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The Orion Township Public Library is pleased to present the 20th Annual Orion Township Area Preschool and Child Care Directory.

The information in this directory was supplied by the individual agencies. This list does not contain every preschool and child care 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.

Orion Township Public Library
825 Joslyn Road
Lake Orion, MI 48362
Phone: 248-693-3002
Fax: 248-693-3009
www.orionlibrary.org
www.locin.org
Contact person: Nanci Canine
Phone: 248-814-7100
E-mail: ncanine@sfmb.net
Website: www.schoolforthemindandbody.com
Type of Program: Early Childhood School
Hours of Operation: 7 am- 6 pm, M-F
Months of Operation: All Year
Adult/child ratio: 1:4, 1:8, 1:10
Ages accepted: 6 ½ weeks – 12 years old

Special features:
Character Education with an Emphasis on Nutrition & Exercise.

Philosophy/Mission statement:
A School for the Mind and Body recognizes that children are the future of the world. Therefore, it has become our goal to provide the highest quality of preschool education that’s possible. With the combination of our character education concepts integrated in our teaching units of thinking, learning, nutrition, and exercise, SFMB facilitates personal growth for the total child. At SFMB we do not say “come and attend”—but rather “come, experience, and learn.”

SFMB believes that parents everywhere are looking for an educational environment that will encourage the same life skills and values that are taught in the home. That is the primary purpose of SFMB – to make the educational experience an extension of a quality home.
Acorn KinderHouse
5300 Maybee Rd
Clarkston, MI 48346

Contact person: Abigail Lee-Wright
Phone: 248-310-1059
E-mail: acornkinderhouse@gmail.com
Website: acornkinderhouse.com
Type of Program: Preschool, Young Fives, Parent and Child classes
Hours of Operation: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Months of Operation: September to June, plus summer camps
Teacher/child ratio: 1 adult for every 5 children (Lead Teacher and Assistants)
Ages accepted: 3 years to 6 years

Special features: - Non profit organization - Waldorf curriculum - Play based - 50% or more of our day is spent outside - Nature based - Toys and materials are all natural - Class sizes are intentionally small to allow for the development of a relationship between the teacher and each child - Grounds include our enchanted woods, vegetable garden, snow hill, and natural playground - Children participate in the weekly activities of making bread, wet on wet water color painting, bees wax modeling, finger knitting, gardening, candle dipping etc. - Circle time is intentionally created to develop fine and gross motor skills - Children participate in meaningful activities and not busy work - Children are not rushed through the day but move in a predicable rhythm of expansive activities and quiet reverent moments - Following the seasons of the year, we develop children’s observational skills and appreciation for nature - Imagination development - Stories and puppet plays are chosen to develop a rich vocabulary and familiarity with cultural folk tales and world literature - Seasonal Festivals that parents may participate in with their children - Parent and Child classes for infants to 3 years - Parent toy making and handwork classes - Parenting seminars - Parent Library

Philosophy/Mission statement: Mission Statement Acorn KinderHouse is committed to providing each child with an opportunity to learn through joyful, hands-on exploration, to grow to their fullest potential and gain confidence as an individual. We will provide a safe and loving space that allows each child the natural development of independence and curiosity as they discover the world around them. Teachers, staff and parents, guided by the educational philosophy of Rudolf Steiner, work to create a community where childhood is honored, the joy of learning is encouraged, and a foundation is laid for a purposeful, meaningful, and productive adulthood. Philosophy
Utilizing a curriculum based upon the education philosophy of Rudolf Steiner and what is commonly known as Waldorf education, we create a classroom where children’s developmental needs are met by providing a nurturing, protective environment. Teachers view the whole child and acknowledge the child’s physical, cognitive, social, emotional and spiritual needs. Because we know that young children thrive on consistent rhythm and lots of repetition to master new skills, we establish a daily, weekly and yearly rhythm that offers predictability and gives the children a sense of security and safety. In addition, as the children experience rhythm day after day, they can begin to understand the logical sequence in the daily events. The teachers understand that in the first seven years of life, young children want to be a part of everything grownups do. The children joyfully imitate our daily work; sweeping, gardening, washing, cooking, and beautifying our environment. In our Waldorf curriculum the children are involved in activities where the teacher is a model of meaningful movements and purposeful use of language. In this atmosphere of beauty and rhythm, the teacher works to cultivate the healthy development of the child’s will. At the Acorn KinderHouse we strive to be Eco-responsible and natural, while functioning within the licensing guidelines and procedures of the State of Michigan and Oakland County. This includes composting, environmentally sustaining products, low waste, organic food choices and limiting one time use products and supplies.
Alpine Academy
3100 West Gunn Rd.
Oakland, MI 48363

Contact person: Michelle Schepke
Phone: 248-814-1111
E-mail: mschepke@myalpineacademy.com
Website: myalpineacademy.com
Type of Program: Daycare, Preschool, Kindergarten
Hours of Operation: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Months of Operation: Year-Round
Teacher/child ratio: One year to 2 ½ years old – 1:4
2 ½ years to 3 years old -1:8
4 years old and up -1:12
Ages accepted: 1- 6 years, school age in the summer

Special features:
Small class sizes, Homey environment, Spanish instruction, Summer camp

Philosophy/Mission statement:
Hire experienced, seasoned teachers
Provide very small groups
Give each child a lot of individual attention
Find the perfect balance between work and play
Teach reading, writing, math & science at all ages
Teach Spanish every morning
Crown of Life Lutheran Preschool  
2975 Dutton Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Contact person: Allison Piasecki  
Phone: 248-652-7720  
E-mail: apiasecki@crownoflifechurch.org  
Website: crownoflifechurch.org  
Type of Program: Preschool  
Hours of Operation: 9:00am– 11:45am, M-F  
Months of Operation: September - May  
Adult/child ratio: 1:8  
Ages accepted: 2.5-5 years

Philosophy/Mission statement:  
MISSION STATEMENT: Crown of Life Lutheran Preschool joyfully exists to provide young children the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of and love for Jesus in a loving and nurturing Christian environment. We partner with the parents to grow the individual child socially, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and spiritually.  
PHILOSOPHY: We believe that each child is a precious gift from God. We know that the first five years of a child’s life are the most formative years, and we want to instill the word of God in the hearts and minds of the children. Our program here at Crown of Life is developmentally appropriate and Michigan State Standards based. We partner with the parents to provide the best early childhood education for the children to be successful in the elementary school years. We offer a well-planned program that provides meaningful experiences critical to the development of young minds, bodies, and spirits. Each child will have the freedom to learn and play at their own pace while gaining confidence, social skills, and academic success. Our objective is to contribute effectively and positively to the child’s total growth and well-being. Spiritually, we seek to teach children about God’s love and their response within a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.  
Intellectually, we provide a curriculum that is developmentally appropriate for the children and meets the needs of all children.  
Socially, we encourage strong communication, cooperation, listening skills, problem solving, and a growing independence through play and group interaction.  
Physically, we provide a program that caters to the growth of both fine motor and gross motor skills, recognizing that growth in physical areas is necessary to future success.  
Emotionally, we emphasize that each child is a uniquely designed gift from God, and as such are an important part of our world. We strive to help the children celebrate their successes and their progress in order to develop a foundation for lifelong love of learning.
Divine Grace Lutheran Preschool
3000 S. Lapeer Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48359

Contact person: Barbara Musinski, Director
Phone: 248-391-2811 ext. 208
E-mail: bmusinski@divinegrace.net
Website: www.divinegrace.net
Type of Program: 3 & 4 year old preschool / Young Fives/ Extended care
Hours of Operation: 7:30 am – 5 pm
Months of Operation: September-May
Adult/child ratio: 1:9
Ages accepted: 3 by September 1st

Special features: Faith – based education Caring staff Flexible days
Extended care Full size gym Daily Jesus time
2 Outside playgrounds
Young Fives is in same classroom as Kindergarten

Philosophy/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.
Eagle Creek Academy
3739 Kern Rd
Oakland Township, MI 48363

Contact person: Kim Kasal, Principal
Phone: 248-475-9999
E-mail: jvanhowe@eaglecreekacademy.com
Website: www.eaglecreekacademy.com
Type of Program: Private school preschool – 6th grade
Hours of Operation: 8:00 am – 3 pm
Months of Operation: September through May
Adult/child ratio: 3 year olds 1:10
4 years old and older 1:12
Young Fives 1:12
Ages accepted: 3 years old to 6th grade

Special features:
Each teacher is in her own classroom with her own small group of children. Our ratios are:
√ 3 year old's: 10 children
√ 4 year old's: 12 children
√ Young Fives: 12 children

Philosophy/Mission statement:
We tailor our lessons to each child's strengths & needs. We prepare your child for a global & compassionate future.
Contact person: Kelly Loush
Phone: 248-241-9012
E-mail: kloush@everestacademy.org
Website: www.EverestCatholic.org
Type of Program: Preschool-12 grade
Hours of Operation: 8 am – 6 pm
Months of Operation: August – June
Adult/child ratio: 1:12
Ages accepted: 3 year old – 12th grade

Special features:
After-care till 6pm.

Philosophy/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, single-gender classrooms on a co-ed campus, and a dynamic mix of multinational students on one beautiful, 90-acre parcel of land in Clarkston, Michigan.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool
1950 S. Baldwin Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Contact person: Tracey Rathsburg
Phone: 248.391.1170 or 248.391.7244
E-mail: preschool@gsls.org
Website: GoodShepherdLakeOrion.net
Type of Program: 3-4 year old program, Junior Kindergarten program
Hours of Operation: 9:00am – 12:00pm, Monday - Friday
Months of Operation: September - May
Adult/child ratio: 1:8 – Lead teacher and an aide
Ages accepted: 3, 4, 5 year olds

Special Features:
Outdoor play area, indoor gym

Philosophy/Mission Statement:
Heartfelt Impressions Learning Center
1796 S. Lapeer Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Contact person: Alissa Russell
Phone: 248-814-1010
E-mail: arussell@hfilc.com
Website: www.heartfeltimpressions.net
Type of Program: Childcare, Preschool, GSRP, School Age Before and After Care
Summer Camps
Hours of Operation: 6:00 am – 6:30 pm
Months of Operation: Year-round
Adult/child ratio: 1:4 Infants and Toddler, Preschool 1:10, Pre-K 1:12,
School age 1:18
Ages accepted: Birth to 12 years

Special Features:
Heartfelt provides healthy, nutritious, homemade meals. We use a global research based High Scope curriculum. Heartfelt Impressions is owned by local moms.

Philosophy/Mission Statement:
Heartfelt Impressions Learning Centers offers a developmentally appropriate, research-based curriculum. We strive to enhance social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth in young children through our play-based curriculum. Our program fosters curiosity, creativity and self-esteem by taking into account children’s individual abilities and interests.
Lake Orion Community Schools Early Childhood Programs
455 E. Scripps Road
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Contact person: Kimberly McLean
Phone: 248-693-5439
E-mail: Kimberly.mclean@lok12.org
Website: https://www.lakeorionschools.org/early-childhood-program-and-education

Type of Program: Pre-Kindergarten/Child Care/GSRP/Head Start/Early Head Start
Hours of Operation: 6:30 am – 6:00 pm
Months of Operation: 12 months
Adult/child ratio: State License regulation
Ages accepted: 12 months – 5 years

Special features:

Philosophy/Mission statement:
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.
LakePoint Preschool
1550 Drahner
Oxford, MI 48371

Contact person: Stevie Murphy
Phone: 248-805-1125
E-mail: smurphy@lakepointcc.org
Website: Lakepointcc.org
Type of Program: Christian Preschool
Hours of Operation: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Months of Operation: August - June
Adult/child ratio: 10:1
Ages accepted: 3 – 5 years

Special features:

Philosophy/Mission statement:
The Montessori School at Five Points
3388 Five Points
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Contact person: Constance Schmidt
Phone: 248-276-8626
E-mail: Constance.Schmidt@kindercare.com
Website: www.kindercare.com
Type of Program: Montessori
Hours of Operation: 6:30 am – 6:30 pm
Months of Operation: Year Round
Adult/child ratio: 1:10
Ages accepted: Potty Trained 3 years old – 5 years old
(in the preschool program, we do have programs for infants+)

Special features:
We are a culturally diverse Montessori program that places a special emphasis on kindergarten readiness.

Philosophy/Mission statement:
**Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy**  
1300 Giddings Rd.  
Pontiac, MI 48340

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<td><a href="mailto:kparker@ndpma.org">kparker@ndpma.org</a></td>
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<td>Website:</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ndpma.org">www.ndpma.org</a></td>
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<td>Type of Program:</td>
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<td>Hours of Operation:</td>
<td>Monday-Friday 7:45 am - 3:05 pm (extended hours available)</td>
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<td>Months of Operation:</td>
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<td>Adult/child ratio:</td>
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**Special features:**  
International Baccalaureate World School, certified teachers, enrichment courses a part of the daily curriculum rotation (Spanish, Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education, and Atrium (a Montessori-based compliment to the core classroom religious instruction)

**Philosophy/Mission statement:**  
Notre Dame—an authorized IB World School—provides a safe, nurturing and academically focused environment for toddlers and students aged 18 months through Grade 12. At our Lower School, students in PK3 through Grade 5 learn from certified, experienced, caring teachers. We strive to form Christians, citizens and scholars who are ready to change the world!
Oakland Christian School  
3075 Shimmons Road  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Contact person: Susan Brock  
Phone: 248-373-2700  
E-mail: lwilliams@oaklandchristian.com 
Website: www.oaklandchristian.com  
Type of Program: Early Elementary Program (preschool, PreK4 English, PreK Spanish Immersion, Young 5's)  
Hours of Operation: 8 am – 12 pm  
Months of Operation: August through May  
Adult/child ratio: Preschool class 1:8  
Pre-K 4s class 1:12  
Pre-K 4s Spanish Immersion 1:12  
Young 5s 1:12  
Ages accepted: 2.5 years and potty trained  

Special features: Spanish Immersion Program offered  

Philosophy/Mission statement:  
Oakland Christian School engages students in a rigorous and relevant education that builds Christ-centered relationships and prepares students to fulfill their unique God-given purpose in our shared world.
Oxford Early Learning Center  
105 Pontiac St. 
Oxford, MI 48371

Contact person: Ann Robb, Director  
Phone: 248-969-5035  
E-mail: ann.robb@oxfordschools.org  
Website: https://oelc.oxfordschools.org/  
Type of Program: Preschool, Child Care, GSRP, Extended Day  
Hours of Operation: 6:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Months of Operation: School Year and Summer Camp  
Adult/child ratio: Dependent upon the ages of students  
Ages accepted: 6 weeks – 12 years of age

Special features: High Scope Curriculum, Qualified Teaching Staff, Great Start to Quality Rated

Philosophy/Mission statement: The Oxford Early Learning Center commits itself to providing enriching experiences for each child in a nurturing atmosphere that promotes each child's optimal learning potential. We strive to meet each child's social, emotional, intellectual, physical, cultural, communicative and creative needs and agree with research that states, children are active learners who learn best from activities in which they are intrinsically interested.
St. John Lutheran School
1011 W. University Dr.
Rochester, MI 48307

Contact person: Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions
Phone: 248-402-8012
E-mail: school@stjohnrochester.org
Website: www.stjohnrochester.org/school
Type of Program: Preschool 3’s, 4’s, and Young 5’s

Hours of Operation:
Months of Operation: September - June
Adult/child ratio: 18:2
Ages accepted: 3’s, 4’s and Young 5’s

Special features:
Our program includes half and full day sessions as well as a Pre-Care room.

Philosophy/Mission statement:
We are One in Jesus...Reaching Many
St. Joseph Catholic School
703 N. Lapeer Road
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Contact person: Jean Giwa
Phone: 248-693-6215
E-mail: rbito6@stjoelo.org
Website: www.school.stjoelo.org
Type of Program: Faith based full-day or half day preschool
Hours of Operation: 8AM-4PM
Months of Operation: August - June
Adult/child ratio: 1:10 – Michigan Standards
Ages accepted: 3, 4, 5

Special features:
St. Joseph School is a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Detroit, enrolling students in grades 3PK, 4PK, JK, full-day multi-age preschool, Elementary and Middle School!

Philosophy/Mission statement:
God calls us by name. Through an ever-deepening relationship with Christ, our mission is to become who He made us to be by growing in character, loving our neighbor, and excelling in academics.
Sunny Day Preschool
140 E. Flint St. (downtown Lake Orion)
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Contact person: Cindy Winther, Director
Phone: 248-693-9330
E-mail: sunnydaypreschool@gmail.com
Website: sunnydaypreschool.net
Type of Program: Preschool Program
Hours of Operation: 9am – 3pm (2.5 and 3 hour sessions)
Months of Operation: September – May and also offer a 5 week summer camp program
Adult/child ratio: 1:9
Ages accepted: 3 years to 5 years

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, how to say thank you in fifteen different languages as well as mindfulness and yoga to all our classes. We focus on good nutrition and healthy eating for strong bodies and minds. Our four year old classes bake each week and also write and draw in journals. Our staff have college degrees in education and attend annual trainings to further their knowledge. All of our staff are certified in CPR and First Aid. Our classes are small with an excellent teacher/child ratio. We follow NAEYC guidelines for providing a high quality program.

Philosophy/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!

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CHILD CARE INFORMATION RESOURCES

Oakland County Child Care Council
7088 Highland Road
Waterford, MI 48327

Phone: 248-333-9545
Website: www.oaklandchildcare.org
Facility type: Child Care Council
Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Thursday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Monday, Friday and Evening Hours by Appointment
Months of Operation: Year-round

About us: 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.

Philosophy/Mission statement: Coordinating and developing quality child care and related resources for families and caregivers.
Great Start Collaborative Oakland
2111 Pontiac Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328-2736

Phone: 855-456-5437
E-Mail: Veronica.Pechumer@oakland.k12.mi.us
Website: www.greatstartoakland.org

Great Start Collaborative offers programs for families, parents and students that support the mission to help all Oakland County families succeed.

- Children's early learning and development
- Connecting to resources
- Developmental screenings
- Strengthening families
- Parent Coalition

Vision statement: Every Oakland County child is born healthy, developmentally on track, ready to succeed in school and reading proficiently by third grade.

State of Michigan: Department of Health & Human Services
333 S. Grand Ave
P.O. Box 30195
Lansing, MI 48909

Telephone: 517-241-3740 – General Information
866-540-0008 – Child Support
TTY: 711

Worksheet with question to consider as you choose a childcare provider.
Is This the Right Place for my Child? 📂.
WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A CHILD CARE PROVIDER:
If you need child care, you want the very best setting for your child. When choosing child care, you should visit more than one program and if possible, take your child with you when you visit.

The following list will give you some hints to help you make a good choice.

Interview Caregivers
Call first and ask...

- Is there an opening for my child?
- What hours and days are you open?
- Where are you located?
- How much do you charge?
- When is payment due?
- Do you charge for holidays, absences due to vacations or illness, or late pickups?
- How many children do you care for?
- How much child care experience and education do you have?
- How many adults care for the children?
- What ages do you serve?
- Must a child be toileted trained?

In a home setting...

- Are there others living in the home?
- Who and what age are they?
- Who, besides the provider, may be caring for my child?
- Will my child be taken out of the home while in your care?
- Are there pets or smoking in the home?
Visit and look for...

- Positive interactions between caregiver and children
- Children getting lots of attention
- Children who are happy and comfortable with their caregiver.
- Clean, safe and healthy indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Safety features such as gates on stairs, caps on electrical outlets, and a locked cabinet for medicine, poisons and cleaning products.
- A variety of toys and learning materials, such as books, puzzles, blocks, and climbing equipment that your child will find interesting.

Ask the provider...

- Can I visit at any time?
- How do you handle discipline?
- What do you do if my child is sick?
- How do you handle an emergency?
- Do you have a back-up caregiver?
- Where do children take naps?
- Do caregivers have up-to-date CPR AND First Aid Training?
- Do caregivers have training in child care?
- May I see a copy of your license?
- Are they accredited?
- May I have a list of parents (current and former) who have used your care facility?
Orion Township Public Library Youth Services Department offers programs for all ages including:

- Family Place Library workshops
- Story times for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and families
- Lego Club, Book Bingo, Doggone Readers, AWE Computers, Ipad Bar and other fun programs for school age children
- Summer reading program for all ages
- Battle of the Books for fifth graders
- STEAM programs for preschoolers

Access 24/7 Resources:

- Databases for homework and information gathering
- Place online holds and renewal material
- Register for programs online
- Downloadable ebooks and audio books
- Hoopla database with access to television, movies, music, and books
- Mango language learning database – learn a new language right from home
The Friends of the Orion Township Public Library are an important group of people who are advocates of the library. Friends enhance and support the library’s services to the community.

Say YES
To your library—
Join the Friends and
Do A World of Good.