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.

**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?

**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?

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Information from *Child Care in Manhattan 10/93* and *Considerations in the Child-care Decision* by Dr. Mary Delucccie. Kansas State University, 1996

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Manhattan Off Campus

Day Care and Preschools

Crèche
2024 Vanesta Place
785-539-7000
info@crechehammanhattan.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
Licensed: 91
Funded Enrollment: 15
Head Start: Center-based Option
Serving Manhattan, Ogden, and Riley
For children 3 to 5 years
Licensed: 165
*Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided
Special Features:
– Income eligibility requirements
– Developmentally appropriate program
– Inclusionary/special needs support
– Strong literacy program
– Child age, developmental, and socio-economic needs
– 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
Licensed: 58
Full time 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Half time (25 hrs or less/week)

West Campus—Preschool
Kerri Esmay, Director
8385 East Hwy 24
785-587-9988
hopewestcampus@gmail.com
Ages 3 to 5 years
Licensed: 75
Full time 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Half time and part time available

Free2BKids (K-6th Grade)
– Before/After School
– School Days Out
– School Age Summer Care
– For students on West Campus

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
Licensed: 28
Two nutritional and multicultural snacks and lunch provided
– DCF/Raising Riley Scholarship
– Safe, secure, and clean environment
– 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

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*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.
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Preschools

Bebe Language Academy
Fabiola Jimenez, Director
2605 Allison Ave
785-320-7101
www.bebelanguageacademy.com/index.html
admin@bebe.kscoxmail.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@fumcmhanhattan.com
http://fumcmhanhattan.com/#/preschooLED
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
Ages 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.*


**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 each 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

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**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

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**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

**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.