



## **The Children's Courtyard Educational Offering**

The Children's Courtyard is committed to providing young children and their families with a high quality, early childhood education program in home-like settings. We understand that a children's experiences in the beginning years have a lasting impact on their future development and academic success. Our purpose is to provide children with the tools they need to succeed during school and throughout life.

At The Children's Courtyard, we utilize the High/Scope Active Learning Framework in all of our programs. This is not a curriculum – but a framework – which fits our developmentally appropriate active learning approach. We support the development of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social skills, while allowing daily explorations in music and movement, creative arts, foreign language and educational technology.

We understand that children have different learning styles and cultures, so our teaching materials include systems for assessment of educational skills so teachers can build concrete, purposeful and relevant learning activities for each child.

Our classrooms are equipped with developmentally appropriate materials that we rotate frequently to maintain a child's interest. We provide many different interest centers for active play and exploration, while still focusing on emergent math and literacy skills that children will need to be prepared for Kindergarten and beyond. We believe that our school-age program truly sets The Children's Courtyard apart from its competitors.

Our older children are provided their own space that is usually in a separate building or may be upstairs at one of our campuses. Each building or floor includes a movie theater, soda shop, block building room, performing arts stage, computer technology lab, arcade, art room, science lab and library.

Furthermore, we offer a Jr. Camp Counselor program for children between the ages of 11-13. These students attend training in the areas of life skills, communication and other personal development topics. All of our schools are either accredited or going through the self-study process to become accredited by a national accrediting association.

Our teachers also receive ongoing professional development at our lab schools. These unique training facilities provide academic enrichment with real-life experiences that allow teachers to expand their skills under the mentorship of education specialists and Master teachers.

Everyone at The Children's Courtyard is committed to helping each child reach their full potential and approach learning with enthusiasm, persistence and joy. We believe that if

we can provide successful experiences, we can help children develop a positive self-concept and ensure a lifelong love of learning.

For more information on The Children's Courtyard, please visit [www.childrencourtyard.com](http://www.childrencourtyard.com).

**About Learning Care Group, Inc.**

Headquartered in Novi, Mich., Learning Care Group, Inc. provides early education and care services to children between the ages of six weeks and 13 years under its umbrella of brands: The Children's Courtyard, Childtime Learning Centers, La Petite Academy, Montessori Unlimited and Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Centers.

Among these five brands, Learning Care Group has more than 900 schools (corporate and franchise) with a system-wide capacity to serve more than 100,000 children in the U.S. and internationally. Today, the company is the second largest for-profit child care provider in North America.

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