



Child Care HELP!Line

# Preschool Booklet

2011—2012



Choosing a preschool program that is right for your child(ren) is an important decision. We urge you to visit several facilities in order to inspect and interview the preschool director and/or teachers. Please look at the resource information on the back of this packet to assist you in this process.

Please keep in mind that the information given to you does not constitute an endorsement by the HELP!Line Center. All of the information contained in the enclosed booklet is reported by the preschools themselves. You will need to verify its validity. You, as a parent or guardian, are responsible for determining and monitoring the quality of each program. The final decision must be made by you.

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**Central Baptist Preschool & Kindergarten**  
**3100 W. Ralph Rogers Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 336-2303**

**Contact:** Melissa Ludens

**Ages Served:** 2 years 6 months - 6 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

2, 3, 4 or 5 half days/week: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

\*Morning Kindergarten: M - F, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

\*Afternoon Kindergarten: M and W, 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

\*Extended Care 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

**Fees:** Please call 336-2303 for fees. Ask for Melissa.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** We believe preschool education should be age appropriate and based on solid child development principals. It should address the child's development in the following areas: social, emotional, physical, cognitive & spiritual. We believe play should be the medium for a preschooler's learning. Teacher/child ratios are set low so teachers have the opportunity to observe, play, clarify or correct misconceptions.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The preschool director has an Elementary Education Degree with a Special Education Minor. She taught 1st grade for 8 years in a public school and has been the director for Central Baptist for 9 years. Head teachers all have 4 year degrees and assistant teachers have at least a high school degree.

**Additional Information:** Outdoor play, gym, fenced in yard

**References available on request.**

**Christ the King Preschool**  
**1801 S. Lake Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 338-5103**

**Contact:** Stephanie Van Zee

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds	T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4 & 5 year olds	M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5 year olds	M-F	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** Call for fees.

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The preschool teacher has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** All SFCS Preschool Programs feature developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program. Student growth is fostered in a creative, faith-filled and nurturing learning environment.

**Additional Information:** Our preschool program includes pre-readiness and readiness skills, fine and gross motor development and practice, language skill development, art, computers, music exploration, faith development and social interaction. Extended learning is optional.

**References available upon request.**

**Christian Center Preschool**  
**6300 W. 41st St.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 361-8002**  
**Website: [www.cceschool.org](http://www.cceschool.org)**

**Contact:** Susan Even

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 Year Olds: T/TH or M/W/F 8:45 AM - 11:15 AM  
*(Must be 3 by Sept. 1st and potty trained)*

Pre-K: M - TH 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
M/W/F 8:45 AM - 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
T/TH 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
*(Must be 4 by Sept. 1st)*

**Fees:** 2 day - \$124/month tuition  
3 day - \$154/month tuition  
4 day - \$203/month tuition  
Each class has a \$100 registration/curriculum fee and if paid by January 30th, it will be discounted to \$80.

**Regulations:** Registration starts January 1st. Classes are limited to 9 students/teacher with a total capacity of 90 students. Our program starts late August and concludes mid-May.

**Educational Background and Experience:** Teachers have an Elementary Education degree with Early Childhood Experience.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The Christian Center Preschool is an excellent first step toward learning for young children. It is operated in partnership with state-accredited Christian Center Elementary and First Assembly of God Church. We use interactive curriculum to provide age-appropriate activities for learning and fun. All classes include: Bible time, music, gym time, field trips, crafts, computers, Christmas Program and a graduation ceremony. Parent-teacher Conferences keep parents informed of their child's progress. On-site Christian Center Daycare offers extended care for those who desire it. Facilities include a gymnasium and a fenced-in outdoor playground.

**Excel Discovery Center**  
**5005 S. Bur Oak Place**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 988-0900**  
**www.exceldiscovery.com**

**Contact:** Molly Wilson

**Ages Served:** 2 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

2 year olds: Parent and Me - Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

3 year olds: T/TH - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

3 - 4 year olds: M/W/F - 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

4 year olds: M/T/TH/F - 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

5 year olds: M - F- 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**Fees:**

Fees range from \$75 - \$255/month

**Educational background and Experience:** Molly has both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She completed research in Italy related to preschool education. Preschool teachers have a Bachelor's Degree and assistant teachers are either enrolled in a Bachelor's program or have a CDA.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Our goal is to foster a love of learning in each child. Through developmentally appropriate activities, children are given opportunities to explore, ask questions, discover and be creative in a warm, nurturing classroom. We believe in a blended balance between academics and play.

**References available upon request.**

**First Adventure Learning Center**  
**4003 W. Benson Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 274-8767**

**Contact:** Jessie Holte

**Ages Served:** 2 to 6

**Days and Hours of Preschool Program:**

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

We also offer breakfast and lunch for preschoolers, so you can drop off at 8:00 AM and pick up at 12:00 PM.

**Staff/Child ratio:** 1/10

**Fees:**

5 Days is \$40/week

3 Days is \$32/week

2 Days is \$25/week

**Educational Background and Experience:** Our Preschool Teacher/ Program Planner has a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood. She has taught in both preschool settings and in elementary schools. Many of the staff at First Adventure have Bachelor's Degrees in Early Childhood or are going to school for Early Childhood Education or the CDA program.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The goal at First Adventure is to help every child progress no matter what level they are at. Our Pre-Kindergarten Program helps you and your child be ready for the next stage both emotionally and cognitively.

**Additional Information:** We have small class sizes, so our staff can work individually with your child on a daily basis.

**References available upon request.**

**First Baptist Preschool**  
**1401 South Covell Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 336-0966**

**Contact:** Melissa Anawski

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds, as of September 1st of each year.

**Days and Hours Available:**

2, 3, or 4 day programs available 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

5 day Pre-Kindergarten 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Fees:** 2 days/week: \$90/month

3 days/week: \$120/month

4 days/week: \$150/month

5 days/week: \$200/month - Pre-Kindergarten

**Educational Background and Experience:** The preschool director has a BA in Elementary Education with a Kindergarten Endorsement. The Director has been the Director of 1st Baptist Children's Center for 9 years and the Director of the preschool for 5 years. All teachers have a Bachelor's Degree in Education or a related field.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The Children's Center is an outreach ministry of First Baptist Church that exists to provide quality education along with enrichment activities for children. The Center provides a safe, stimulating and caring environment in which children may develop their God given gifts and talents.

**Additional Information:** Parents are required to volunteer in the classroom. We offer before and after care for preschoolers. Children must be potty-trained.

**References available upon request.**

**Good News Children's Center**  
**1800 S. Valley View Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 362-6360 extension 8**

**Contact:** Tammy Westergaard

**Days and Hours Available:**

T/TH 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM for 3 - 4 year olds  
Cost \$85/month

M/W/F 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM for 4 - 5 year olds  
Cost \$120/month

M - F 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM for Pre-K  
Cost \$195/month

M - F 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM for Preschool & Daycare  
Cost \$140/week

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with Early Childhood and Reading Endorsements with 3 years of classroom experience and 12 years of management experience. Other staff have a BA in Elementary Education and several years of preschool experience.

**Additional Information:** We are committed to providing biblically-based age-appropriate experiences in a small group setting allowing each child to progress in these areas at his/her own level of ability while enjoying success. This is primarily done through hands on activities in learning centers and Christ-like role modeling of the staff. Transportation is available to and from preschool. Transportation boundaries are 12th Street to the North, 57th Street to the South, Ellis Road to the West and Marion Road to the East. Our Preschool Curriculum is based on the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines.

**References available upon request.**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool**  
**1300 S Sertoma Ave**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 362-1947**  
**www.holycrosslutheranchurch.org**  
**TriciaM@holycrosslutheranchurch.org**

**Contact:** Tricia Murphy

**Ages Served:** 1-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

2 year olds                      F                      9:00 AM - 11:30 AM                      \$40/month  
(This class is designed for children who will be 2 years old by September 1st)

3 - 4 year olds                      M/W                      9:00 AM - 11:30 PM                      \$90/month  
(This class is designed for children who will be 3 years old by September 1st)

3 - 4 year olds                      T/TH                      9:00 AM - 11:30 AM                      \$90/month  
(This class is designed for children who will be 3 years old by September 1st)

4 - 5 year olds                      T/TH                      9:00 AM - 11:30 AM                      \$90/month  
(This class is designed for children who will be 4 years old by September 1st)

4 - 5 year olds                      W/W/F                      9:00 AM - 11:30 AM                      \$125/month  
(This class is designed for children who will be 4 years old by September 1st)

Pre-K (4 year olds)                      M/T/W/TH                      1:00 PM - 3:30 PM                      \$165/month  
(This class is designed for children who will be 4 years old by September 1st)

Pre-K (5 year olds)                      M/T/W/TH                      1:00 PM - 3:30 PM                      \$165/month

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a BA Degree in Early Childhood, K-2nd Grade Teaching Certificate, Kindergarten Endorsement and Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement. Preschool teachers have their CDA (Child Development Associate Degree), BA Degree in Early Childhood and/or related education degrees.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool is committed to providing the children of Holy Cross and the community with an educational, Christian-based preschool program. Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool believes each child is a precious gift from God molded into the unique individual that he/she is. We offer children an equal opportunity to develop life-long skills through the Word of God by developmentally appropriate activities in the classroom environment. Children are actively involved in their learning process through structured play, interaction with others and various teaching approaches with the opportunity to make individual choices. Together with families, we provide a strong foundation for your preschooler's further faith and education.

**Holy Spirit School**  
**Preschool, Kindergarten JumpStart & Extended Learning**  
**4309 S. Bahnson Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 605-371-1481**

**Contact Person:** Carol Loeffelholz or Roxi Johnson

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Day and Hours Available:**

Preschool:	M/W/F	7:45 AM - 10:45 PM or 11:45 PM - 2:45 PM
	T/TH	7:45 AM - 10:45 PM
Jumpstart:	M - F	11:45 AM - 2:45 PM
Extended Learning:	M - F	7:45 AM - 2:45 PM, 7:45am - 11:45am, 11:45am - 2:45pm.

Extended learning is a flexible hours program that is available at times during the school day. After School care is available from 2:45 AM - 6:00 PM. Summer hours of 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM are also available. Summer hours are flexible with various rates.

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** All preschool teachers and the Director have Early Childhood Degrees. All staff are also certified. All preschool staff also have a college degree. The Director is a committee member for writing South Dakota Standards for Preschool.

**Additional Information:** The mission of our program is to form a community of faith and learning by promoting a Catholic way of life through Gospel values and academic excellence. Our philosophy is for the children to explore and experience learning in a fun and safe environment. We provide activities for children to develop physically, academically, and spiritually. We encourage parents to become involved in classroom activities and field trips.

**References are available on request.**

**Hope Care Pre-K**  
**1733 S. Sherman Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 335-3873**

**Contact:** Janey Case, Program Director

**Ages Served:** Children who meet Kindergarten eligibility but are not attending Elementary School or children who just miss the eligibility date to attend Kindergarten (children who turn five years by October 31st).

**Days and Hours Available:**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Extended care is available from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

**Fees:** \$100/week for Pre-K, \$25/week for Extended Care

**Educational Background and Experience:** Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Other preschool staff hold college degrees and have teaching experience.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:**

Our philosophy is to help each child develop the necessary skills to enter Kindergarten through a positive structure conducive to learning. We will teach children to be a good listener and communicator, be responsible, follow directions, master gross motor and fine motor skills and to have the confidence to enter Kindergarten. Parent/teacher Conferences are held twice in order to facilitate the best education for each child.

**References available upon request.**

**Noah's Ark Preschool; Brandon Lutheran Church**  
**600 East Holly Blvd/P.O. Box 320**  
**Brandon, SD 57005**  
**Phone: 582-3401**

**Contact:** Nancy Boyle

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

M/W/F 8:45 AM - 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

T/TH 8:45 AM - 11:15 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** 2 day program: \$50 registration fee; \$85 monthly fee.

3 day program: \$50 registration fee; \$115 monthly fee

**Educational Background and Experience:** The director has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education and a Master's degree in Education/Leadership with 22 years of experience. Our teaching assistant has a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Elementary Education, 12 years of teaching experience, and 3 years of after school ministry experience.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The mission of Noah's Ark Preschool is to provide for children to grow spiritually, socially, physically and mentally. We encourage parents to volunteer in the classroom.

**Past evaluation forms available upon request.**

**Peace Lutheran Preschool**  
**5509 W. 41st Street**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 361-3683 ext. 18 / 339-2027 (Home)**

**Contact:** Susan Olsen

**Ages Served:** 3 -5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 year olds:	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
3, 4, & 5 year olds:	T/TH	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** M/W/F Classes - \$100/month plus a \$40 registration fee  
T/TH Classes - \$80/month plus a \$40 registration fee

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a B.A. Degree in Education with additional college credits in Early Childhood Education. She has a SD Preschool Teaching Certificate and over 25 years experience teaching preschool. Teachers have a degree in Education and hold a SD teaching certificate plus several years experience teaching preschool children. Teaching assistants have experience working with preschool children.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Children learn by doing hands on activities and through play. Through activities children explore, discover and experience their world. They learn readiness skills to prepare them for future learning. We also tell Bible stories. This preschool provides a positive and stimulating Christian environment that encourages growth in all areas of development: spiritual, social-emotional, physical and intellectual.

**Additional Information:** Peace Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin.

**References available upon request.**

**Playtime Preschool and Childcare Center St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

**2001 S. Elmwood Ave.**

**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**

**Phone: 940-0582**

**Contact:** Shantel Wittstruck

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

M-F	FT and PT Preschool and Daycare	6:30 AM - 5:30 PM
M-F	Preschool Hours	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**Fees:** Full time - \$125/week Part time - \$95/week  
5 Day Preschool - \$175/month  
4 Day Preschool - \$145/month  
3 Day Preschool - \$115/month  
2 Day Preschool - \$85/month  
\*Preschool fee is included in weekly FT and PT rates

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Preschool Director has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education with over 40 hours of training yearly. She has been teaching and working with children for over 10 years.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Our Preschool program provides a rich classroom environment where children are encouraged to explore and are challenged to learn. Your Pre-schooler will make new friends and develop self-confidence as he or she strengthens cognitive skills. Watch your child demonstrate new learning, and flourish in our stimulating classroom environment-while having fun! Our goal is to have fun while we work on social skills like sharing, respect, developing friendships, following directions, and working together. We work on large and small motor skills as well as many pre-reading and pre-math skills. The children work on other concepts such as opposites, rhymes, patterns, music, science, and art. We will also practice food and nutrition skills. We will learn new languages such as German, Spanish, and Sign Language. Pre-kindergarten is a critical time for children as they begin the adventure of a lifetime of learning. Every day your child is learning and doing more, which is why Playtime Preschool's Learning program is designed to challenge more. Our caring, experienced teachers are dedicated to providing a rich, nurturing environment that will prepare your child for kindergarten. We promote independence in an organized atmosphere, as it is increasingly important for children to be their own thinkers. We also teach children to work well within a group through listening, sharing and cooperation. Playtime Preschool provides a safe, nurturing environment where children have a chance to learn, discover, explore, and have fun! We are committed to providing children in our community with an excellent preschool and childcare education in a safe, loving, creative environment. For more information, visit our website: [www.playtimepreschool.shutterfly.com](http://www.playtimepreschool.shutterfly.com)

**References available upon request.**

**Risen Savior Lutheran Preschool**  
**505 North Carla**  
**Tea, SD 57064**  
**Phone: 498-5050**  
**www.risensaviorpreschool.com**

**Contact:** Holly Hank

**Ages served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

4 - 5 yr. M/W/F	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:15 PM - 3:15 PM
3 - 4 yr. T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM

**Fees:** 2 days/week - \$70/month  
3 days/week - \$100/month  
Non-refundable preschool registration fee - \$50

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has an Elementary Education and Early Childhood Diploma, is a mother, and has volunteered at Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. She also had a home daycare for 7 years. Other preschool staff includes a mother of four that has worked as a teachers aide for many years. She also taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** The focus of our early childhood program is to create a caring environment which fosters faith formation and educational excellence. Here, children can develop to their fullest potential physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually.

**References available upon request.**

**Rustic Hills Community Church Preschool**  
**4500 Fernwood Dr.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 371-3711**

**Contact:** Kimberly Mayer

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	3 year olds by August
M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	4 and 5 year olds
M/W/F	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	4 and 5 year olds

**Fees:** Two days for 3 year olds - \$95/month  
Three days for 4 and 5 year olds - \$125/month

**Education Background and Experience:** The Director has served on the board for many years. The Director has had hands on experience in the classroom as an educational assistant.. The preschool teacher has an Early Childhood Degree along with 12 years experience. She has small children of her own.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** In our preschool we want to care for children's individual needs which would include the love of learning and the life of God. We provide a happy, safe and loving environment. We show healthy self-esteem, learn special skill development and most importantly, we have fun!

**Additional Information:** Our staff of teachers are a testament for any child that wants to learn. They are committed to the program and each and every child that comes to the preschool.

**References available upon request.**

**Saint Katharine Drexel and Saint Michael Preschool**  
**1610 S. Marion Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 361-0021**

**Contact:** Lisa Huemoeller

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

T/Th	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Preschool for 3 year olds
M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Preschool for 4 year olds
M/W/F	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Preschool for 4 year olds
M - F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	JumpStart Kindergarten for 5 year olds
M - F	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Extended learning for 3 - 5 year olds

**Fees:** The fee for the 2011 - 12 School Year is \$840/year for two half days/week or \$1260/year for 3 half days/week. Students may stay at school during hours opposite of preschool class for an additional fee.

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The preschool teacher has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with 25 years experience. The majority of the other preschool staff have college degrees and all have experience in early childhood.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** All SFCS preschool programs feature developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program. Our dedicated teachers are fully certified and our student-teacher ratios are well within state guidelines. Student's growth is fostered in a creative, faith filled and nurturing learning environment.

**Additional Information:** Key components of the preschool curriculum include: pre-readiness/readiness skills, fine and gross motor skill development and practice, language skill development, art, computer/technology, music exploration, faith development, and social interaction. Extended learning and STRETCH club are offered till 6:00 PM for an additional fee. Our website is [www.sfcss.org/skd](http://www.sfcss.org/skd).

**References available upon request.**

**Saint Lambert Preschool**  
**Saint Lambert Site**  
**1000 S Bahnson Ave**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 338-7042 or 575-3358**

**Contact:** Barbara Lockwood, Principal or Julia Paluch, School Secretary

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds:	T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5 year olds:	M - F	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Extended learning and after school care options available. Extended learning is an optional, enriched child care program that provides onsite care beyond preschool hours. It is offered Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. Before school care is available starting at 6:30 AM Monday - Friday. After school care is also available until 6 PM Monday - Friday.

**Fees:** \$25 registration fee  
3 & 4 year olds: \$880/year  
4 & 5 year olds: \$1320/year  
5 year olds: \$2200/year  
Payment plans available

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** Teachers have degrees in Elementary/Early Childhood Education and experience working with preschool age children. Teacher assistants have several years of experience in education.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Preschool is a time of significant growth and exploration. The curriculum that we utilize addresses these key areas: pre-readiness and readiness skills. We help students learn colors, shapes, counting, patterns, the alphabet and letter sounds, fine and gross motor skills, language skill development, art, technology, music exploration, and faith development. Students are nurtured and their growth is fostered in creative, faith-filled and positive learning environments. Community, faith and excellence are the cornerstones of our quality programs.

**Saint Lambert Preschool**  
**Saint Therese Site**  
**901 N. Tahoe Trail**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 338-7042 or 575-3358**

**Contact:** Barbara Lockwood, Principal or Julia Paluch, School Secretary

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds:	T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4 & 5 year olds :	M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Saint Lambert Site)
5 year olds:	M - F	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Saint Lambert Site)

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**Saint Mary Preschool**  
**2001 S 5th Avenue**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 334-9881**

**Contact:** Courtney Tielke

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds:        2, 3, 4 or 5 half days each week  
   M - F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
5 year olds:                3, 4 or 5 half days each week  
   M-F 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Extended care and learning is also available.  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** Preschool is taught by certified and specialized instructors. Aides have extensive background and experience with Early Childhood Education.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Our philosophy is to form a community of faith and learning by promoting a Catholic way of life through Gospel values and academic excellence. This is evident daily in our preschool. Our preschool has low student to teacher ratios in an enriched environment. The preschool features developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program.

**Additional Information:** We have a quality, dynamic, and individualized program. Our community of learning is positive and nurturing.

**References available upon request.**

**Saint Michael Preschool**  
**1610 S. Marion Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**  
**Phone: 361-0021**

**Contact:** Lisa Huemoeller

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds: T/TH	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4 & 5 year olds: M/W/F	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
3 - 5 year olds: M - F	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Fees:** Call for fees

This program is affiliated with the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Preschool Teacher has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in Child Life. The Preschool Educational Assistant has a Bachelor's Degree in Birth-Age 8 in Child and Family Studies and is certified.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** All SFCS Preschool Programs feature developmentally appropriate instruction in a Christ-centered program. Our dedicated teachers are fully certified and our student-teacher ratios are well within state guidelines. Student's growth is fostered in a creative, faith filled and nurturing learning environment.

**Additional Information:** Key components of the preschool curriculum include: pre-readiness/readiness skills, fine and gross motor skill development and practice, language skill development, art, computer/technology, music exploration, faith development, and social interaction. Extended learning is available for hours when not in preschool.

**Extended Learning:** Students may stay at school during hours opposite of preschool class for an additional fee.

**References Available Upon Request**

**Sioux Falls Christian Preschool**  
**6120 S. Charger Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 334-7397**

**Contact:** Matt Covey, Principal

**Ages Served:** 3-5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 & 4 year olds: T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
4 & 5 year olds: M/W/F	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
M/T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** 3 & 4 year olds: \$95/month for 2 days per week  
4 & 5 year olds: \$132/month for 3 days per week

**Educational Background and Experience:** Matt Covey, Elementary Principal at Sioux Falls Christian has a BA in Education from the University of Sioux Falls and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Sioux Falls. He has many years of teaching experience and has been principal since 2005. All preschool teachers have Bachelor's Degrees/Master's Degrees in Education. All preschool aides have many years of experience.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** Our mission is to provide quality Christian education for families who desire Christ-centered academic training for their child. With God's word as our foundation, we are committed to educational excellence. We will strive to develop each child's spiritual, social, physical, and academic potential in a loving community of Christian Faith. Our vision is that each child learn to live for Christ daily and experience the joy of life-long service for Him. We give children many hands on experiences. Pre-kindergarten skills are introduced.

We also offer extended daycare for Preschoolers so they can stay at school all day. Additionally, we have before and after school care available.

Visit our website at [www.siouxfallschristian.org](http://www.siouxfallschristian.org).

**Sioux Falls Lutheran Preschool**  
**308 W. 37th**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**  
**Phone: 335-1923**

**Contact:** Sandy Tams

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

**Preschool Central-308 W. 37th St.**

3 year olds: T/TH 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM

4 year olds: M/W/F 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM or 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM

5 year olds: M-F 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Preschool enrichment - Wrap around care: 11:45 AM - 3:15 PM

Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 9:00 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

**Preschool East-2600 S. Sycamore Ave**

3 year olds: T/TH 9:15 - 11:45 AM

4 year olds: M/W/F 9:15 - 11:45 AM

Preschool enrichment - wrap around care: 11:45 AM - 3:15 PM

Before/after school care: 6:45 AM - 9:00 AM and 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM

**Fees:** 3 year olds: \$88.66/month for an association member or \$103.89/  
month for a non-association member  
4 year olds: \$116.66/month for an association member or \$137.22/  
month for a non-association member  
5 year olds: \$158.33/month for an association member or \$205.56/  
month for a non-association member  
(9 months - September through May)  
Preschool Enrichment - \$12.50 a day for 3.5 hours  
Before/After School is \$2.45/Hour

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Preschool. The Director also has a Master's Degree in Administration. All preschool teachers have a B.A. in Education and are certified teachers.

**Additional Information:** We teach academics the way young children learn; through hands on, play based curriculum. We now have "wrap around" care. Children can stay all day on their preschool days at the central location. At our East locations, children can come all day 2, 3 or 5 days a week. References are available upon request.

**Southern Hills Preschool**  
**3400 E. 49th St**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 371-8770**

**Contact:** Brandi Flint

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

M - F: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Full time and part time preschool available.

**Fees:** Full Time - \$144/week

Part Time mornings - \$24/week

A variety of other schedules available

**Educational Background and Experience:** All preschool teachers have a Bachelor's Degree in the education field, experience, and undergo continual education. The Preschool Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, Kindergarten and Reading Technology. She continues her education with over 40 training hours yearly and has begun work on her Master's degree. She has been in the child care field for over 12 years and has been with the Southern Hills program since it began.

**Additional Information:** Southern Hills Preschool offers a progressive curriculum that reflects Biblical Values. Our preschool is an exciting learning environment that will help to prepare students for Kindergarten and instill a love for learning. The unique curriculum focuses on social/emotional development, verbal and linguistic skills, artistic creativity, social studies, science and nature, logic and mathematics, physical and kinesthetic movement and Bible Learning.

Please call or stop in for a tour. Our program has the well trained staff and great activities that are usually seen in a larger program but the individual attention and personal touch that you'd expect in a smaller program. You will be glad you came for a visit!

**References available upon request.**

**Tea Sprouts Preschool**  
**131 N. Poplar Avenue**  
**Tea, SD 57064**  
**Phone: 214-0913**

**Contact:** Amanda Brinkman

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

3 - 4 year olds:	T/TH	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
4 - 5 year olds:	M/W/F	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
4 - 5 year olds:	M/T/W/TH	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**Fees:** T/TH: \$80.00/month  
M/W/F: \$105.00/month  
M/T/W/TH: \$120.00/month  
There is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee per family.

**Educational Background and Experience:** The Director and Lead Teacher has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree. She is a certified teacher and has 11 years experience. Both teaching aides are currently working on obtaining their CDA's (Child Development Associate Degrees). They have 7 years and 3 years experience.

**Additional Information:** It is the position of the preschool that the children will be provided an education in an environment that fosters play as its basis. Activities will be developmentally appropriate and varied for the children. All classes will focus on skills to be better prepared for Kindergarten.

If you would like more information about Tea Sprouts Preschool, check out Mrs. Brinkman's website: <http://as021.k12.sd.us> or email Amanda at [teasproutspreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:teasproutspreschool@yahoo.com). We are also on Facebook!

**References available upon request.**

**Train Up A Child Preschool and Kindergarten**  
**4100 S. Bahnson Ave.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57103**  
**Phone: 371-1876**

**Contact:** Carla Tibbetts

**Ages Served:** 2 1/2 - Kindergarten

**Days and Hours Available:**

Pre 3's:	Friday	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
3 year olds:	T/TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
4 & 5 year olds:	M/W/F	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
	M-TH	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Pre-K	M-F	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Kindergarten	M-F	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Fees:** Pre-3's: \$50/month  
3 Year Olds: \$95/month  
3 Day 4 & 5 Year Olds: \$135/month  
4 Day 4 & 5 Year Olds: \$170/month  
Pre-K: \$190/month  
Kindergarten: \$210.00/month

**Educational Background and Experience:** The director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and 13 years experience working with children. Staff and all teachers are certified.

**Additional Information:** Our objective is to prepare children for Kindergarten in a safe, Christian environment. We provide a caring environment and in us you will find a loving start to your child's educational experience. We share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ with children and teach them in a way that is consistent with God's word.

**References available upon request.**

**YWCA KinderCollege**  
**3510 W. Ralph Rogers Rd.**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**  
**Phone: 605-362-9438**

**Contact:** Karla Johnson

**Ages Served:** 3 - 5 year olds

**Days and Hours Available:**

Monday - Friday 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Fees:** \$175/week

**Educational Background and Experience:** The director has an associates degree, CDA and OST Certificate with over 20 years experience in tutoring/childcare. The Jr. KinderCollege Teacher is a certified elementary education teacher. Assistants have elementary education degrees and five years experience in childcare.

**Philosophy and Preschool Program:** KinderCollege is an all-day, every day YWCA preschool program which began in August 2009. KinderCollege gives every child an opportunity to discover their potential. Our custom created, literature based curriculum focuses on individual learning and incorporates life-skill development. Using concepts first presented by Howard Gardner, a Harvard professor of developmental psychology, children have an opportunity to explore their world using their "Multiple Intelligences". These seven intelligences teach children how to recognize their own strengths: bodily/kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, linguistic, logical/mathematical and musical. Children are also exposed to a variety of activities that are educational, physical and life-skill based. These include activities such as swimming lessons, dance and gymnastics. They learn and practice etiquette by eating family-style meals and visiting local restaurants. They discover different cultures, languages and the importance of diversity, as well as the importance of being a healthy person. There are two class options for KinderCollege enrollment:

- KinderCollge: This class is for children who are one year from Kindergarten. Each class and learning activity centers around a story. Children have the opportunity to use their multiple intelligences to navigate their way through multiple activities, exposing them to math, science, language and fine/gross motor skills.
- Jr. KinderCollege: This class is for children who are at least three years old and will attend Kindergarten in two years. In this program, children are engaged in a valuable play-based learning environment guided by a certified teacher. Instruction is inquiry based, meaning children discover the answers to their questions with guidance by the teacher.

**Additional Information:** KinderCollege is an all day, every preschool experience unlike any other offered in our area. Your young scholar wil grow in new ways that him him/her prepare for their upcoming school experience. Wrap-around childcare makes KinderCollege and option for every family. A limited enrollment is one of the features in the success of this program - so early registration is strongly encouraged. To tour KinderCollege and YWCA Chilcare Center, please contact Karla Johnson at (605) 362-9438

**References available upon request.**

**Youth Enrichment Services**  
824 E. 14th St.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Phone: 338-8061  
Web: [www.youthenrichment.org](http://www.youthenrichment.org)

**Contact:** Joleen Thompson

**Ages Served:** Birth - 12 Years

**Locations:** 14th St. Learning Center, 824 E. 14th St., 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM, M-F  
Eastside Learning Center, 700 S. Sneve Ave., 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM, M-F  
River Crossing Learning Center, 5015 S. Crossing Pl., 5:40 AM - 6:30 PM, M-F

**Ages Served:** Birth - 12

**Fees:** Fees are based on age. Full-time and part-time rates are available. Please call 338-8061.

**About YES Programs:** YES Early Childhood Education, Preschool and Pre-K programs provide year-round, licensed, safe and educational childcare. The Preschool program utilizes *The Creative Curriculum for Preschool*, a nationally recognized program recommended by the SD Department of Education. The daily Early Childhood Education routine offers developmentally appropriate programming that includes: journaling and fine motor skills development, circle time, literacy and math group times and large motor activities. Centers emphasize creative art, sensory motor, story time, science and dramatic play. YES Early Childhood Education partners with the Sioux Falls School District Head Start Program to provide Head Start services for preschool age children whose families are considered eligible according to Head Start Guidelines. Community-based Head Start is a full-time federal program that helps ready children for school, emphasizing each child's developmental skills. The program also offers wraparound childcare in accordance with the Sioux Falls Early Childhood Programs. Community-based Head Start uses the *High Scope* curriculum, offering art, dramatic play, library, writing, manipulatives, blocks and recall times.

**Philosophy:** YES provides developmentally appropriate programs for children that enable each child to grow and learn at their own pace. The Creative Curriculum Program provides the framework for physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of children. The curriculum is designed to stimulate growth through a balance of guided and self-directed activities. Each child is given the opportunity for individual development and exploration through an environment that is creative, stimulating and nurturing.

**Vision:** It is the vision of YES to be the childcare provider of choice, delivering high quality childcare and enrichment opportunities for children in the Sioux Empire while demonstrating strong leadership and fiscal accountability to its contributors and its customers. Care and enrichment will be available to families when they need it, where they need it, with the service features necessary to meet the unique needs of every child we serve. YES will be seen as a crucial partner in building a vibrant economic and business community while providing care that promotes healthy, happy and prosperous families.

## ***QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR...***

- Are policies and procedures clear and communicated to parents?
- What is the child/staff ratio?
- How long has the preschool been in operation?
- What is the philosophy of the preschool program?
- Are the hours flexible?
- Is there a penalty or fee for picking up my child late?
- What would a typical day be like for my child?
- Is the preschool closed any certain days? (holidays, vacations, etc?)
- How many other children are enrolled?
- Can I drop in and visit unannounced?
- Do the children understand the routine and rules?
- Do the children initiate interactions with the teachers?
- Does the environment fit your child's personality?
- Are there regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences?

## ***RESOURCES FOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS***

This checklist is designed to help you in selecting a preschool program for your child(ren). When selecting an appropriate preschool program, you need to look at the needs of you and your child(ren).

- Child-sized furniture is available for younger children
- Enough space is available for play time
- Safe outdoor play area is accessible
- Variety of materials/play activities are available for every age group
- Offers multicultural books and activities for learning
- Teachers keep parents informed of activities and child's participation
- Teachers communicate with the parents about any accidents or illnesses
- Teachers spend time with the children and talk to them
- Staff members handle behavior problems appropriately
- Staff know CPR and First Aid
- The other children seem happy and get along with the teachers
- Activities help children explore and understand language
- Children's creativity is encouraged
- Self-help skills are emphasized
- Teachers follow through with rewards and punishments
- Teachers praise children; do not criticize or humiliate
- Teachers have received adequate education and in-service training



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### **211 HELP!Line**

24-hour information and crisis hotline

**Dial 211** or (605) 339-4357

- \* When you need help finding community information, government information, social service resources, support groups, donation information, child care, volunteer opportunities or financial assistance.
- \* Resource guides include the Senior Directory, Mental Health Guide, Parent Resource Directory and an E-mail Resource Guide.
- \* Accredited by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems.

### **Child Care HELP!Line**

Child care resource & referral for parents & providers

**Dial 211** or (605) 339-4357

- \* Quick access to current child care openings
- \* Information on child care issues

### **Suicide Prevention HELP!Line**

Dial 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) 24-hours a day

- \* Providing crisis intervention, suicide prevention trainings, suicide information and outreach to families who have lost a loved one to suicide.
- \* Certified by the American Association of Suicidology.

### **Volunteer HELP!Line**

Linking volunteers with community volunteer opportunities.

- \* Search the web-based Volunteer Solutions database of over 100 opportunities.

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