

A Guide to Choosing Child Care In the Manhattan Area



Child Care Considerations

When selecting child care, you may want to visit, look and listen, asking yourself some of the following questions:

Who will care for your child? What are the caregiver's qualifications?

- * Are the adults warm, understanding, and accepting of children?
- * Do they know first-aid and emergency procedures?
- * Do they provide appealing and nutritious meals and snacks?
- * Are there enough adults to meet children's needs?

Are the daily activities provided for the children appropriate for them?

- * Is it a busy, happy place?
- * Is there plenty of uncluttered space, study and play equipment, and a variety of play materials?
- * Is time given for individual attention?

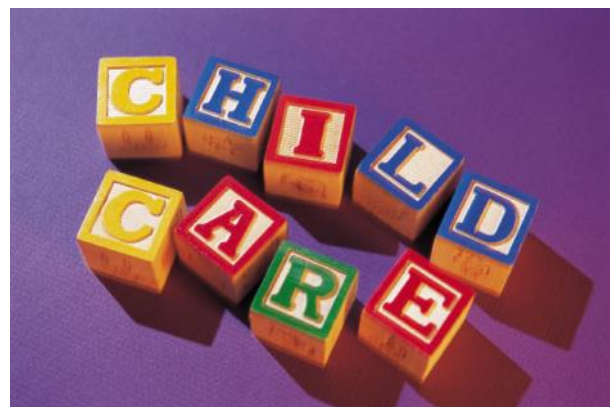
What is the facility like?

- * Is there a place where children can play indoors and outdoors, express themselves, get along with others, and satisfy their curiosity?

One of the most important decisions a student can make concerns choosing child care. The following guide is intended as an informational service only. It is not a guarantee about the suitability of the listed centers, nor is it a comprehensive list. We encourage you to take all the necessary steps to ensure the licensure and suitability of the center for your child.

Do you and the potential child care provider share a common approach to childcare?

- * Is there an open door policy?
- * Is the discipline policy, attitudes about toilet training, feed and eating patterns consistent with yours?
- * Are fees and financial assistance clear?



Information from [Child Care in Manhattan 10/93](#) and [Considerations in the Child-care Decision](#) by Dr. Mary Deluccie. Kansas State University, 1996

Please note that a listing in this guide does not imply endorsement of Non-Traditional & Veteran Student Services or Kansas State University, and we do not assume responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

Manhattan Off Campus

Day Care and Preschools

Crèche

2024 Vanesta Place
785-539-7000
info@crechemanhattan.com
Age 6 weeks to 4 years
Licensed: 91
6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. M-F
Breakfast, lunch, & snack provided

Special Features

– Crèche exceeds minimum state and local licensing requirements

Cultural Enrichment Academy

Diana Caldwell, Director
801 Yuma Street
785-537-7885
dcaldwel@cox.net
Ages 3-5

Licensed: 10
7:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. M-F
Only full day option
Full day program includes two meals and a snack

Special Features

– Cultural meals and books
– Large care environment/small group size
– Kid-friendly dress code
– CPR & First Aid certified
– Field trips
– SRS approved
– Partner with Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood
– Raising Riley scholarship

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

Andy Hutchinson, Program Director
1700 Leavenworth Street
785-587-2045
www.usd383.org/programs/headstart.aspx
andyh@usd383.org/
Part day sessions: 8:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. & 12:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Full day sessions: 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.
Limited Extended Child Care: 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m. and 3:30– 5:30 p.m.

For prenatal families and children up to 3 years
Funded Enrollment: 15
Head Start: Center-based Option
Serving Manhattan, Ogden, and Riley

For children 3 to 5 years
Funded Enrollment: 165
*Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided

Special Features:

– Income eligibility requirements
– Developmentally appropriate program
– Inclusionary/special needs children
– Strong literacy program
– Parent engagement opportunities
– Transportation possible in some areas

Hope Lutheran Early Learning Center & Preschool

785-587-9400
www.manhattanhope.com/elc.html
Breakfast, lunch, & snack provided
East Campus—Early Learning
Kristi Hirsch, Director
3560 Dempsey Rd
785-587-9400

hirschkk@gmail.com
Age 2 months to 2 years (will take until child turns 3)
Full time 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Half time (25 hrs or less/week)
Licensed: 58

West Campus—Preschool

Kerri Esmay, Director
8385 East Hwy 24
785-587-9988
hopewestcampus@gmail.com
Age 3 to 5 years
Full time 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Half time and part time available (MWF / TTh / M-F 9-12)
Licensed: 75

Free2BKids (K-6th Grade)

– Before/After School
– School Days Out
– School Age Summer Care
– For students on West Campus

– DCF/Raising Riley Scholarship
– Safe, secure, and clean
– Experienced and educated teachers
– Preparing children for the next level
– Encouraging growth in all aspects of learning
– Providing appropriate, yet loving boundaries
– Affordable
– Provide home cooked meals
– CPR & First Aid trained

Hylton Heights KinderCare

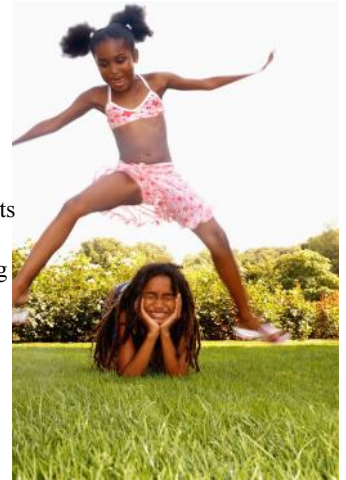
Lisa Phillips, Director
1205 Hylton Heights Road
785-539-7540
www.kindercare.com/our-centers/manhattan/ks/300790/
Ages 6 weeks to 12 years old
6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. M-F
Licensed: 91
Breakfast, lunch, & snack provided

Special Features

– CPR & First Aid trained
– NAC accredited
– Before and after school program
– Transportation to most schools
– Summer programs for school-aged children
– Developmentally appropriate curriculum for all ages
– Optional phonics, reading, math, science, cooking, and music enrichment programs available for children

Oak Grove School

Lakshmi Ramaswamy, Director
3115 Dickens Ave
785-539-7910
www.oakgroveschoolonline.org/index.php
oakgroveschool@sbcglobal.net
Ages 2 1/2 to 6 years (must be potty trained)
7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. M-F
Full time, part time, half day or partial week, and before or after school options
Licensed: 28
Two nutritional and multicultural snacks and lunch provided



Special Features

– CPR & First Aid trained
– Parent-run, not-for-profit founded in 1991
– Contract with SRS
– Partners with the Beach Museum of Art at K-State
– Swimming lessons at CICO Park for 5 years and up
– Field trips to Sunset Zoo
– Raising Riley Scholarship approved
– Experienced and trained teachers
– Low teacher-child ratios
– Spanish, sign and other languages taught
– Creative art, literature, and verbal exploration



*For cost of childcare please visit the center websites or call the number provided. Also, if you are searching for financial assistance, see the back page under Referral Programs and take a look at the Raising Riley Scholarship. Visit the website listed for further information.

Day Care and Preschools

Preschools

Bebe Language Academy

Fabiola Jimenez, Director
2605 Allison Ave
785-320-7101
www.bebelanguageacademy.com/
index.html
admin@bebe.kscoxml.com
Ages 2 1/2 to School age
7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. M-F
Licensed: 31

Options

Full year, school year, and/or summer

After school care available

Also offer after school Spanish Club for K-6th grade from 4 pm—5:30 pm, 5 or 3 day program and transportation is possible
Morning and afternoon snacks, lunch provided

Special Features

- Spanish immersion curriculum
- Preschool setting with after school care
- Bilingual staff
- Raising Riley Scholarship opportunity



First United Methodist Preschool

Susie Olsen, Director
121 North 6th St.
785-776-7030
solsen@fumcmannhattan.com
http://fumcmannhattan.com/#/preschoolcdo

Ages 12 mo. to 5 years
Licensed: 86
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. with optional extended day care until 2:30 p.m.
Extended Day Option

Available for any age, on any day attended except Fridays
Child brings lunch; CDO children nap; preschoolers have additional class time

Children's Day Out (CDO)

Ages 12—36 months
Toddlers & Two year olds attend one day/week on Tu.W, or Th
Older twos and threes attend 2 days/week on M/W or T/Th
Preschool Classes
3 & 4 year olds attend MWF or T/Th
4 & 5 year olds (if pre-k) can attend MTWThF

Special Features

- Christian based curriculum
- Experienced teachers
- Small classes (8-14 students and 2 teachers)

College Hill Preschool (Manhattan/Ogden USD 383 Preschool Program)

Ms. Elisabeth Nelson

Program Director
2600 Kimball Avenue
785-587-2830
www.usd383.org
elisabethn@usd383.org
Age 3 or 4
Half day sessions: 8:25 a.m.—11:30 a.m and 12:30 p.m.-3:35 p.m.

Age 4 years
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. year round
8:25 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. school hours
Reduced prices are available for active duty military families and those who meet specific eligibility criteria

Special Features

- Services are available for students learning English as a Second Language
- Licensed teacher lead classrooms

St. Luke's Preschool

Kathy Meyer, Director/Lead Teacher
330 Sunset Avenue
785-539-2604

www.stlukesmanhattan.org/
campus/preschool.php
slukespreschool@att.net
Licensed: 24 per class
4 & 5 Year Old Option
MWF 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
M/W 12:30 p.m. —3:00 p.m.
3 Year Old Option
T Th 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Special Features

- Christian education
- Field trips
- Highly trained staff

Trinity Community Preschool

Berneda Jewell, Admissions Chair
1110 College Avenue
785-539-3921 or
785-410-5055
www.trinitypresmanhattan.com/
trinity1110@sbcglobal.net
Ages 3 to 5 years
Licensed: 40

3 year old option

T / Th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4 & 5 year old option

MWF 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Snack Provided

Special Features

- Mid-September to Mid-May
- Planned preschool program
- Small class sizes (12 to 14 children)
- Highly trained professional teachers
- Established in 1964
- Child-centered preschool program
- Large fenced playground area
- Special guest lectures

Panda Preschool

Larry Liotta, Program Administrator
1435 Hudson, Amanda Arnold School
785-587-2020
saras@usd383.org

Age 3-5 years
Licensed: 48
Half day : 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Snacks provided

Special Features:

- Accommodates students with special needs
- Special education teachers



*To learn more about these facilities or other child care available, please refer to the back page with information under referral programs.

K-State Manhattan Campus Centers

Early Childhood Education Center at the Hoeflin Stone House

1701 N. Manhattan Avenue
785-532-3533
fshs@k-state.edu
www.he.k-state.edu/stonehouse/
7:30 am—5:30 pm
Ages 2 weeks to 5 years
6 classrooms
Licensed: 48
Nationally Accredited
Part day, part year inclusive preschool option
Program is August—May 3rd
in 3 hour sessions, 8:30 a.m.-
11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 pm
Monday-Thursday

Full-Day Early Education Services

Sally Meyer, Program Director
214 Hoeflin Stone
785-532-3533
skmeyer@k-state.edu

Infant Classroom

Ages: 6 weeks to 2 years
8 children in class
Full day, full year schedule

Toddler Classroom

Ages: 24 months—36 months
10 children in class
Full day, full year schedule

Preschool Classroom (2)

Ages: 3—5 years
16 children in each class
Full day, full year schedule
Snacks and lunch provided

Special Features:

- Part of K-State School of Family Studies and Human Services
- Computers included
- A fully inclusive preschool program including children who have delays/disabilities
- Therapy services provided on site by USD #383
- SRS approved
- Smart Start scholarship approved

–Teacher education/research facility for early childhood education majors

K-State Center for Child Development (emailed)

Debra Ring, Director
Anna Howard, Operations/
Enrollment
1 East Jardine Drive
K-State Campus
785-532-3700
childcare@k-state.edu
www.k-state.edu/ccd/index.html
7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Ages 6 weeks to 5 years
During the summer will also have K-5th
Licensed: 200 (Jardine site)
Licensed: 16 infants and toddlers at Claflin site

Morning and afternoon snacks and lunch provided

Special Features:

- Developmentally designed programs
- Infant classrooms have 5 children with 2 adults
- Nurturing of the whole child
- Certified teachers
- Field trips

- SRS accepted
- Discounted fee for K-State students
- Partnership with school district for Pre-K free preschool program
- Staff CPR and first aid certified



Referral Programs

Kansas Association for Child Care Resource Agency

(877) 678-2548

Provides a list of licensed or registered child care providers.

Manhattan/Riley County Health Department

Jan Scheideman, Child Care Facilitator/Manager

2101 Claflin Road

785-776-4779 ext. 158

www.rileycountyks.gov/index.aspx?nid=1248

Raising Riley/Smart Start Scholarships

2102 Claflin

www.rileycountyks.gov/index.aspx?nid=1248 (for applications visit website or location)

The scholarship program allows parents the opportunity to receive financial assistance for child care if their child care provider participates in the Raising Riley RIGHT program.