



## OUR CENTERS. OUR PHILOSOPHY.

At YMCA Child Development Centers we provide children with a nurturing atmosphere and a rich curriculum that celebrates individuality, promotes self-esteem and encourages social interactions based upon respect and kindness. We work together with families to make each center a supportive and challenging place for our children to grow and develop. We believe in patience, a passion for learning and genuine caring for one another. We also believe you are what you do, and therefore we put our heart into our work every day.

At the root of our 150 year-old organization is our mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all through love, respect, honesty, responsibility and service.

## CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Children ages 6 weeks to 5 years within our centers are engaged with their teachers in a program framework called Creative Curriculum. Creative Curriculum is an early childhood development approach that is rooted in educational philosophy and theory as well as in practice. The curriculum focuses on how children develop and learn, based on their individual interests, the learning environment and the role of the teacher.

The framework for this curriculum takes advantage of a child's natural curiosity to explore the world around them and is composed of the following eight core areas.

**LITERACY:** In a YMCA early childhood classroom, literacy includes seven components: increased vocabulary; phonological awareness; knowledge of letters and words; comprehension; understanding of books; and literacy as a sense of enjoyment.

**MATHEMATICS:** At the YMCA, you'll find children using a variety of math related toys, tools and games.

**SCIENCE:** Young children love science and learning about the world around them. Our program includes physical, life and earth science components.

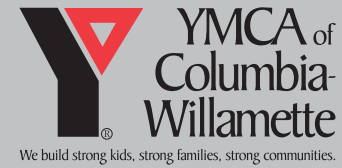
**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Our social studies program is the study of people and how they relate to geography, how they live, the environment around them and past events.

**ARTS:** Art is designing, creating and exploring. We include dance, music, theater and visual arts such as painting and clay.

**TECHNOLOGY:** You'll find children in our early childhood program using a variety of tools, both for play and for real.

**HEALTHY HABITS:** It's critical to help young children develop lifelong healthy habits. We model good eating habits in our centers and offer a variety of physical activities.

**SOCIAL, MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:** Our staff celebrates and encourages the values of love, respect, honesty, responsibility and service.



## YMCA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

**AMBERGLEN**  
2120 NW Amberbrook Dr.  
Beaverton, OR 97006  
503.629.9622

**BEAVERTON**  
15650 NW Blueridge Dr.  
Beaverton, OR 97006  
503.466.1312

**CEDAR HILLS**  
10110 SW Park Way  
Portland, OR 97225  
503.296.9622

**CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
19600 S Molalla  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
503.657.9795

**GLADSTONE**  
17395 Webster  
Gladstone, OR 97027  
503.657.3990

**MARKET STREET**  
1133 SW Market Street  
Portland, OR 97201  
503.219.9622

**NEWBERG**  
600 Sitka Avenue  
Newberg, OR 97132  
503.537.2621

**ODS TOWER**  
601 SW 2nd  
Portland, OR 97204  
503.225.9622

**ORCHARDS**  
10401 NE Fourth Plain Blvd.  
Vancouver, WA 98662

**PLAYGROUND @ ST. VINCENT'S\***  
9427 SW Barnes Rd.  
Portland, OR 97225  
503.216.8081

**SE CENTER**  
6036 SE Foster  
Portland, OR 97206  
503.771.0261

**SHERWOOD**  
22280 SW Washington  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
503.925.9602

**SPRINGFIELD MEADOWS**  
4317 NE 66th Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98661  
360.695.5770

**ST. ANTHONY'S**  
3740 SE 79th  
Portland, OR 97206  
503.771.7579

**WILSONVILLE\***  
8406 SW Main Street, #100  
Wilsonville, OR 97070  
503.682.1770

**Y'S CHOICE**  
511 SE 60th  
Portland, OR 97215  
503.231.7277

**ASSOCIATION SERVICES**  
9500 SW Barbur Blvd., Suite 200  
Portland, OR 97219  
503.223.9622

\* NAEYC-Accredited Center

Visit [ymca-portland.org](http://ymca-portland.org) to find school-age programs for before- and after- school care.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO



**YCHILD CARE™**  
We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.





## THE Y DIFFERENCE

The YMCA of Columbia-Willamette is a mission driven, values based nonprofit, responding to the unique needs of the community. Our mission guides us in all of the work that we do.

The Y addresses major health and human service needs in our community at every life stage through a variety of services, including child care.

In fact, we are the largest nonprofit provider of child care in the Portland and Vancouver regional area. The YMCA provides quality affordable child care services for all.

## MEASURABLE RESULTS

At the YMCA we create a developmentally rich child care environment by focusing on developmental assets, which are the building blocks children need to become healthy, caring and competent adults. The more assets children have, the more likely they are to act in positive ways, bounce back from difficult situations and avoid risky behaviors.

Here's just one example of measurable results. The YMCA focuses on helping young children enter school ready to learn. 93% of YMCA preschool children meet or exceed social and emotional developmental benchmarks versus the norm of 70%.

## MANY AGES, MANY STAGES.

Our child care programs are designed to empower children to thrive based on their own developmental stage. Programs are set up to help guide your child's growth as a healthy, happy individual. Our programs offer care to many ages including infant, wobbler, toddler, preschool, kindergarten and school-age.

## OUR STAFF

Program quality starts with great staff. Matching the position with staff that possesses the right aptitude, knowledge and abilities makes the experience for you and your child a positive one.



### All Site Staff

- Receive continuous education and training
- Complete CPR and First Aid Certifications
- Undergo a background and criminal history check
- Are held to a high YMCA standard of conduct
- Meet State Child Care Licensing Standards

While we follow State staff/child ration guidelines, class sizes are often smaller than required.



## FAMILY IS ALWAYS OUR FOCUS

No matter how many hours children spend in child care, family is still the most important structure in their lives. YMCA Child Care programs are most effective at building strong kids when we work with the whole family, rather than addressing child's developmental needs alone. With this balanced focus in mind, the YMCA offers the following.

- Family nights sponsored by your child's program or center
- YMCA Health and Fitness
- YMCA Camp Collins Residential Camp
- YMCA Youth Sports
- YMCA Teen Development
- Y Adventure Guides



## YOUR SUPPORT

Building strong kids, strong families and strong communities is not something the Y can do alone. Volunteer opportunities might include going on a field trip, serving on a parent advisory board or being a part of the community support campaign. When volunteer opportunities arise, please consider how you might make a positive difference within the life of a child, a family and a community.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The YMCA provides assistance to low-income family households that qualify. The funds, contributed by YMCA members and the community, are awarded based on a confidential application process and may cover a portion of the program fee. To apply, contact us at 503.382.4390.

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