

Birmingham-Bloomfield Preschool Directory 2023



ASCENSION EARLY CHILD CARE CENTER

16935 West 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Phone: 248-644-8890 **Fax:** 248-644-1181

Director/Contact: Chelsea Cook, Program Director **e-mail:** childcare@ascensionofchrist.org

web: ascensionofchrist.org/child-care-preschool

Purpose: Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Pre-K; Full-day, year-round care, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Ascension is a Christ-centered, developmentally appropriate, high-quality program for children 6 weeks through 5 years old. The Center focuses on the relationship between family, church, and school striving to work with families as they prepare their children to enter school.

Activities: Our program is designed to provide opportunities to stimulate a child's interest and need for exploration while discovering and creating. We foster independence, build self-confidence, and encourage positive decision-making and problem-solving skills. Our One In Christ curriculum and additional supplements provide spiritual guidance through daily Jesus time, prayer, Christian music, and weekly Chapel attendance. We provide opportunities for growth in all areas of cognitive, gross, and fine motor skills, social-emotional development, and personal relationships. With weekly music classes, children explore new movement and language skills through dance, creative movement, echo songs, learn basic music concepts and experience a variety of instruments. During the Preschool/Pre-K academic year, our classrooms focus on kindergarten readiness. Our theme-based summer program runs June through August with on-site field trips, engaging activities and weekly water play experiences.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

2121 Midvale, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: 248-203-5803 **Fax:** 248-203-5804

Director/contact: Laura Tinsley **e-mail:** LTinsley@birmingham.k12.mi.us

web: www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/ecc

Purpose: Toddler and preschool program

Activities: Full-day programming with before/after care options; school year and summer program.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

(located in each elementary school)

Phone: 248-203-5805 **Fax:** 248-203-5804

Director/contact: Laura Tinsley **e-mail:** LTinsley@birmingham.k12.mi.us

web: www.birmingham.k12.mi.us

Purpose: Preschool programs for 3's & 4's.

Activities: Half-day options for 3 & 4 year olds in all elementary buildings. Full day options are available at two elementary buildings. School year programming. GSRP program offered for 4 year olds.

BLOOMIN' PRESCHOOL CONANT

4100 W. Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Phone: 248-341-7075 **Fax:** 248-341-7098

Director/contact: Frances Brooks **e-mail:** FBrooks@bloomfield.org

web: <https://www.bloomfield.org/bloomin>

Purpose: Preschool programs for ages 2½ to 5 years.

Activities: Half-day and full-day programs; morning and afternoon enrichment programs available.

BLOOMIN' PRESCHOOL FOX HILLS CONANT

1661 Hunters Ridge Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Phone: 248-341-7950 **Fax:** 248-341-7999

Director/contact: Ann McGregor, Assistant Supervisor **e-mail:** AMcGregor@bloomfield.org

web: <https://www.bloomfield.org/bloomin>

Purpose: Infant, toddler, and preschool programs for ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: 248-594-6411 **Fax:** 248-644-2476

Senior Directors/contact: Sarah Schuster **e-mail:** sschuster@communityhouse.com

web: www.communityhouse.com

Purpose: Early childhood programs

Activities: High quality infant/toddler/preschool and pre-k programs.

COOK'S ACADEMY

1100 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Phone: 248-594-5437 **Fax:** 248-594-6049

Director/contact: Kelly Cook

e-mail: office@cooksacad.com **website:** www.cooksacad.com

Purpose: Childcare center and Preschool

Activities: Extra curricular activities, e.g., Tumblebus®, Dance, Spanish.

CRANBROOK SCHOOLS BROOKSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801

Phone: 248-645-3512 **Fax:** 248-645-3718

Director/contact: Laura Carl, Dean of Admission **e-mail:** lcaryl@cranbrook.edu

web: <http://schools.cranbrook.edu>

Purpose: The Early Childhood Center provides a challenging, comprehensive curriculum for preschool through kindergarten and is part of the lower division of Cranbrook Schools.

Activities: Programs include half and full day at the pre-kindergarten (3-year-old) and junior kindergarten (4-year-old) levels, and full-day at the senior kindergarten (5-year-old) level.

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY LOWER SCHOOL

3003 W. Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Phone: 248-430-2740

Director/Contact: Jennifer Pitcher

Web: www.dcds.edu

Purpose: PK -12 college prep.

Activities: Reggio Emilia inspired, project-based instruction with emphasis on character education.

FIRST KIDS PRESCHOOL AT BIRMINGHAM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: 248-646-1200 **Fax:** 248-646-2661

Director/contact: Megan Korzeniewski **e-mail:** mkorzeniewski@fumcbirmingham.org

web: <https://www.fumcbirmingham.org/first-kids-preschool/>

Purpose: First Kids Preschool strives to nurture each child's individuality and innate curiosities in a loving, caring Christian environment. Our goal is to instill a desire for lifelong learning as we prepare preschoolers for kindergarten and the world beyond.

Activities: Programs for children ages 18 months to five years old meet Monday - Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 noon and include activities in art, math, science, music, and literature. Our Young 5's pre-kindergarten program provides all the necessary skills to help your child thrive in future classrooms. We have optional enrichment classes from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm for children in our 3, 4, and 5 year old classes. Our Afternoon Enrichment classes include Amazing Athletes, Art, Cooking, Science, and Reading Readiness program.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAND-IN-HAND EARLY LEARNING CENTER

1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: 248-644-2040, ext. 124 or 248-654-8544

Director/Contact: Heidi Wilkinson **e-mail:** handinhand@everybodyschurch.org

web: www.everybodyschurch.org (under 'LEARN' pull down menu)

Purpose: We are committed to providing a quality program within a safe, nurturing environment. Our curriculum encourages and promotes the intellectual, social, cognitive, emotional, and physical development of young children.

Activities: The center offers age defined developmental early learning programs for children age 9 months through young three year olds. In addition, we offer three and four year old preschool classes, three and four year old enrichment classes, a five year old pre-kindergarten program and a variety of extended day and after school choices.

FRANKLIN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Due to unforeseen complications stemming from Covid-19, we are currently seeking a new, long-term home that better aligns with our Christ-centered principles. The timing for our reopening is forthcoming, please check for updates on progress. Thank you for your understanding!

43816 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Phone: 248-540-7706 **Fax:** 248-335-2883

Director/contact: Lori Ekstrom **e-mail:** fcp_preschool@sbcglobal.net

web: www.franklinchristian.org

Purpose: Established in 1983, Franklin Christian Preschool & Kindergarten is an award winning, one of a kind, non-denominational Christian program, designed to promote good social skills, a healthy sense of self-worth, a love of learning, and to encourage a fascination about the world God created. Voted #1 in Bloomfield Hills, our program provides opportunities for play and a broad spectrum of instruction in language arts, phonics, math games, social skills as well as Bible stories, music, art, computers and large motor games for children 2½ through kindergarten.

Activities: Franklin Christian Preschool offers separate age appropriate classrooms for 2 ½, 3, 4/5 year olds and kindergarten. Morning preschool is offered two to five days per week, from 9am– 12:30pm and afternoon enrichment until 3pm for the September to June school year. Full days 8am– 6pm. The kindergarten classroom hours are from 9am–3pm, M-F. Extended flexible hours are available. FCP is a non-denominational Christian program designed to promote good character traits such as kindness, sharing, leadership and honesty. FCP's exceptional blend of play, art and academics creates the perfect setting for the bright child who loves to learn. There are many opportunities for science, art, music, Spanish or French, as well as learning programs that develop reading and math readiness in fun ways. Individual tours are given daily at 9:15am and 11am upon appointment.

Publications: Monthly classroom newsletters

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

26425 Wellington Road, Franklin, MI 48025

Phone: 248-626-6606

Director/contact: Holly Baynham/Katie Rourke **e-mail:** fcpreschool1@gmail.com

web: www.FranklinCommunityPreschool.com

Purpose: Licensed preschool programs for ages 18 months – 5 years.

Activities: Our preschool has been educating and caring for children since 1950 and is well respected in the Franklin community. We offer a Ones class for children 18 months – 24 months on Fridays from 9am-Noon. Twos classes meet M/W or T/Th from 9am-Noon. Threes classes meet M/W/F or T/Th from 9am-Noon. Fours classes have a flexible schedule with a maximum school day of M through F from 9am-2pm. We offer Spanish (3s and 4s), Music (2s, 3s, 4s) and Franklin Library visits (3s and 4s) as

enrichment opportunities.

GATEWAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

300 Willits Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: 248-645-6393 **Fax:** 248-645-6394

Director/contact: Judy Meeschaert **e-mail:** jmeeschaert@gatewaymontessori.org

web: www.gatewaymontessori.org

Purpose: We believe that by encouraging an enthusiasm for learning, and by building self-esteem, independence, and creativity, we are preparing the child not just for school, but also for life. We provide a quality, personalized, nurturing atmosphere in which these attributes can develop and a philosophy that values the uniqueness of each individual. Montessori is based on a profound respect for a child's personality and encourages children to develop their independence and build their self-esteem through meaningful action. The method has helped to prove that the small child can be a lover of work – intellectual work, which is spontaneously chosen, and carried out with profound joy. The curriculum is based on the child's inner need to "learn by doing". At each stage in the child's mental growth, corresponding materials are presented which help develop and refine their abilities.

Activities: Programs include infant, toddler, and primary with full day, half-day, and before and aftercare options. All classrooms are a five-day a week program.

KIRK IN THE HILLS PRESCHOOL

1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Phone: 248-973-8017

Director/contact: Sandy Jewell **e-mail:** sjewell@kirkinthehills.org

web: www.kirkpreschool.org

Purpose: high quality pre-K education rooted and grounded in God's love.

Activities: Classes for 2 ½ yrs, 3 yr, 4 yr, young 5's and parent & toddler classes. Music, science enrichment.

LITTLE LAMBS AT CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Phone: 248-644-0053

Director/contact: Kerry Malczewski **e-mail:** kmalczewski@christchurchcranbrook.org

web: www.littlelambsatccc.org

Purpose: Childcare/Preschool/Pre-K

Activities: Child care services full day.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

32460 Pierce Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Phone: 248-642-2616 **Fax:** 248-642-3671

Contact: Jill Geden, Principal **e-mail:** jgeden@olqm-parish.org

web: <https://www.olqmcatholicsschool.org>

Purpose: Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Preschool is a community committed to learning and growing through a process of discovery. Our goal is to create a nurturing and stimulating environment in which children's curiosity is respected, creativity valued, and collaboration supported. Through our faith and commitment to Him we strive to deepen our students love of learning, develop an awareness of themselves and each other, and confidently pursue their passions that are God given. Our preschool is inspired by the Reggio Emilio approach. This philosophy emphasizes children's competency and ability to construct their own knowledge through in-depth investigation and research. The classroom teacher enters in the child's play to become a co-collaborator in the child's discoveries and creations, sharing their joy and wonder together. OLQM follows the early childhood state standards. The staff helps to foster language and physical development, as well as social, emotional, and cognitive

learning with an emphasis on our Catholic faith. Children at our preschool learn to build positive relationships through sensory development, socialization, and cooperative play.

Our preschool is open 5 days a week from 8:15-3:00. We offer full and half days. We also offer 3 and 5 days for 3-year-old preschool and prek4 and Junior Kindergarten 5 half days or 5 full days. We have a parent/tot program, PlayGroup, and also our Little Vikings Daycare starting at 6 weeks of age.

OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

1658 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: 248-645-0551

Contact: Missy Macavage **e-mail:** admissions@ourshepherd.net

web: <https://ourshepherd.net/home/preschool/>

Purpose: Our Shepherd Lutheran Preschool provides early learning experiences appropriate to the specific age levels of the three-year-old and the four-year-old child. The child's daily experiences are many and varied, i.e. Bible time, songs, stories, devotions, prayers, free play choice time, group music, movement, and teacher-directed group activities. Months of operation are September to May. Adult/child ratio: 1:10. Ages accepted: 3-5 years old.

Activities: Experienced staff, weekly visits to school library, field trips, and daily Jesus time.

ST. JAMES PRESCHOOL

355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: 248-644-4071

Director/contact: Melissa Wojciechowski **e-mail:** preschool@stjamesbirmingham.org

web: stjames-preschool.org

Purpose: To provide nurturing, child-centered instruction for children 18 months to 5 years in a warm, supportive, and family friendly environment, allowing your child to learn and explore in a comfortable setting. Our goal is to help your child grow and develop mentally, socially, and emotionally. Our program is flexible within the bounds of a daily routine, giving consideration to both group welfare and the individual needs of your child. Children attend chapel on a weekly basis, all faiths and cultures are welcome. Excellent teacher to student ratio. Curbside drop-off & pick up are available. All staff members are experienced and stay up-to-date in the field of early childhood education with yearly training.

Activities: We offer half day (9-11:30am) and full day (9am-2pm) preschool programs for children ages 18 months – 5 years. We also offer before school care (8-9am), after school care (2-5:30 pm) and enrichment activities.

TEMPLE BETH EL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Phone: 248-865-9702

Director/contact: Susie Weiner **e-mail:** sweiner@tbeonline.org

web: <https://www.tbeonline.org/learn/early-childhood-center/>

Purpose: Temple Beth El is a Jewish Early Childhood Center where children are active learners who construct an understanding of the world around them through play and exploration of their environment. Teachers support and enhance children's learning by providing a cognitively challenging, culturally rich, and aesthetically pleasing environment.

Activities: Preschool for ages 18 months through Pre-K. Choose from 3-5 days per week, Monday through Friday from 9am-12:30pm with a full day option until 3pm. Extended hours are available from 8-9am and from 3-5pm. Temple Tots, for ages 1-2 years old with a loving adult, is Fridays from 9:15-10:45am. We also offer summer camp with flexible scheduling with one week of Safety Town for rising kindergartners. Please call for further details.

THE GODDARD SCHOOL OF BEVERLY HILLS

31655 Southfield Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Phone: 248-850-1103

Web: goddardschool.com

Purpose: Through our caring, well trained teachers, The Goddard School provides care and education

of children 6 weeks through 6 years in a private preschool setting.

Activities: Infant/toddler & preschool/pre-K care; school-aged summer camp (ages 6-8); enrichment programs; full day, year-round care.

THE ROEPER SCHOOL

41190 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Phone: 248-203-7397 **Fax:** 248-203-7350

Director/Contact: Kellie Bagne **e-mail:** kellie.bagne@roeper.org

web: www.roeper.org

Purpose: Educating and inspiring gifted students to think as individuals and to engage as a community with compassion for each other and this world. For ages 2½ years through grade 12.

Activities: Flexible scheduling, low student to teacher ratios, vibrant classroom spaces and enhanced outdoor play areas, monthly field trips, firm foundation for the development of literacy and mathematical skills, welcome parent involvement, project-based learning in the areas of math, language art, science, art, movement, and music, balance between play, social development, discovery, and explorations, personalized challenges that are developmentally appropriate for your child, engaging lessons based on each child's intellectual curiosities, seamless transition to the next stage of learning.

WEE CARE

20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Phone: 248-203-4024

Director/Contact: Julia Cody **e-mail:** jcody@birmingham.k12.mi.us

Web: Birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/2327

Purpose: Help children develop in all areas through active participatory learning.

Activities: Children follow a daily routine that provides a structure within which children can make choices, follow their interests, and develop their abilities in the categories of: approaches to learning, social and emotional development, physical development and health, language literacy and communication, mathematics, creative arts, science and technology, and social studies.



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