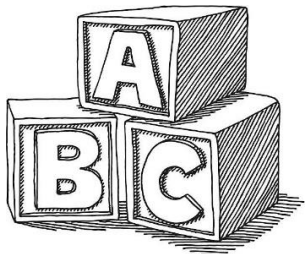


Early Education Resources:

- **Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Early Learning:** Search for Early Childcare and Education Programs here: education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning, 877-644-6338
- **Action for Children:** Specializes in helping families find childcare and early learning programs in central Ohio. This is a free service and has a childcare search engine on their website. www.actionforchildren.org, 855-30-CHILD (24453)
- **Cap 4 Kids:** For up-to-date resources visit www.Cap4Kids.org/Columbus and search Head Start and Preschool Programs



In-Home Kindergarten Readiness:

- **SPARK:** Serves ages 3-5 year olds (except only 4-5 years old in zip codes 43205, 43206, or 43207). Will help your child read books learn new words, discover letter sounds, do pre-school math, write letters and numbers. Contact 614-292-5209 or SPARKColumbus@outlook.com to see if eligible.
- **Ready Set Grow – Directions for Youth and Families:** Provides Kindergarten Readiness skills to children ages 3-6 identified as being at risk for not being ready to enter school. No fees. Skills focus on engagement in learning, early literacy, interpersonal skills, self-regulation, constructive play, parenting involvement and education such as child development, discipline, safety, health, nutrition. 614-294-2661

Head Start: Income-eligible daycare with an educational component. Has a federally mandated curriculum that focuses on developing school readiness skills, and requires teachers to have at least a two-year degree in early childhood. Provides comprehensive program, also providing health services, dental, hearing, vision, developmental screenings and referrals by on-staff health specialists (LPNs). Linked with services as deemed needed in the school such as ST, OT, PT. Some centers offer parenting, nutrition or other classes to parents free of charge.

- **Early Head Start:** Infants/toddlers 6 weeks- 2yo and pregnant women: Provides care, education, comfort. Center-based options can provide full time childcare.
- **Head Start:** ages 3-5. Full or part-time preschool classes.
- **Child Development Council (CDC) of Franklin County:** Serves most zip codes in Franklin County - 614-221-1709 or 614-222-8555, cdheadstart.org (can enroll online)
- **YMCA Columbus:** Serves zip codes: 43119, 43123, 43140, 43146, 43207, 43228, 43147, or 43217. 614-409-2844, <http://ymcacolumbus.org/headstart>
- **Ohio Head Start Association:** Use their county directory map to find Head Start providers and services in each county in Ohio. 7810 McEwen Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459, 937-435-1113, ohsai.org/directory

Preschools: Free, with funding options, or centers that accept Title XX

- **YMCA of Central Ohio:** Provides 11 preschool programs at different locations found here <http://ymcacolumbus.org/preschool> 614-389-4409. Provides developmental screenings, referring out for services.
- **Columbus Early Learning Centers:** <http://www.columbusearlylearning.org/>. 614-253-5525, Near East, Near South, and Linden area. 6 weeks to 5 yrs old. Developmental, vision, hearing and other screenings at the school, referring out for services mostly. 1) 1150 East Main Street Cbus, OH 43205, 2) 760 East Broad St. Cbus, OH 43205, 3) 240 North Champion Ave. Cbus, OH 43203 4) 1400 Myrtle Ave. Cbus, OH 43211 (Linden 4-5 year olds).
- **South Side Learning & Development Center:** 280 Reeb Avenue, Cbus, Ohio 43207, 614- 444-1529, southsidelearning.org 0-5 yrs old. Developmental, vision, hearing and other screenings at the school, referring out for services mostly.
- **Gladden Community House:** Franklinton and surrounding neighborhoods. Ages 4-5. No routine developmental/health screenings. 183 Hawkes Avenue, Cbus, Ohio 43223, -614-227-1600, gladdenhouse.org.
- **St. Stephen's Community House:** Serves the Linden area. 6 weeks -5yrs old. 1500 East Seventeenth Avenue, Cbus, Ohio 43219, 614-294-6347, saintstephensch.org. Does developmental screenings, referring out for services. No other screenings or special services provided in the school.
- **Columbus City Schools Pre-K:** <https://www.ccsch.us/district>. 614-365-5134 or 614-265-4011 ext-2353. Online registration opens in February of each year with appointments starting in April of each year. Enrollment is a first-come first serve basis and fills quickly. Pre-K is a full-day program and students must be potty trained and 4 years old by September 30th. If you child will be 5 years old by September 30th he/she is not eligible for Pre-K but is eligible for Kindergarten. Special Education Services are provided for those in need. If not residing in this district, contact your school district to see if they offer Pre-K.

Preschools for Special Needs:

- **Special Needs Preschool:** Provides early intervention opportunities for children ages 3 to 5 who have special needs in one of the following developmental areas based on the state and federal guidelines: language, cognition, motor skills, adaptive behavior and social-emotional development.
 - **Columbus City Schools** – Self-referral: 614-365-5205, 2571 Neil Avenue, Cbus, Ohio 43202 ccsoh.us/Page/1224. Full-day program. Transportation provided to and from the home. Interpreters are available. Usually referred from HMG services at 2 years 8 months, if not referred to Ready Set Grow instead. If not connected with HMG and 2.5 years old, they can be referred to SNP at 2.5 years and will need to wait and start services at 3 y o.
 - For other school districts, call your district or search their website for contact information to the special needs preschool in that district to learn the enrollment process. May offer full or half day schooling.
- **St. Vincent Family Center (SVFC) – Therapeutic Preschool:** Prepares children for kindergarten by teaching both foundational academic skills as well as therapeutic techniques to better manage emotions and actions. 1490 East Main Street, Cbus, Ohio 43205, (614) 824-5437, ask for Intake, <https://www.svfc.org/>
- **Preschools for other specific developmental disabilities:** For those age 3 and above, visit www.Cap4Kids.org/Columbus for specialized preschool programs, or contact the **Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities** for support and help with schooling via a Service Coordinator: (614) 342-5490, or apply online: <https://fcbdd.org/>