Parent and Child Together activity time (1 morning a week). Each family receives 1 to 2 home visits a month scheduled at a time convenient for them. There will also be fun family activities and field trips.

To be eligible for the Waltham Family School a family must:

- Be a resident of Waltham
- Have a child between the ages of 3 and 5
- Have a parent/caregiver who wants to improve his/her English language skills
- Meet financial and educational guidelines
- Make a commitment to attend 4 mornings a week

For additional information, please contact:

Waltham Family School
510 Moody Street
Waltham, MA 02453

Britta McNemar at 781-314-5696

www.walthampublicschools.org

Local Preschool & Childcare Programs

Family care & Group program information source: MA Department of Early Education and Care,
www.eec.state.ma.us/ChildCareSearch/EarlyEduMap.aspx, Sept. 2011

For more information including hours of operation, age range and cost please call each program directly.

If you have further questions, please call the Child Care Reference Referral (CCRR) for Waltham at 617-547-1063. Please ask for the Information Referral Counselor.

Family Care Program Providers:

This type of early education and care is delivered in a provider's home. Children in a family child care home may range in age from infant through school age and programs may serve between a maximum of six or ten children (with an additional assistant).

<i>Alverio</i>	<i>Johena</i>	86 COLBURN ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02453	(781) 354-0341
<i>Begum</i>	<i>Momtaz</i>	160 LAKE VIEW AVE.	WALTHAM	MA	02451	(781) 894-4803
<i>Bourgeois</i>	<i>Maizie</i>	45 LORETTA RD.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-2213	(781) 249-8145
<i>Bower</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	15 ELLISON PARK	WALTHAM	MA	02452	(781) 738-8230
<i>Caruso</i>	<i>Josephine B.</i>	81 WOODLAWN AVE.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-1836	(781) 645-2655
<i>Cimenian</i>	<i>Vilma</i>	48 GRANT AVE.	WALTHAM	MA	02453	(781) 899-0415
<i>Close</i>	<i>Debra</i>	27 CRAFTS ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02453-5034	(781) 454-5428
<i>Connors-Ball</i>	<i>Alyce</i>	50 PARMENTER RD.	WALTHAM	MA	02453-5825	(781) 893-2591
<i>De Aguilar</i>	<i>Arceli</i>	22 EMERY ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02451	(617) 230-9835
<i>Feeley</i>	<i>Donna</i>	106 PRENTICE ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-0735	(781) 894-5567
<i>Grigoryan</i>	<i>Lalita</i>	123 WHITEMAN RD.	WALTHAM	MA	02453	(857) 389-9196
<i>Groussis</i>	<i>Marina</i>	18 ORCHARD AVE.	WALTHAM	MA	02452-5515	(781) 697-0569
<i>Khazrei</i>	<i>Fakhrolzaman</i>	183 LINCOLN ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-0911	(781) 647-8831
<i>Losier</i>	<i>Kimberly</i>	409 LINCOLN ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-0844	(781) 642-0330
<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Rosangela</i>	6 PRINCETON AVE.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-0844	(617)-244-0762
<i>MacEwen</i>	<i>Susan</i>	189 DOTY ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02452-7832	(781) 899-1233
<i>Marshall</i>	<i>Sandra</i>	90 DALE ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02451	(781) 330-7556
<i>Mavrogiannidis</i>	<i>Carla</i>	266 WARREN ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02453-7021	(781) 439-8907
<i>Meng</i>	<i>Xiaojun</i>	32 SACHEM ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-3002	(339) 222-9129
<i>Montufar-Parodi</i>	<i>Teresa S.</i>	3 THAYER RD.	WALTHAM	MA	02453-7020	(781) 209-9070
<i>Paxton Cianfrone</i>	<i>Rebecca</i>	51 DIX ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02453	(440) 935-1742
<i>Sampson</i>	<i>Grace E.</i>	31 MARIVISTA AVE.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-3058	(781) 647-2874
<i>Schiavone</i>	<i>Kimberly</i>	1134 TRAPELO RD.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-3282	(781) 894-0569
<i>Seale</i>	<i>Deborah</i>	11 PLYMPTON CIR.	WALTHAM	MA	02451-0756	(781) 893-5385
<i>Sosa</i>	<i>Adamary</i>	9 FALMOUTH RD.	WALTHAM	MA	02453	(857) 364-7879
<i>Tortola</i>	<i>Marietta M.</i>	492 TRAPELO RD.	WALTHAM	MA	02452-6324	(781) 891-6154

Family Care Program Providers (cont.):

<i>Whalen</i>	<i>Mary E</i>	26 BOYNTON ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02453-2811	(781) 893-5915
<i>Yang</i>	<i>Yue Er</i>	301 LAKE ST.	WALTHAM	MA	02451	(857) 222-1789
<i>Zuniga</i>	<i>Maria</i>	17PARKERS LN. #1	WALTHAM	MA	02453	(781) 209-1020

Center & School Based Programs:

This type of early education and care is delivered in a community or school based setting.

<i>Bright Horizons @ Waltham</i>	176 2ND AVE. WALTHAM,MA, 02451-1100	(781) 899-0516
<i>Children First at the MA Medical Society</i>	860 WINTER ST. WALTHAM,MA, 02451-1449	(781) 434-7400
<i>Discovery Village Child Care Center</i>	295 WESTON ST. WALTHAM, MA 02453	(781) 373-1918
<i>Little Wagon Early Care & Education Center</i>	411 WAVERLY OAKS RD. BL2 SU2 ,WALTHAM,MA, 02452-8448	(781) 788-8558
<i>One Two Three Day School, Inc.</i>	439 LEXINGTON ST. WALTHAM,MA, 02452-0933	(781) 894-0123
<i>The Carousel School, Inc.</i>	66 BREWSTER RD. WALTHAM,MA, 02451-2354	(781) 893-1503
<i>The Children's Workshop</i>	475 WINTER ST. WALTHAM,MA, 02451-1213	(781) 466-8640
<i>The Little Souls Center for Children</i>	200 5TH AVE. WALTHAM,MA, 02451-8779	(781) 893-5880
<i>Waltham Boys & Girls Club After School</i>	20 EXCHANGE ST. WALTHAM, MA 02451	(781) 893-6620
<i>Waltham Child Care Center</i>	760 MAIN ST. WALTHAM,MA, 02451-0625	(781) 899-2070
<i>Waltham Creative Start</i>	169 ELM ST. WALTHAM,MA, 02453-0431	(781) 647-0542
<i>Waltham Day Care Center</i>	50 CHURCH ST. WALTHAM,MA, 02452-5506	(781) 899-0531
<i>Waltham Family YMCA Child Care</i>	725 LEXINGTON ST. WALTHAM,MA, 02452-4858	(781) 894-5295

The MA Department of Early Education and Care, Child Care Reference Referral (CCRR) for Waltham is: Child Care Resource Center, Inc. 130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone #617-547-1063

If you are a preschool or childcare provider not represented on this listing and would like to be, or if you have updated information, please email the **Parent Information Center (PIC)** at pic@walthampublicschools.org.

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Wondering About Mental Health Services?

What services exist in and around your community?
How do you navigate the mental health system in Massachusetts?
Where can you find information about topics related
to a child's or family's mental health?

Find answers at Project INTERFACE
www.projectinterface.org

Project INTERFACE works to increase awareness of mental health issues impacting children and families and to facilitate access to appropriate services. Visit the website to learn more about anxiety, bullying, depression, divorce, eating disorders, grief/loss, and much more. In addition, several area communities have funded Helpline services for their residents:

In Boston, Chelmsford, Concord-Carlisle, Groton-Dunstable, Lincoln-Sudbury, Needham, Newton, Southern Berkshire County, Waltham, Wellesley or Westford:

Call the Project INTERFACE Helpline at 617-332-3666 x411 or 888-244-6843 x411 for resource information and/or provider referrals from a mental health professional experienced in working with children and families.

In Newton only:

In-person consultations are also available.

Project INTERFACE is a program of the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, and works in collaboration with Riverside Community Care and the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project. Contact Beth Rogan (beth_rogan@mspp.edu) to learn more about Project INTERFACE, including how to bring valuable Helpline services to your community.

**Resource
Information**

FREEDMAN CENTER
for Child & Family Development
at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology

**Provider
Referrals**

Early Childhood Education Resources

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For more information please call each program directly.

Early Intervention Programs (serving children birth – 3 years old)

Thom Charles River Early Intervention, 465 Waverly Oaks Rd, Suite 101, 781-894-6564

Information from the website: Early Intervention (EI) in Massachusetts is a statewide, family-centered, developmental service. Thom Child & Family Services offers the earliest possible intervention and support for children birth to three year old who have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities or whose development is at risk due to certain birth or environmental circumstances.

Thom Charles River is committed to providing high quality, comprehensive, and family-centered services to infants, toddlers, their families, and others in the community who care for them. Our nurses, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, mental health counselors, educators, and other specialists are passionate about supporting families and young children. If you have a concern regarding your child's development, please contact us: 781-894-6564

www.thomchild.org

Parent Child Home Program (PCHP)

Information from the website: "This national model provides home-based literacy and parenting guidance, serving families who are low-income and/or educationally at risk. PCHP emphasizes parent-child verbal interaction critical to early brain development. Families in 34 state funded programs are visited twice weekly for two years, starting when children are 18 to 30 months. Home visitors model and promote interactions with young children using carefully chosen toys and books, which are given to families."

The PCHP for Waltham is:

Parent Child Home Program (PCHP), 30 Common Street, Watertown, MA 02472 617-926-6699
serving ages 1.5 – 4 years old.

<https://www.parent-child.org/>

City of Waltham Programs:

Waltham Public Library, 735 Main Street, 781-314-3425

The Waltham Public Library has a Children's Room that offers drop-in Story Hours and lots of other events. For monthly program and event information, please call the Children's Room at 781-314-3425 x2 or visit the online calendar.

www.waltham.lib.ma.us

Waltham's Recreation Department. 510 Moody St, 781-314-3475

The City of Waltham's Recreation Department is pleased to offer a variety of programs in the Fall, Winter & Spring for pre-school aged children. Programs may include the Pre-K Program, Stay & Play, Tumbleweeds, Paint & Paste, Karate and/or Sports Bugs. For more detailed program and registration information please visit the Recreation Department website:

<http://www.city.waltham.ma.us/recreation-department/pages/program-information>

Early Childhood Education Resources

Waltham, Massachusetts

Financial Aid Information

Source: MA Department of Early Education and Care; <https://www.mass.gov/guides/early-education-and-care-financial-assistance-for-families>

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

The Department of Early Education and Care helps eligible families find and pay for quality early education and out-of-school time programs.

EEC also provides support for information and referral services to help families make informed child care choices, inclusive programming for children with special needs, parenting and family support.

EEC contracts with Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&R) throughout the state to provide access to these services.

Child Care Resource Center:

Subsidy Management and Information and Referral Services for all Families

130 Bishop Allen Dr #2, Cambridge, MA, 02139

Phone: 617-547-1063

www.ccrinc.org

Communities United, Inc. (CUI)

Communities United, Inc. (CUI) is a non-profit organization that operates quality preschool/childcare programs at reasonable cost. CUI offers a variety of funding sources to help parents meet their preschool and childcare needs. CUI also provides parents with tuition assistance through state funding. For families who don't qualify for assistance, private fee slots are available. CUI provides both half-day (including Head Start) and full-day programs for preschool age children (2.9 years to kindergarten entry age) at all sites and toddler care (including Early Head Start) at our Watertown, Newton, Brookline and Woburn sites.

Communities United receives funding to provide subsidized care from the Federal Government for Head Start and Early Head Start and from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care (EEC) for full day and extended day preschool and toddler programs. Generally, the Dept of Early Education & Care (EEC) slots are filled from the State Wait List. If you are looking for financial assistance through EEC, please contact the Child Care Resource Center, listed above, to add your child's name to the State Wait List. When there is an opening for which you qualify, you will be contacted by Center staff, who will be available to answer your questions, provide information about the program and obtain additional information about your child and family.

<http://www.communitiesunitedinc.org/>

To request information, including application procedures, for Massachusetts EEC Financial Aid please contact:

Communities United, Inc.

781-647-0542

169 Elm Street, Waltham, MA

Website: www.communitiesunitedinc.org

Email: waladmin@communitiesunitedinc.org

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Waltham Public Schools Parent Information Center (PIC)

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www.walthampublicschools.org

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

Find information about Early Education & Care Programs in your area, Financial assistance, Laws Regulations & Policies, Curriculum & Learning, Parent Engagement & Support, and much more.

www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/

Massachusetts Child Care

Information from the website: “This is the online information resource for families, child care providers, day care consultants and businesses in Massachusetts.”

www.machildcare.com/

The Childcare Resource Center

Information from the website: “CCRC Child Care Resource Center is a nonprofit organization that works to ensure that all the resources and services children need to grow and learn are accessible to every family and that those resources and services are of the highest possible quality.”

www.cccinc.org

National Center for Family Literacy

Information from the website: “NCFL inspires and engages families in the pursuit of education and learning together. Literacy is at the root of a person’s ability to succeed, and the family is at the heart. We are the National Center for Family Literacy, and since 1989, we have helped more than 1 million families make educational and economic progress by pioneering – and continuously improving – family literacy programs.”

www.familit.org

The Federation for Children with Special Needs

Information from the website: “The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. We are committed to listening to and learning from families, and encouraging full participation in community life by all people, especially those with disabilities.”

www.fcsn.org

United States Department of Education-Helping Your Preschool Child - Booklet

Information from the website: This booklet includes activities for families with children from infancy through age 5. Most of the activities make learning experiences out of the everyday routines in which you and your child already participate. Many of these also use materials that are found in your home or that can be had free of charge from your local library. The activities are designed to be fun for both you and your child as well as to help your child gain the skills needed to get ready for school. Enjoy them!

www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/hyc.html