



# Orion Township Public Library

## 2025 Lake Orion Area Preschool & Childcare Directory

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### OUR PURPOSE:

We enrich the lives of Orion Township. We achieve this through a welcoming environment providing lifelong access to knowledge, connection, and discovery.



The information in this directory was supplied by the individual agencies. This list does not contain every preschool and childcare facility in the area and inclusion in this directory does not imply endorsement or recommendation.

For further information contact the Orion Township Public Library Youth Services Department.

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# Alpine Academy

[www.myalpineacademy.com](http://www.myalpineacademy.com)



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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Daycare/Preschool

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 8 am to 4 pm
- Extended care available 7 am to 6 pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- Year round

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- Ages 1 to 2.5 (4:1), ages 2.5 to 3 (8:1), ages 3 to 4 (10:1), ages 4 and up (12:1)

## AGES ACCEPTED

- Fall/Winter semesters: ages 1 to 4, Summer semester: ages 1 to 8

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Love lives here.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- We have been a family-run daycare and preschool since 1995.
- Our groups are very small so your child will make close friends.
- Each teacher gets to know their small group of children and their families very well.
- Since our small groups stay together for the entire school year (and sometimes all summer too), they become little families.
- We offer a lot of family events such as picnics, pumpkin painting, and movie nights because parents like having friends too.
- We are here for you nearly every day of the year from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- We share pictures and texts throughout the week.
- Anytime you would like to talk, we are here for you.
- Amazing playgrounds

# Blooming Brains Academy

[bloomingbrainsacademy.com](http://bloomingbrainsacademy.com)



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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- STEM Montessori Education for Infants through 5th Grade

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 7:00am - 6:00pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- Year round

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 1:4 Ratio for Infant through 36 months; 1:10 for 3-6 years old; 1:20 for Elementary

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 6 weeks through 5th Grade

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in nurturing more than just the academic abilities of our students. We envision ourselves as the architects of a future that shines brighter and kinder for everyone. Our mission, deeply rooted in the timeless Golden Rule "Treat others as you want to be treated", guides us in unlocking the inherent potential within each child. We offer a compassionate yet challenging educational journey, tailored by the Montessori holistic curriculum, to foster both academic excellence and social virtues from the earliest years. Our welcoming environment stands on the foundation of mutual respect and ethical interaction, where the Golden Rule isn't just a principle but a daily practice. We leverage advanced communication tools to foster strong partnerships with parents, ensuring they remain integral to their child's holistic development journey.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- 3 or 5 Day Schedules
- Year Round Programming
- Exceptional, College-education and Montessori-trained Teachers
- Full-time School Safety Officer
- After-school Music, Dance, and Keyboard Classes
- Guest Teachers every day in ASL, Music, Dance, Tumbling, Yoga, Spanish & Jiu Jitsu
- Seasonal Parent Education Programs
- Family Meet-Up Programs all year round
- Outdoor Playground
- Pizza option for lunch on Mondays
- Discounted Sibling Tuition
- Participant in Tri-Share program

# Divine Grace Lutheran Preschool

[www.divinegrace.net](http://www.divinegrace.net)



## CONTACT PERSON

- Barb Musinski

## PHONE

- (248) 391-2811

## EMAIL

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- 3- & 4-year-old preschool program / Young Fives / Extended care

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 7:30 am - 5 pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- September - May

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 1:10

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 3-years-old (by September 1st) - 5-years-old

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Divine Grace Lutheran Preschool has the desire and responsibility to provide a sound Christian education and environment in which to nurture the children and to treat them with love and respect. Sharing the message of love and forgiveness given to us by Jesus is an important part of our program. Divine Grace Lutheran Preschool exists to provide a high-quality Early Childhood Christ-centered education which is based on the inerrant Word of God.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- Faith-based education
- Caring staff
- Flexible days
- Extended care
- Full size gym
- Daily Jesus time
- Outside playground
- Young Fives is in same classroom as Kindergarten



# Eagle Creek Academy

[www.eaglecreekacademy.com](http://www.eaglecreekacademy.com)



STEAM program

## CONTACT PERSON

- Kelly Pyle, Principal

## PHONE

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## EMAIL

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Private School Preschool through 5th Grade

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 8:15 am to 3:20 pm  
(extended care available)

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- School year: September through June  
Summer Camp: June through August

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

Average ratio 14:1 (lower in preschool per MI licensing)

## AGES ACCEPTED

- age 2.5 through 5th grade

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Eagle Creek's children are unique and amazing individuals who love the challenges of a STEAM education and soar in school and beyond.

At Eagle Creek the children are in small classes so we can offer customized lessons. We do a lot of hands-on activities because children learn best when they are actively engaged. We specialize in STEAM, an integration of science, technology, engineering, art and math, because this is the future. Each class is like a small family where the children & their families develop strong friendships that last a lifetime. Love and joy are the greatest teachers.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- STEAM program

# Everest Academy

[www.everestcatholic.org](http://www.everestcatholic.org)



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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Preschool - 12th grade

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 8am - 3:30pm
- Option for half day preschool

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- August - June

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 2:14

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 3 years old + (students must be potty trained)

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

We're a vibrant, faith-filled Catholic community with award-winning academics, championship athletics, and a rich variety of extracurricular and service activities for preschool through high school. Our approach is unique among metro Detroit Catholic schools. Here, you'll find an Integral Formation philosophy, preschool-12 classrooms on a co-ed campus, and a dynamic mix of multinational students on one beautiful, 90-acre parcel of land in Clarkston, Michigan.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

The early years are the beginning of your child's journey into education. Our early years programming, from ages 1-6, seamlessly integrates age-appropriate activities to create a foundation for successful elementary school learning. Children begin their academic experience in this supportive, nurturing environment. Curiosity and wonder are cultivated as students make new friends and explore through hands-on learning at their own pace. Our best-practice curriculum prepares them for kindergarten as it builds social-emotional awareness skills including active listening, expressing feelings, and interacting with others.

# The Goddard School - Lake Orion

[www.goddardschool.com/schools/mi/lake-orion/lake-orion](http://www.goddardschool.com/schools/mi/lake-orion/lake-orion)



## CONTACT PERSON

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Infant, Toddler, Preschool and Pre-K

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- Year round

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- Infant/Toddler 1:4, Preschool 1:10, Pre-K 1:12

## AGES ACCEPTED

- Infant, Toddler, Preschool and Pre-K

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Welcome to The Goddard School® of Lake Orion, where every day is filled with fun learning experiences! Each day, caring and attentive teachers provide your child with countless opportunities to grow academically, socially, emotionally, and physically in a safe and loving environment. Each classroom at our School gives your little one the chance to grow in big ways. These safe and caring spaces have been designed to encourage discovery and spark imagination in everyday learning opportunities.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

Every day is a great day to explore new subjects, develop lasting skills, and have fun while learning with our enrichment activities! This diverse range of supplemental programs provides your child with more ways to learn and grow. We offer ASL, Yoga and Mindfulness, Spanish, Music Appreciation, STEM activities, Art History, Chess, Handwriting, Sports and Fitness, and Nutrition. We are pleased to announce we also now offer GSRP at our school.



# Good Shepherd Preschool



## CONTACT PERSON

- Tracey Rathsburg

## PHONE

- (248) 391-7244

## EMAIL

- [Preschool@gsls.org](mailto:Preschool@gsls.org)

## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Early Childhood Program

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 9am - 3pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- September-May

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 2:15

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 2 - 5 years old

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Preschool is a safe, happy, fun-filled, Christian environment that fosters creativity and development for 2 year olds - 5 year olds.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

Located at 1950 S Baldwin Road, our school is at a prime location for many families in Oakland County. We pride ourselves on taking care of our facilities to give the best environment for each of our students. We have an updated school library so every preschooler can bring a book home with them once a week. We attend chapel together once a week, and we offer 2 teachers in each classroom at all times. Our class size limit is 15 students per class. Come visit us soon, we fill quickly!

Introducing our NEW Play to Learn Classroom for 2 year olds! This classroom focuses on language skills, creativity, self-regulation skills, potty training, and exploration.

# Heartfelt Impressions Learning Center

[heartfeltimpressions.net](http://heartfeltimpressions.net)



## CONTACT PERSON

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Childcare and Early Education Center

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 6:30 am - 6 pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- Year round

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- Infants- 1:4 Toddlers- 1:4  
Preschool- 1:10 PreK- 1:12  
GSRP- 1:8 School Age- 1:18

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 6 weeks - 12 years

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Heartfelt Impressions is committed to nurture, inspire and support children & their families to be their best.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

At HILC we use the High Scope curriculum in all of our classrooms, which is grounded in current development theory, research, and best practices for young children. The curriculum is evidence based and uses the children's own interest as an integral aspect of day-to-day learning. We believe you are your child's first teacher and will partner/collaborate with you to offer your child what he/she needs to grow, develop, and flourish. Active learning is the cornerstone of the High Scope curriculum. Children learn best and gain knowledge by being involved in natural play and interactions with others and their world. We achieve this in all classrooms by providing age-appropriate experiences, materials and interactions that interest them. We believe in a high level of safety and security and have partnered with SEC, a company owned and operated by former US Secret Service Agents. The SEC team specializes in analyzing facilities, developing Emergency Preparedness Plans, and preparing faculty and staff to appropriately confront emergencies of all kinds. In addition to our tuition-based education programs, we also partner with Michigan Department of Education to provide prekindergarten education through the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). We believe our menu is an extension of our children's learning and discovery of healthy choices. We utilize our sharing of mealtimes between students and teachers to promote great eating habits. This sharing and sitting all together at the same table is Family style dining. Teachers model and demonstrate how we share a meal together. We offer School Age Before & After with transportation to many local elementary schools as well as a School Age Summer Camp program.

# Lake Orion Community Schools Early Childhood Center

[www.lakeorionschools.org/early-childhood-program-and-education](http://www.lakeorionschools.org/early-childhood-program-and-education)



## CONTACT PERSON

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- Mallorie McBurney, Office Manager

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Childcare/PreKindergarten/GSRP

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- Year round

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- Licensing Requirements

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 3 years - 5 years

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Lake Orion Community Schools Early Childhood Program is to provide an exemplary education for all learners recognizing that children are unique individuals who have various levels of development as well as a wide spectrum of potential and needs.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

Affiliated with Lake Orion Community Schools

# Notre Dame Lower School

[www.ndprep.org](http://www.ndprep.org)



## CONTACT PERSON

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Pre-Kindergarten

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- Mon - Fri 7:45 am - 3:05 pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- August - June

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 1:10

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 3 & 4 year olds

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Notre Dame Preparatory School works with God to form Christian people, upright citizens, and academic scholars.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

Catholic, Full-day academic instruction, International Baccalaureate World School .

# Oak Arbor Christian Montessori

<https://oakarborschool.org/>



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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Montessori Primary Program (Preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds & Kindergarten, including young 5's)

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 8:20 AM - 3:10 PM

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- End of August - Mid June

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 7:1

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 3 year olds - 6th grade

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

At Oak Arbor Christian Montessori, we nurture the whole child—mind, heart, and spirit—through an authentic Montessori education rooted in Christian faith.

We provide a learning environment where:

- Faith and Learning Connect: Christian values shape daily experiences.
- Individual Potential is Honored: Montessori's hands-on approach encourages self-paced learning.
- Community and Character Thrive: Small classes foster kindness and responsibility.

Our Vision is to inspire lifelong learners and compassionate, Christian leaders.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

Children engage with hands-on materials across core subjects while Group Circle & Worship, quiet creative time, and outdoor play support holistic growth. With experienced educators, students develop essential life skills and a strong academic foundation.



# A School for the Mind and Body

[www.schoolforthemindandbody.com](http://www.schoolforthemindandbody.com)



## CONTACT PERSON

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Early Childhood Education

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 7 am - 6 pm, Monday - Friday

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- Year round

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 1:4 infant/toddler, 1:8 3 year olds, 1:10 4 year olds, 1:10 Young Fives/Kindergarten

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 6 1/2 weeks - 12 years old

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

The SFMB Preschool Program is based on a foundation of academics, character development, and personal health and wellness. It is our philosophy that character education, nutrition, and exercise are equally as important as reading, writing, and arithmetic. Children attending SFMB will grow, mature and develop to their fullest capacity if given the opportunity to explore, create and problem solve with materials which are appropriate to their developmental age. They will also develop emotionally and socially through adult and child interaction in both individual and group settings.

Children learn a great deal when they are in our program. They are not “taught” in a traditional fashion but rather each child is allowed to experience. Our educated staff takes great pride in being facilitators of learning. Does this mean we do not implement a strong curriculum? On the contrary, hours and hours have been dedicated to the preparation and the instruction of daily lesson plans which meet the needs of all children. Each week brings a new concept based on our strong character education curriculum. All of these are explored through age appropriate literature, projects, songs, nutrition, exercise, and incorporating our five senses. Your children will grow and develop skills you never thought possible. They will develop their own “system” of thinking and learning that combines traditional life skills and moral values with new ideas on exercise and nutrition. Most of all, they will feel self-worth and accomplishment, which comes from developing skills through personal experiences.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

A Character Education curriculum with an Emphasis on Nutrition and Exercise. All Lead Staff have EC Degree or CDA.

# St. Joseph Catholic Preschool

[www.stjoelo.org](http://www.stjoelo.org)



## CONTACT PERSON

- Joanna Cannon, admissions coordinator

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten - 8th Grade

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- 8:30am - 3:30pm, school days

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- Late August - early June

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 2:16

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 3 - 5 years for Preschool, Junior Kindergarten

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our pre-kindergarten program with small class sizes aims to prepare our students for Kindergarten at St. Joseph School, fostering their spiritual, academic, social, and personal growth. Each child is a unique gift from God, and our goal is to help them blossom into caring, faith-filled students.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- We offer before-and after-school EDC (extended-day care) and an optional lunch program. Snacks are provided.
- Our program focuses on literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, gross and fine motor skills, interpersonal skills, and faith development. In addition, most students attend Mass weekly, participate in field trips, and experience the K-8 SJS House System as "Saints in Training."
- All-day preschoolers attend special art, library, music, physical education, and Spanish classes weekly. Half-day preschoolers have select special classes weekly.
- Flexible schedule options of:
  - 3, 4, 5-Year-Old (mixed) Full Day - Two to five days per week
  - 3-Year-Old Half Day - Two mornings per week (Tu, Th)
  - 4-Year-Old Half Day - Three mornings per week (M, W, F)
  - Junior Kindergarten (5-Year-Old) Half Day - Five afternoons per week

# Sunny Day Preschool

[www.sunnydaypreschool.net](http://www.sunnydaypreschool.net)



## CONTACT PERSON

- Cindy Winther Director and Lead Teacher

## PHONE

- (248) 303-8822

## EMAIL

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## TYPE OF PROGRAM

- Preschool program with option for extended hours

## HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday & Wednesday 9am-3pm
- Tuesday & Friday 9am-12pm
- Thursday 12pm-3pm

## MONTHS OF OPERATION

- September through May

## ADULT/CHILD RATIO

- 1:8

## AGES ACCEPTED

- 3 - 5 years old

## PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Sunny Day Preschool offers a unique, creative preschool program with a personalized touch. We offer a curriculum that keeps a balance between the four growth areas: social, emotional, intellectual and physical for optimum development. We provide an environment rich in literacy and creativity. We offer real-life, purposeful learning opportunities daily. Most importantly, our teachers are warm and loving and make each child feel special and unique and excited to come to school each day! A favorite area is our Affirmation Mirror where children choose attributes about themselves while looking in the mirror such as: I am caring, I am loved, I am thoughtful/creative/curious or strong. It's a beautiful thing to watch!

## SPECIAL FEATURES

At Sunny Day Preschool children blossom and grow in a warm, loving and creative environment. We offer a culturally diverse program as well as activities to expand each child's view of the world around them. We provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum as well as creative art experiences. We teach Spanish, sign language, math, science as well as mindfulness and yoga to all our classes. Our 3/4 class and our PreK class bake and write and draw in journals on a weekly basis. Our staff have college degrees and also take ongoing early childhood training throughout the year to further enhance their knowledge. All our staff are CPR and First Aid certified. Our classes are small with an excellent teacher/child ratio. We are licensed by the State of Michigan and follow NAEYC guidelines for providing a high quality preschool program.

# Child Care Resources



## [Oakland County Child Care Center](#)

### ABOUT

Quality child care can make a big difference in the future of our children, our county, our state and our country. A good place to begin your search for answers to your child care questions is a trusted local resource. The Oakland County Child Care Council provides resources and referral information for families.

We conduct skill-building workshops for parents, hold low-cost professional development classes for child care providers and work with businesses to find child care solutions for their employees. We are advocates on child care issues for the community. We are dedicated to promoting the well being of Oakland County's children.

The Oakland County Child Care Council has been advocating and promoting quality child care since 1973. The Council is funded by public and private sources. It is a membership agency that is governed by a board of directors and managed by a professional staff.



# Child Care Resources



## Great Start Collaborative - Oakland County

### ABOUT

Every Great Start Collaborative in Michigan, including here in Oakland County, work toward the same early childhood outcomes:

- Children are born healthy.
- Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth through third grade.
- Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry.
- Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently at the end of third grade.

Offering programs for early childhood development, parenting classes, and resources for childcare, Great Start Collaborative is built on a foundation of existing & expanded partnerships with families and communities in mind.



# Child Care Resources



## State of Michigan Resources

[Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#)

[Michigan Department of Education Child Development and Care](#)

[MI Kids Matter](#)

[Am I Eligible for Low or No Cost Child Care?](#)

[Great Start to Quality](#)