

Child Care in the Campus Community

The Penn Women's Center has compiled this informal directory of licensed child care centers in the University neighborhood as a special service to the Penn community. We recognize the importance of accessible and affordable child care if parents are to join and maintain their presence at the University. We also understand that many who come to the University are unfamiliar with child care resources in the community. This brochure has been developed to assist Penn parents as they plan for their child care needs.

The Penn Women's Center is not in a position to recommend or guarantee any center and we urge all parents to investigate thoroughly and select carefully. The Penn Women's Center acknowledges that for some parents even these centers may be too costly and therefore we

recommend that parents also consult other child care resources as a means of identifying more affordable child care. Full and part-time employees of the University are eligible to obtain a printout of child care (including in home child care) in the area where they work or live through Child Care Systems, Inc. Contact the Benefit's Office of Human Resources for further information at 898-7281. (The fee for the service is \$6).

The following pages summarize the responses of 14 centers to a questionnaire regarding the services each offers. Though not all centers supplied comparable information, each did describe its general focus, hours, fees (subject to change from the time the information was gathered), as well as the various programs offered for children of different ages.



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All of the centers are licensed through the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (D.P.W.), which indicates substantial compliance with regulations pertaining to health and safety, qualification of staff, equipment, and program content. In Pennsylvania a day care center is defined as a facility in which care is provided for seven or more children at any one time, in child care areas not being used as a family residence. The operator must receive authorization from D.P.W., which inspects, evaluates, and licenses these facilities.

Compiling this type of directory is an ongoing process, so any listing may contain information that is out-of-date by the time of publication. The Penn Women's Center, however, will continue to update its resource file which is available for examination in 119 Houston Hall.

Whether one chooses to use one of these centers, or makes alternate arrangements for child care, the Penn Women's Center encourages parents to thoroughly explore the following options in attempting to fulfill both parents' and child's best interests. Also it should be noted that the Penn Children's Center is the only day care center affiliated with the University. The center is sponsored by the School of Social Work.

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Penn Children's Center

3905 Spruce Street (rear)
3701 Locust Walk (mailing address)
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6214
898-5268 or 898-5282

Director: Ms. Pam F. Johnson

Programs: Ages served by center—18 months to 5 years.

Infants/Toddlers: 18 months—3 years, maximum group size 10, staff/child ratio 1:3. (Play group Mondays and Wednesdays only.)

Toddlers: 2-3 years, maximum group size 19, staff/child ratio 1:3.

Preschoolers: 3-4 years, maximum group size 16, staff/child ratio 1:5; 4-5 years, maximum group size 13, staff/child ratio 1:10.

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. (late fee after 5:45pm) 50 weeks a year.

Dates Center is Closed: some major holidays, week between Christmas and New Year's, last week in August until after Labor Day.

Full Time Fees: Three days: \$70/wk; Four days: \$80/wk; Five days: \$90/wk. *Discount:* \$5 for second child *Application fee:* \$10 with application. *Security deposits:* 2 wk deposit to be used last 2 weeks enrolled in program, payable upon first day of admission.

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: 2 snacks and beverage.

Maximum Capacity of Center: 48

Center's Objective and Philosophy: To provide educational preparation as well as racial and cultural awareness. To offer intervention and prevention services to children and their families. To offer weekly intergenerational activities and field trips. To sponsor parent educational workshops in which the families and/or parent(s) of children enrolled may participate. To extend enrollment beyond University affiliates. To offer temporary care arrangements.



ABC Learning Center of Philadelphia, Inc.

4801 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139
471-4234 or 471-5095
Director: Mrs. Morgan
Programs: Ages served by center—infants and up.
Infants: up to 18 months; staff/child ratio 1:3.
Toddlers: 18-36 months; staff/child ratio 1:5.
Preschoolers: 3 years and up; staff/child ratio 1:6
Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dates Center is Closed: major holidays.
Full Time Fees: Infant: \$55/wk; Toddler: \$50/wk;
Preschooler: \$45/wk. *Monthly fee due at time of
enrollment. *Discount:* \$5 discount for 2nd child.
Application Fee: None

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: Breakfast,
lunch, and afternoon snack.

Maximum Capacity of Center: 50

Center's Objectives and Philosophy: To provide a
variety of experiences that encourages total child
development while responding to the individual
child's interest and need. To place a strong emphasis
on educational programming with development of
pre-math and pre-reading skills. To "Invest in the
future of your child."

Drexel University Early Childhood Center

227 N. 34th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
895-2414 or 895-2415
Director: Mrs. Ronnie S. Levy
Programs: Ages served by center—3 to 5 years
Multi-aged grouping: 3, 4, & 5 year olds. Maximum
group size: 23 in each group. Staff/child ratio: 1:8
Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30
p.m.

Dates Center is Closed: Information unavailable.
Full Time Fees: Multi-aged grouping: \$75/wk
* 1 week payment in advance required
Discount: Sliding scale fee based on income &
current eligibility standards, and Drexel University
Dependent Care Reimbursements available.

Application fee: None
Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: Breakfast,
lunch and afternoon snack.

Maximum Capacity of Center: 49

Center's Objective and Philosophy: To provide an
environment which enhances a child's physical, social,
emotional, and intellectual development. To help
parents to increase their understanding of child
behavior and development through classroom partici-
pation, field trips, group meetings, and conferences.

Good Shepherd Day Care Center

314-18 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19143
748-4662 or 477-6287
Office Manager: Mrs. C. Porter
Programs: Ages served by center—2 to 5 years
Toddlers: pre-potty trained; staff/child ratio 1:4.
potty-trained; staff/child ratio 1:5.
Preschoolers: staff/child ratio 1:10.
Hours: Monday—Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Dates Center is Closed: Major holidays, severe
weather, and if all public and parochial schools are
closed.

Full Time Fees: Toddlers: \$45/wk potty trained;
\$55/wk untrained. *Discount:* none
Application Fee: \$10 registration fee; insurance fee
at least one week in advance.

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: None
Maximum capacity of center: 75

Center's Objectives and Philosophy: To attend to
the special needs of each child physically, mentally,
emotionally, and socially. To assist each child in the
development of a positive self image. To provide
activities for expressive and receptive language skills.
To incorporate biblical teachings through stories,
verses, and songs. To provide equal opportunity,
regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national
origin.

Infant Friendship Center

1001 S. 45th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
386-5097
Director: Mary Beth Kelly-Scher
Programs: Ages served by center—infants to 5
years.

Infants: 3-18 months, maximum group size 9,
staff/child ratio 1:3.
Toddlers: 18-36 months, maximum group size 12,
staff/child ratio 1:4.
Preschoolers: 3-5 years, maximum group size 15,
staff/child ratio 1:8.

Hours: Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dates Center is Closed: 7 major holidays; the week
between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Full Time Fees: Infant: \$138/wk; Toddler:
\$114/wk; Preschooler: \$92/wk. *Discounts:* none
Application fee: \$15
Security: 4 wks deposit
Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: None
Maximum Capacity of Center: 59

Center's Objective and Philosophy: To nurture
each child's needs and pace of development. To offer
a child experiences with both younger and older
children. To provide strong programs not only for
infants, but also for toddlers and pre-schoolers as
well. To provide a familial environment. To practice
sound principles associated with child development.

The ISI Caring Center for Children & Parents

3501 Filbert Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
386-8245
Director: Ms. Susan Silverstein Millner
Programs: Ages served by center—6 weeks to 5
years.

Infants: 6 weeks to 18 months, maximum group
size 12, staff/child ratio 1:4.
Toddlers: 18-36 months, maximum group size 12,
staff/child ratio 1:5.

Pre-kindergarteners: 3-5 years, maximum group
size 20, staff/child ratio 1:10.
Kindergarteners: 5-6 years, maximum group size
20, staff/child ratio 1:10.

The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs
offer special cooking classes and computer awareness.

Part day: (7 hours) for infants, toddlers, and pre-
kindergarteners. *Early Care:* (7am to 8am) for infants,
toddlers, and pre-kindergarteners. *Extended care:*
(3pm to 6pm) Option for part day users, for toddlers,
and pre-kindergarteners.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dates Center is Closed: 8 national holidays.

Full Time Fees: Infant: \$160/wk; Toddler:
\$147/wk; Pre-Kindergartener: \$110/wk; Kindergar-
tener: \$110/wk. *Discount:* 7% discount for two or
more children of the same family enrolled simul-
taneously.

Application fee: \$20 per family—one-time non-
refundable

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: All meals
and snacks; prepared in Center's own kitchen.

Maximum Capacity of Center: 156

Center's Objectives and Philosophy: To provide
the highest quality developmental care and education
for children ages 6 wks through kindergarten. To
support parents. To serve as a model in the profes-
sional community.

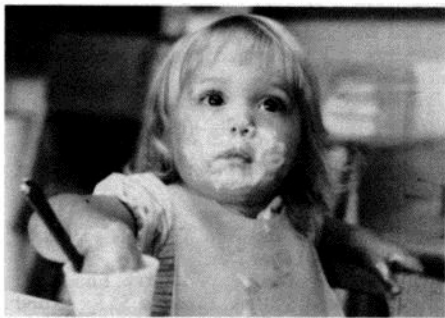
Ken-Crest Services

3637 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
387-4281
Director: Jane Reese
Programs: Center 1. (3700 Chestnut Street) Pro-
vides day care and transportation for disabled pre-
schoolers.

Center 2. (3637 Chestnut Street) Ages served by
center—18 months to 5 years.

Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fees: Full-time: \$95/week; Part-time: \$2.50/hour
Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: snacks
only, must provide own lunch

Maximum Capacity of Center: 35 (day care)
Center's Objective and Philosophy: To provide
developmentally based programming.



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Nana Bear's Love-n-Care Day Care Plus

5235 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139
747-8866

Director: Ms. Ralinda A. Golback

Programs: Ages served by center—18 months to 5 years.

Toddler: maximum size 5, staff/child ratio 1:4.

Pre-school: maximum size 5, staff/child ratio 1:6.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dates Center is Closed: major holidays.

Full Time Fees: \$40/wk; Discounts: None.

Application fees: \$10

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: Breakfast and two snacks.

Maximum Capacity of Center: 30

Center's Objectives and Philosophy: Information unavailable at time of publication.

The Parent Infant Center

4210 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
898-4180

Director: Ms. Marni Sweet

Programs: Ages served by center—3 months to 4 years.

Infants: 3 months—2 years, maximum group size: 12, staff/child ratio 1:3.

Toddlers: 2 year olds, maximum group size: 12 staff/child ratio 1:4.

Pre-schoolers: 3 & 4 year olds, maximum group size: 12-15, staff/child ratio 1:6

Family Day Care: Day care done in the homes of women in the University Community. This care is supervised by the Parent Infant Center staff.

Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dates Center is Closed: major holidays.

Full Time Fees: Under Two: \$151/wk; Two years: \$131/wk; Over Three: \$106/wk. Discount: 5 percent for families with two children. Registration fee: \$15. Security deposit: two week's tuition. Fees for the Family Day Care are set by the provider.

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: Snacks; parents sends lunch.

Maximum Capacity of Center: 75

Center's Objective and Philosophy: To provide loving and stimulating care in a safe environment. To emphasize experiences which promote self-esteem, group skills and conversation. To encourage children to develop at their own pace and in harmony with their own personalities. To work closely with parents by exchanging information, ideas, and by providing mutual support.

Saint Mary's Cooperative Nursery School

3916 Locust Walk
3601 Locust Walk (mailing address)
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6224
386-0321

Director: Barbara Klein

Programs: Ages served by school—2-5 years.

Open classroom: 2-5 years, maximum group size 40, staff/child ratio 1:6.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dates School is Closed: School year runs September-May. Usually a program in June but no guarantee of such.

Full Time Fees: \$280/month. Discount: \$25 sibling discount; scholarships available on limited basis. Application Fee: \$5. Security: one month tuition deposit/\$25 goodwill deposit

Snacks and Meals Provided by School: mid-morning/mid-afternoon snack, parent sends lunch.

Maximum Capacity of School: 40

School's Objective and Philosophy: To involve parents in the classroom and in the daily operations of the school. To integrate children of varying ages. To provide exposure to studies in science, math, reading, art, and social studies. To offer the security of a loving and caring staff.

Saint Paul Community Day Care

3832 Haverford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104
386-9319

Director: Mrs. Emma Williams

Programs: Ages served by center—2½ to 5 years.

Hours: 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

Dates Center is Closed: all legal public school holidays.

Full Time Fees: \$35/wk. Discount: information unavailable. Application fee: information unavailable. Security: information unavailable

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: Breakfast, lunch, and snack.

Maximum Capacity of Center: information unavailable.

Center's Objective and Philosophy: To prepare children for future academic performance in kindergarten and first grade. To gear curriculum toward activities that develop gross, fine, sensual, perceptual, motor skills. To place high emphasis on pre-reading, math, dramatics, writing, science, history, language, and much more.

University City Montessori School

51st & Spruce Street (NW corner)
Philadelphia, PA 19139
474-1599

Director: Mr. Bradley Sheeks

Programs: Ages served—18 months to 5½ years. Infants: 6-18 months, maximum group size 6, staff/child ratio 1:3.

Toddlers: 18-36 months, maximum group size 12, staff/child ratio 1:4.

Preschoolers & Kindergarteners: 2½ to 5½ years, maximum group size 20, staff/child ratio 1:10.

Hours: Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dates School is Closed: major holidays.

Full Time Fees: Infant: \$540/month; \$25/day; Toddler: \$520/month; \$24/day; Preschooler/Kindergartener: \$430/month; \$20/day. Discount: \$10 on total fee if more than one child

Application fee/Security deposits: 1 month fee.

Snacks and Meals Provided by School: snacks.

Maximum Capacity of School: 6 infants, 12 toddlers, 30 preschoolers, and 10 kindergarteners.

School's Objective and Philosophy: To be committed to happy, healthy family life. To provide a high quality day care program in order to ensure peace of mind of parents, as well as the growth and development of child. To meet the needs of busy parents by offering extended hours and various time arrangements for bringing and retrieving children.

University City New School

42nd and Locust Streets (SW corner)
Philadelphia, PA 19104
382-3313

Director: Ms. Karen Feller

Programs: Ages served—K to sixth grade.

Kindergarten: 4½ to 6, maximum group size 20, staff/child ratio 1:10.

First to Sixth Grade: 6-11, staff/child ratio 1:14.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dates School is Closed: information unavailable.

Full Time Fees: \$3200 to \$3500/academic year; Discounts: Scholarship available; Application fee: \$20; Security deposits: \$200

Snacks and Meals Provided by School: Afternoon snack for kindergarten.

Maximum Capacity of School: 40

School's Objective and Philosophy: To put children first and to emphasize their learning, growth, and nurturance. To work to foster the development of independence and resourcefulness in children who respect and care for others and who have a strong sense of themselves as responsible, questioning members of society.

Walnut Street Center

37th and Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104
382-7722

Director: Ms. Abbie Johnson

Programs: Ages served by center—3 years and up.

Pre-school I: 3 years and up, maximum group size 30, staff/child ratio 1:10.

Pre-school II: 4 years and up, maximum group size 22, staff/child ratio 1:12.

2 Kindergartens: 5 years, maximum group size 22, staff/child ratio 1:11.

School-age: 1st grade and up, maximum group size 30+, staff/child ratio 1:12.

Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dates Center is Closed: Summer, Christmas Week, legal holidays.

Full Time Fees: Sliding Scale: pre-school \$12 to \$70; school-age \$9 to \$52.50

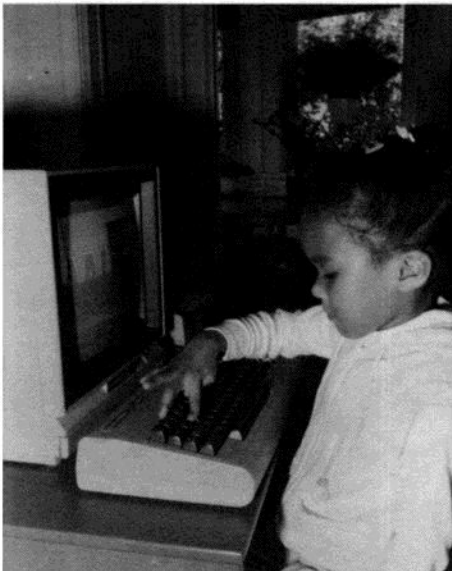
Discounts: Reduction for additional children, no payment for school closings.

Application fee: none. Security fee: none

Snacks and Meals Provided by Center: Breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack.

Maximum Capacity of Center: 137

Center's Objective and Philosophy: To provide child care services for parents working, in training, or studying. To help children grow and learn in a safe environment which fosters complete development.



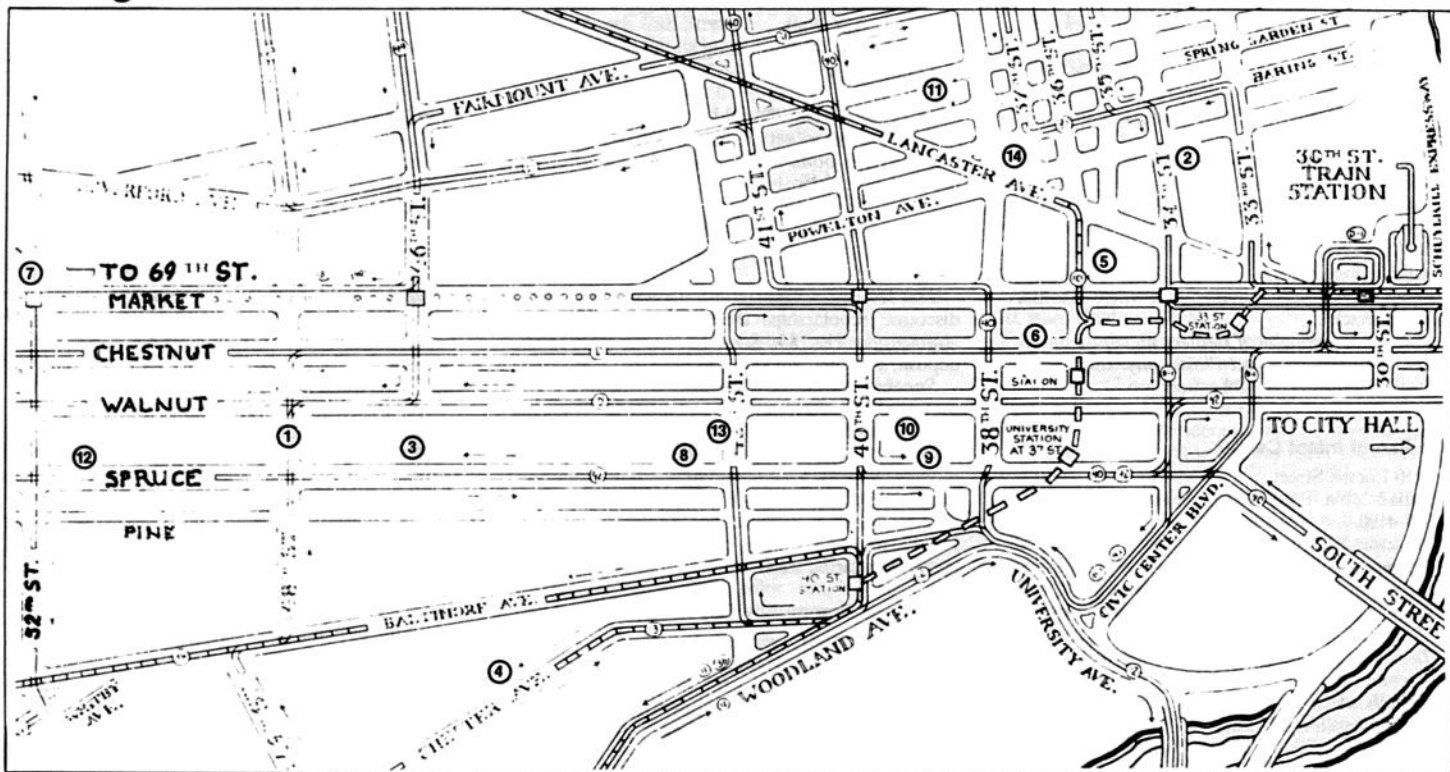
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Finding the Centers



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- ⑭ Walnut Street Center

Child Care Check List

Child care centers vary considerably in terms of both provisions and objectives. Ideally, a chosen center offers developmental programs that match the individual need of the child, reflect the parental values, and also meet the needs of the parents. Here is a check list of matters to consider while in the process of assessing the different centers.

Program

- Parental observation/visitation
- Parental participation in programming, evaluation and decision making
- Parent-teacher communication
- Posting of daily schedule and activities
- Individual notes on child status
- Conference/evaluations
- Center-wide newsletters
- Periodic evaluation of each child's status and development
- Monitoring of absent children to establish reason for absences
- Monitoring of who picks up child
- Teachers/caretakers maintain a list of who is eligible to pick up child
- Picture identification is used to establish ID of anyone not known to teacher prior to their releasing the child
- Maintenance by both teacher/caretaker and administration of current parental and emergency contact numbers.
- Follows DPW (minimum) staff child ratio physically present
 - Infant (up to 18 months) 1:4
 - Toddler (18-36 months) 1:5
 - Pre-School (3-6 years) 1:10

- Variety/choice of programs including individual, small and large group activities
- Quiet play, active play
- Dependable consistent care through:
 - Low staff turnover
 - On-going staff training
 - Physical presence of teacher with children at all times
 - Affectional/communication levels that encourage teacher/child interaction and respect for individual differences
 - Maintenance of kindly, not punitive, tone
 - Socialization methods
 - Equal access for boys and girls
- "Sensible" toilet training
- Referral service (hearing/vision screening)

Physical Space

- Adequate cots/cribs
- Variety of places where different activities take place
- Age appropriate and scaled toys/furniture equipment
- Adequate, accessible toilet facilities
- Adequate storage facilities for both school supplies and child's items
- Separate area to accommodate sick child (has bed, sink, first aid supplies . . .) which allows for staff to remain with and monitor child
- Indoor and outdoor facilities that allow for full range of development (open and covered outdoor space; contiguous indoor/outdoor space)
- Heat/light/ventilation levels

Safety/Health

- Poisons are kept locked
- Poison control number and first aid procedures visibly accessible
- Smoking prohibited in child areas
- Fire and Life Safety Program and Equipment:
 - Currently inspected
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Smoke detectors
 - Alarm system
 - Visible, easy to follow, emergency exit plan
 - Well marked exits
 - Regular fire drill practices

- Prevention and safety education program for older children
- Capped electrical outlets
- Covered heating units/vents
- Stable age appropriate furniture
- Limited open windows to prevent child exit or injury
- First Aid supplies
- Nutritious meals/healthful snacks

Cleanliness

- Floors
- Eating Areas
- Bathrooms
- Play areas



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