

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?

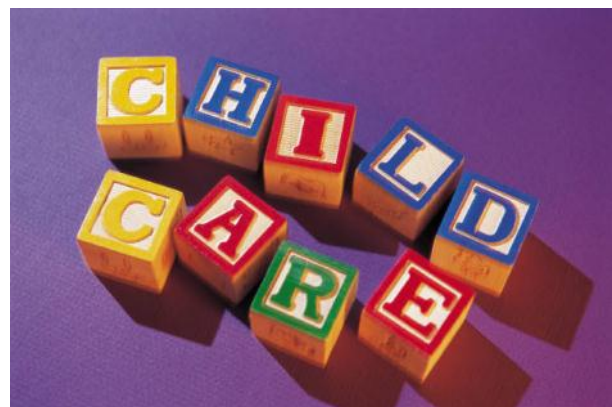
What is the facility like?

- * 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

College Avenue Early Learning Center

Korena Scheible, Director
1609 College Avenue
785-537-3626
www.collegeavenueelc.org

Preschool Option

For children 2 1/2 to 5 years
Licensed: 17

Infant/Toddler Class

For children 6 weeks to 2 1/2 years
Licensed: 8

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. M-F

*Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided

Special Features:

- Staff CPR & First Aid trained
- Child & Adult Care Food Program participant
- SRS/DCF subsidies accepted
- Smart Start scholarships to those who qualify
- Full & part time options

The Cultural Enrichment Academy

Diana Caldwell, Director
801 Yuma Street
785-537-7885
dcadlwe@cox.net

Ages 18 months to school age

Licensed: 8

7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. M-F

Options: full day, half day, five day, and three day

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

– Raising Riley scholarship

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

Andy Hutchinson, Director
1700 Leavenworth
785-587-2045

www.usd383.org/programs/headstart.aspx

andyh@manhattan.k12.ks.us

Early Head Start Option

For children up to 3 years

Licensed: 10

Head Start Option

For children 3 to 5 years

Licensed: 165

Full day: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

School day: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Full and half day preschool class

*Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided

Special Features:

- Income eligibility requirements
- Developmentally appropriate program
- Inclusionary/special needs children
- Strong literacy program
- Parent involvement encouraged
- 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

3560 Dempsey Rd

Kristi Hirsch, Director

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

8385 East Hwy 24

Kristin Mantey, Director

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

Special Features

- Accredited
- DCF/Raising Riley Scholarship

–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

–Nature and science investigation



*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.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
- Highly trained staff



First United Methodist Preschool

Susie Olsen, Director
121 North 6th St.
785-776-7030
solsen@fumcmanhattan.com
<http://fumcmanhattan.com/#/preschoolcdo>
Ages 12 mo. to 5 years
Licensed: 86

9 am—12 pm with optional extended day care until 2:30 pm
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 Four Year Old Program)

Dr. Shelley Asitrup, Principal
2600 Kimball Avenue
785-587-2830
www.usd383.org
shelleyai@usd383.org
Age 4 years

7 am to 6 pm year round
8:25 am to 3:35 pm school hours
Reduced prices are available for active duty military families and those who meet specific eligibility criteria

Special Features

- English as a Second Language available
- Licensed teacher led 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: 23 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
www.trinitypresmanhattan.com/documents/preschool-brochure.pdf
trinity1110@sbcglobal.net
785-539-3921 or
785-410-5055

Ages 3 to 5 years
Licensed: 23
3 year old option
T / Th 9:00-11:30 am
4 & 5 year old option
MWF 9:00-11:30 am
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 to 11:30 am or 12:30-3:30 pm
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, 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 pm

Monday-Thursday

Full-Day Early Education Services

Sally Meyer, Program Director
214 Hoeflin Stone House
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

Ages 6 weeks to 5 years

During the summer will also have

K-5th

Licensed: 200 (Jardine site)

Licensed: 16 infants and toddlers at

Clafin site

7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

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

Flint Hills Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

2323 Anderson Avenue—Suite 250, Manhattan KS 66502

www.kccto.org

785-532-7197 or (800) 227-3578

Patty Peschel, Program Director

pkeating@k-state.edu

For children with a military parent only. Provides a list of licensed or registered child care providers with vacancies matching your needs.

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

2101 Clafin Road

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

785-776-4779 ext. 158

Jan Scheideman, Child Care Facilitator/Manager

Raising Riley/Smart Start Scholarships

2102 Clafin

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.