

# Help me find a preschool!

Please fill out this form, affix stamp and mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach me \_\_\_\_\_

I have a child(ren) age: \_\_\_\_\_

I want (check one):

- Part Day  
 Full Day

I need bus transportation (check one):

- Yes  
 No

We can help you find the right program for your needs!

Before your child enters kindergarten, he or she should be ready to:

## SPEAK AND LISTEN

- Use and understand many words.
- Speak in complete sentences.
- Ask lots of questions.
- Say and notice words that rhyme in stories.
- Make up and share personal stories about his or her interests.

## READ AND WRITE:

- Select familiar books and tell why he or she likes them.
- Retell favorite stories from books.
- Hold a book upright.
- Identify letters of the alphabet.
- Recognize letter sounds.
- Recognize, copy and print his or her first name.
- Hold a pencil and write with it.

## USE MATHEMATICS:

- Recognize and count up to ten items.
- Recognize the number symbols 1-10.
- Describe and talk about objects that have different sizes, colors, shapes and patterns.
- Sort items by "same" and "different."
- Use the words "near," "far," "top," "bottom," "under," "first," "second," "last."
- Sort objects from smallest to largest, shortest to tallest and lightest to heaviest.

## PARTICIPATE AND COOPERATE:

- Understand and participate in conversations.
- Stay involved in a directed activity to its completion.
- Follow routines and directions.
- Work and play together with other children.

## New Britain Discovery

Is a community collaborative working to improve early learning.

We welcome new members.

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Our work is made possible through the support of:



# Thinking about Preschool?

## You should be!

# Your child deserves an Early Start!



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# Why?

Children who are preschool age are ripe for learning:

The human brain develops 90% of its capacity in the first five years of life.

Children who attend preschool:

- learn to read earlier and better,
- have larger vocabularies,
- have better math skills,
- have better fine motor skills,
- have better social and emotional skills,
- are less likely to stay back,
- are more likely to graduate high school,
- are far less likely to ever be incarcerated.

Children who are learning English as a second language and who go to preschool are more ready for kindergarten.

The achievement gap between white and minority children is virtually erased when minority children attend preschool.

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Check inside for a list of programs in New Britain!



New Britain Board of Education 612-3315  
 School Readiness Programs or 225-6247  
 Classes located in various elementary schools throughout the district, 5 days per week. School year. ★★  
 Part Day mornings 8:55am-11:45am  
 Part Day afternoons 12:45pm-3:35pm  
 Sliding Fee Scale (cost based on family income).  
 Transportation included.

Human Resources Agency (Head Start) 225-4688  
 180 Clinton Street (and other locations) ★  
 Offers a variety of programs including:  
 Part Day/Part Year, Full Day/Full Year  
 School readiness programs and wrap around care.  
 Free or Sliding Fee Scale.  
 Transportation provided for some programs.

YWCA Child Services 225-4681 x 274  
 22 Glen Street ★  
 Infant care through 12 years old.  
 Full Day 6:30am-5:30pm  
 Sliding Fee Scale School Readiness Program.

Center for Special Care Childcare Center 827-1958 x5109  
 2150 Corbin Avenue ★  
 Infant care through Preschool.  
 School Age Vacation and Summer Camp  
 Full Day/Full Year 6:30am-5:15pm  
 Sliding Fee Scale School Readiness Program.

Boys & Girls Club of New Britain 229-2865  
 150 Washington Street ★  
 Full Day/Full Year 6:30am-6:00pm  
 Sliding Fee Scale School Readiness Program.

CCSU Early Learning Program 827-7018  
 1285 East Street  
 Part Day mornings 9:00am-11:30am  
 Full Day 7:45am-5:00pm  
 Priority for CCSU students and staff.

St Mathew's Lutheran School 223-7829  
 87 Franklin Square  
 Part Day mornings 8:30am-11:30am

New Britain Board of Education 827-2236  
 Peer Model Preschool ★★  
 Mornings, Mon-Fri 8:55am-11:45am  
 Afternoons, Mon-Wed & Fri 12:45pm-3:35pm  
 Selection by lottery after screening, Free,  
 Transportation provided, Children must be toilet trained

New Britain High School Nursery School 225-6351  
 110 Mill Street Mary Valentine ★★  
 1 semester only-September to January or February to June, 4 days per week.  
 Part Day mornings 8:40am-10:50am  
 or 8:40am-11:50am  
 Free. Limited to 12 children.  
 (children must be at least 3-1/2 & toilet trained)

Co-op Nursery School of NB at 1st Church 229-3709  
 830 Corbin Avenue Andrea Cofrancesco 829-1617  
 3 year olds-Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, Friday  
 4 year olds-Monday-Thursday  
 5 year olds Mon - Thursday afternoons  
 Part Day mornings 9:00am to 11:30am  
 Requires parent or caregiver volunteer commitment.

Teddy Bear Care 225-0018  
 100 Cianci Road  
 Part Day mornings 9:00am-11:00am  
 Full Day 7:30am-5:30pm

Holy Cross Nursery School 225-4277  
 221 Farmington Avenue  
 3 year olds - Tuesday & Thursday  
 4 year olds - Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
 Daycare available 7am-5:30pm for 2-1/2 - 4 year olds  
 Part Day mornings 8:30am-11:00am  
 Discount available for siblings.

Little Flock-St Maurice Church 225-4477  
 95 Wightman Road  
 3 & 4 year olds Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
 Part Day mornings 9:00am-11:30am

Sacred Heart School 229-7663  
 35 Orange Street  
 Extended day available until 5:30pm.  
 Part Day mornings 8:20am-11:30am  
 Open to Sacred Heart parishioners only.

St. Joseph's First Step Pre-Kindergarten 223-5959  
 29 Edison Street  
 3 & 4 year olds  
 Full Day 8:30am-2:20pm

★ Indicates Accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  
 ★ Indicates public school program with State certified teachers.

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