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The Athens Community Child Care Partnership is an outcome of Ohio University’s recent strategic planning process, Vision Ohio. Since child care was identified as a need in two subcommittees of the strategic planning effort, a child care task force was formed to look at how to increase availability and improve accessibility of care so that University and community families could attend school and work. The partnership, among Ohio University, the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) leads the charge to facilitate ongoing planning and development to meet the need for quality child care services in Athens county. Ongoing efforts further the mission of the partnership including this provider directory; enhanced child care resource & referral services; linkages among current and potential vendors; and local communications pieces. Community members are participating in all aspects of the partnership’s efforts and new members are encouraged to become involved.

Participation in this directory by program administrators was voluntary. All of the programs represented in this directory at the time of publication are licensed through Ohio Department of Education and/or Ohio Department of Job and Family Services child care licensing regulations. These are the minimum standards in Ohio for operating a center based child care program. The Athens Community Child Care Partnership assumes no responsibility for any of the programs or the services provided. Parents are responsible for visiting programs, gathering information during the visits, and determining the best placements for their children.

Information concerning enrollment and fees is based on data received in May 2008. Changes in fee structures for some centers may have changed and those changes are not reflected in this edition. Site directors can provide that information.

Special thanks to the Guide to Child Care Programs: In Athens and Surrounding Communities. This directory is a revision of the 1999 edition.
The Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) is a private, non-profit community-based organization serving 31 rural, mostly Appalachian, counties in eastern and southern Ohio. It is comprised of seventeen Community Action Agencies. COAD has three major program divisions: Community Development, Early Care & Education, and Senior Programs. COAD also offers scholarship assistance and leadership development opportunities.

The COAD Early Care & Education Mission is to advocate and support the improvement and accessibility of care and education services for children and those who care for them.

**Parent Services…**

*Free referrals to child care providers who may meet the family’s need.*

*Provides answers to parents’ questions about quality child care and child care issues.*

*Assists military personnel to find child care & apply for eligibility.*

*On-line referrals available 24 hours, seven Days a week at www.coadinc.org/ece*

*School-Age Specialists on staff to answer questions concerning school age children.*

*Infant Toddler Specialists on staff to answer your questions on development.*

**Provider Services…**

*Helps individuals enter the child care profession.*

*Coordinates and provides training for child care providers.*

*Publishes a newsletter and training calendar that provides information on child care practices, activities, and other topics of interest.*

*Offers a resource lending library with books on child care and child development.*

*Information on the Ohio Professional Development Registry*

*Assists programs to achieve quality ratings in Ohio’s Step Up to Quality.*
COAD Child Care Resource Network
Can Help You Find Child Care

Experienced counselors are available to talk with you about your child care needs and provide you with FREE referrals to child care providers who are legally operating a child care home or center near you. Experienced staff will talk with you about financial assistance, and how to choose a quality program for your child. Counselors will provide you with information, brochures, referrals, and a parent newsletter to help you make an informed choice. Our telephone service is available through our toll free line out of Marietta, Ohio and families may call Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at 1-800-577-2276.

You may also do an online Child Care Search by visiting the COAD website at www.coadinc.org. Look for the Do You Need Child Care? link. At your convenience, our eSearch is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can search by county or zip code from an up-to-date list of child care programs.
Early Learning Initiative and Step Up to Quality

Early Learning Initiative

Ohio’s Early Learning Initiative (ELI) ensures meaningful experiences that pave the way for future achievement. Using Ohio’s early learning program guidelines, ELI providers will help children succeed now and throughout life.

Eligibility

Families who qualify:
• have a preschool child who is at least 3 years old;
• have at least one parent working at least one hour per week;
• meet income requirements (e.g. a family of four earning up to $35,808 per year); OR
• are caring for a preschool child who is at least 3 years old and is receiving child only cash assistance through the Ohio Works First program.

For more information, call toll-free 1-877-OHIO-EDU (1-877-644-6338) or visit www.ode.state.oh.us/ecte.

Step Up to Quality

Find out more at: http://www.occrra.org/stepup.htm

Step Up To Quality is a voluntary Three-Star Quality Rating System that recognizes and promotes early care and education programs that meet quality benchmarks over and above minimum health and safety licensing standards. With this program, Ohio joins Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and the District of Columbia in implementing quality rating systems. A complete listing of states and a description of the systems is available at www.nccic.org under the topic of “tiered quality rating systems”.

The steps are based on national research identifying the key benchmarks that lead to improved outcomes for children. These benchmarks include low child to staff ratios, group size, accreditation, staff education, specialized training, improved workplace characteristics and early learning standards.
Any parent looking for child care knows what they like and what they don’t. But how does one judge what is high quality care for different ages and interests? A Child Care Resource and Referral agency helps families recognize quality and make choices that meet their own needs and preferences. The following steps are only the beginning. Gather as much information as possible to help you find the best care for your child. For more information contact COAD Child Care Resource Network, at 1-800-577-2276 or at ece@coadinc.org

FOUR STEPS TO SELECTING A CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Interview Caregivers

Call First
Ask...
- Is there an opening for my child?
- What hours and days are you open and where are you located?
- How much does care cost? Is financial assistance available?
- How many children are in your care?
- What age groups do you serve?
- Do you provide transportation?
- Do you provide meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks)?
- Do you have a license, accreditation, or other certification?
- When can I come to visit?

Visit Next (Visit more than once, stay as long as you can!)
Look for...
- Responsive, nurturing, warm interactions between caregiver and children.
- Children who are happily involved in daily activities and comfortable with their caregiver.
- A clean, safe, and healthy indoor and outdoor environment, especially napping, eating and toileting areas.
- A variety of toys and learning materials, such as books, puzzles, blocks and climbing equipment, that your child will find interesting and which will contribute to their growth and development.
- Children getting individual attention.

Ask...
- Can I visit at any time?
- How do you handle discipline?
- What do you do if a child is sick?
- What would you do in case of an emergency?
- What training have you (and other staff/substitutes) had?
- Are all the children and staff required to be immunized?
- May I see a copy of your license or other certification?
- Do you have a substitute or backup caregiver?
- May I have a list of parents (current and former) who have used your care?
- Where do children nap? Do you know that babies should go to sleep on their back?

**Check References**

*Ask other parents…*
- Was the caregiver reliable on a daily basis?
- How did the caregiver discipline your child?
- Did your child enjoy the child care experience?
- How did the caregiver respond to you as a parent?
- Was the caregiver respectful of your values and culture?
- Would you recommend the caregiver without reservation?
- If your child is no longer with the caregiver, why did you leave?

Ask the local child care resource and referral program or licensing office…
- What regulations should child care providers meet in my area?
- Is there a record of complaints about the child care provider I am considering and how do I find out about it?

**Make the Decision for Quality Care**

From what you heard and saw, ask yourself…
- Which child care should I choose so that my child will be happy and grow?
- Which caregiver can meet the special needs of my child?
- Are the caregiver’s values compatible with my family’s values?
- Is the child care available and affordable according to my family’s needs and resources?
- Do I feel good about my decision?

**Stay Involved**

*Ask yourself…*
- How can I arrange my schedule so that I can…
- Talk to my caregiver everyday?
- Talk to my child about how the day went?
- Visit and observe my child in care at different times of the day?
- Be involved in my child’s activities?
- How can I work with my caregiver to resolve issues and concerns that may arise?
- How do I keep informed about my child’s growth and development while in care?
- How can I promote good working conditions for my child care provider?
- How can I network with other parents?

These steps are only the beginning. Gather as much information as possible to help you find the best care for your child.

For more information contact COAD Child Care Resource Network, at 1-800-577-2276 or at ece@coadinc.org. Child Care Resource Network is a Program of COAD – the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development - “Supporting our children and those who care for them”

This information adapted from: Administration for Children and Families - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Subsidized, safe, quality child care is available to Athens County parents while working, attending school or in a training program and who meet income guidelines. A list of certified child care providers in Athens County is available.

Applications are available upon request at any of the Athens County Job & Family Services buildings and from any ACJFS certified child care provider. Completed applications may be mailed, faxed, emailed or hand delivered to the ACJFS Child Care Program.

No face to face interviews are required as a part of the application process and you will receive your results within 30 days. 
*Eligibility must be determined through the application process.*

A service co-payment or partial fee is determined based on a family’s eligibility. There is a maximum fee amount established for household size and monthly income amount, which will not exceed the cost of service. Eligibility and co-payment fee must be determined through the application process.
If there is a problem with child care, what should I do?

For information about certified home providers or to file a complaint about a home-based provider, contact:
Athens County Job and Family Services Child Care Unit
184 N. Lancaster St.
Athens, Ohio 45701
Telephone: (740) 797-2523
Fax: (740) 797-2447
E-mail: jfs@athenscountygovernment.com

If you want a copy of the child care licensing law, a copy of a facility’s licensing record, or wish to file a complaint about a center-based provider, contact:
Ohio Job and Family Services Bureau of Child Care
50 West Town Street, 6th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Telephone: 1-866-886-3537 ext 4
Send feedback: jfs.ohio.gov/feedback/ocf
Amazing Grace Preschool

10 South Green Drive
Athens, Ohio 45701
740-592-4516

Directors
Jennifer Weekley
Martha Crist

Program Philosophy

We want the center to provide a positive learning experience for children. Each child is growing and developing in their own way. Opportunities are provided to facilitate the social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and physical growth of each child. We see parents and teachers working together as a partnership team for quality programming and positive group experiences for children.

Program Description

- Types of services offered: Part-time/Half-time/Full-time/Before school care/After school care
- Ages of children enrolled: Preschool: 2 ½ - 5 year olds
  Before and After school care: through age 8
- Special conditions for enrollment: Must be toilet trained
- Hours: 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Open year round.
- Fee Scale:
  Part-time (15 hours or less per week): $215 per month
  Half-time (15-25 hours per week): $275 per month
  Full-time (over 25 hours per week): $430 per month
  Before school: $50 per month
  After school: $100 per month
  Before and After school: $150 per month
- Financial Assistance Available: Contract with Athens County Department of Job and Family Services
- Maximum enrollment:
  Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 5
  Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 50
  School age (5 years and above): 10

Additional Information

- There is a $35 non-refundable registration fee.
- For students enrolled in the prekindergarten class there is a one time $35 book fee.
- For before and after school care there is supervised bus pick-up and drop-off from Athens City Schools and Athens Head Start.
- Center is closed for major holidays, one week in August, and two weeks during Christmas.
Athens Church of Christ Preschool

785 West Union Street
Athens, Ohio 45701
740-594-6404

Director
Willadean Dailey

Program Philosophy

Athens Church of Christ Preschool (ACCP) is being designed with two main concepts: 1) To provide a Christian atmosphere that preschoolers can enjoy and parents can feel good about when they go to work. 2) To help parents prepare their children for school.

Program Description

- **Types of services offered:** Part-time/Full-time/Before and After school programs
- **Ages of children enrolled:** 2½ – 5 years of age, Kindergarten-6th grade for Before and After school programs
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** Must be toilet trained
- **Hours:** 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday.
- **Fee Scale:**
  - Full-time: $25 per day
  - Part-time (7:00 AM – 12:30 PM): $15 per day
  - Part-time (12:30 PM – 5:30 PM): $12 per day
  - Before school: $20 per week
  - After school: $25 per week
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Contracts with Departments of Job and Family Services for Athens, Meigs, and Morgan Counties.
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 6
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 30
  - School age (5 years and above): 42

Additional Information

- All day care available for snow days and holidays that school are closed
- Summer care is available for school age children.
- 10% discount for a second child that is part-time and a 20% discount for a second child that is enrolled full-time.
Program Philosophy

Our programs are based on offering quality age appropriate activities which include a variety of recreational and educational opportunities. Our philosophy encourages positive decision making skill and development of relationships among peers, parents, and staff members.

Program Description

- **Types of services offered:** Full-time Preschool/Before school care/After school care/Summer Camp
- **Ages of children enrolled:** Preschool: 3 – 5 year of age
  Before and After school care: Kindergarten – 6th grade
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** Must be toilet trained
- **Hours:**
  Preschool: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. M, T, Th, F (Year round)
  Before school: 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM. M-F (Year round)
  After school: 3:45 PM – 5:30 PM. M-F (Year round)
  Summer Camp: 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM (June 16 – August 15)
- **Fee Scale:**
  Preschool: $180 per month
  Before school: $25 for a 5 day punch card
  After school: $120 per month
  Summer Camp: $125 per week
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Contract with Athens county Department of Job and Family Services
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 0
  Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 20
  School age (5 years and above): Before school-35/After school-65/Camp-75

Additional Information

- There is a $30 deposit and registration fee for Summer Camp.
- Bus transportation is available for Before and After school programs for East, West, and Morrison Schools.
- Other children’s programs of available, please contact Athens Community Center for more information.
Early Learning Center

3485 College Road
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764
740-753-2410
Website: www.hocking.edu
Contact email: lemay_s@hocking.edu

Director
Susannah LeMay

Program Philosophy

Our mission is to partner with parents, educators and those in the community who have a genuine desire to contribute to the healthy growth and development of young children into life-long learners. Our program promotes the physical, intellectual, language, and emotional growth of young children, building self-confidence and a desire to learn while teaching skills necessary for success in future educational settings. It is our belief that every child can learn and will learn with creative and passionate teachers. An essential factor is the relationship between the teacher and the child. Our aim is to cherish each child’s individualism and giftings. We feel that we must prepare each child for victory in school and in life.

Program Description

- Types of services offered: Part-time/Full-time
- Ages of children enrolled: 6 ½ weeks – 5 years of age (not yet in Kindergarten)
- Special conditions for enrollment: No special conditions
- Hours: 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Open according to Hocking College schedule.
- Fee Scale:
  Less than 7 hours hourly rates apply: Infant- $5.99 per hour, Toddler-$5.52 per hour, Preschool-$4.48 per hour
  Part-time (Less than 25 hours): Infant-$124 per week, Toddler-$95 per week, Preschool-$72 per week
  Full-time (25 hours or more): Infant-$155 per week, Toddler-$135 per week, Preschool-$120 per week
- Financial Assistance Available: Contract with the Department of Job and Family Services for 10 counties.
- Maximum enrollment:
  Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 12
  Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 20
  Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 17
  School age (5 years and above): 5

Additional Information

- Step Up to Quality: 2 stars
The first five years of a child's life is very important in helping the child prepare for future success. Parents are the child's first and most significant teachers; therefore we strive to work together as a team.

Our preschool is staffed by qualified Christian personnel who provide opportunities to facilitate the child's social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and physical growth.

We believe play is one of the most important aspects of a child's life so we take it serious. Children learn through play developing creativity, self-control, independence and responsibility. We encourage children to share, interact, accept people's differences, and learn from each other. We want them to try and solve their own problems while beginning to develop accountability and taking responsibility for their actions. The teaching personnel will intervene and guide as necessary.

Our child-centered environment offers opportunities for both indoor and outdoor exploration, quiet and active play, and trips into the community. Various learning experiences are offered both individually and in-group settings.

**Program Description**

- **Types of services offered:** Part-time/Full-time
- **Ages of children enrolled:** 2 – 5 years of age
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** Must be toilet trained
- **Hours:** 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Open August – May.
- **Fee Scale:** Full-time: $23.50 per day
  Part-time: $13.50 per day
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Contract with Department of Job and Family Services
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 10
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 44
  - School age (5 years and above): 10

**Additional Information**

- Child needs to be enrolled in a minimum of 2 days a week.
- There is a $145.00 enrollment and registration fee. There is a $100.00 refund with a 2 week notice of withdrawal.
- After school program offers services for Kindergarten students until 5:30 PM.
- For an additional charge there are dance movement programs available: angelic flight- $5 and Twist n’ Twirl - $3
The purpose of the Head Start Program is to prepare young children and their families to better succeed in life. The Head Start Program is designed to meet each child's individual education, health and social needs while encouraging the involvement of their parents.

**Types of services offered:** Center-based / Home based services

- **Ages of children enrolled:** 3 – 5 years of age
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** Income guidelines
- **Hours:** Center-based hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, M, T, Th, F.
  Home-based hours: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Wednesdays
  Open from mid September to May
- **Fee Scale:** None
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Referrals available
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 0
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 84 (center-based:72  home-based:12)
  - School age (5 years and above): 0

**Additional Information**

- Family support workers- home visits
- Bus transportation available for morning center-based session. The afternoon center-based care needs to have own transportation.
- 10% of families are over income guidelines
- Parent meetings once a month
- Family events are planned for once a month
- Fundraisers
Kids on Campus

For more information go to http://www.cats.ohiou.edu/kids/index.html
Director: Leslie Moss 740-593-9703

Program Mission

Kids on Campus is a rural partnership that empowers underserved, at-risk children and their families in the realization of their full potential through educational, nutritional and recreational opportunities.

Guiding the organization are the beliefs that every child has the potential to succeed, education is the key to the future, and a supportive home and community environment is essential to achieving educational and social potential.

After school Programs

Alexander Elementary School
6105 School Road
Albany, Ohio 45710
Contact: Crystal Smith
Email: smithc14@ohio.edu
Phone: 740-591-5773
- Children enrolled: 1st – 5th grade
- Hours: 2:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Amesville Elementary
State Route 329 North
Amesville, Ohio 45711
Contact: Paul Kristofco
Email: pk333200@ohio.edu
- Children enrolled: 1st – 5th grade
- Hours: 3:40 PM – 5:40 PM

Chauncey Elementary
21 Birge Drive
Chauncey, Ohio 45719
Contact: Brooke Schroeder
Email: Schroedeb@ohio.edu
- Children enrolled: 1st – 6th grade
- Hours: N/A

Coolville Elementary
26461 Main Street
P.O. Box 490
Coolville, Ohio
Contact: Paul Kristofco
Email: pk333200@ohio.edu
- Children enrolled: 1st – 5th grade
- Hours: 3:40 PM – 5:40 PM

The Plains
90 Connett Road
The Plains, Ohio 45780
Contact: Crystal Smith
Email: smithc14@ohio.edu
Phone: 740-591-5773
- Children enrolled: N/A
- Hours: 3:30 PM – 5:45 PM

Trimble
18500 Jacksonville Road
Jacksonville, Ohio
Contact: Misty Cole
Email: coleM@ohio.edu
- Children enrolled: 1st – 4th grade
- Hours: 3:00 PM – 5:15 PM

West Elementary
41 Central Avenue
Athens, Ohio 45701
Contact: Misty Cole
Email: coleM@ohio.edu
- Children enrolled: 1st – 6th grade
- Hours: 3:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Additional Information

- At least 45 minutes of homework help daily
- Recreation time on the playground
- A nutritious snack that followed USDA guidelines
- Summer Program available for children in 1st to 10th grade
Kid’s Place

49 Connett Road
The Plains, Ohio 45780
740-797-3150

Director
Cheryl Krivesti

Program Description

- **Types of services offered:** Before and After school care
- **Ages of children enrolled:** Kindergarten – 6th
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** No special conditions
- **Hours:** 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Open during the school year.
- **Fee Scale:**
  - Before school: $20 per week
  - After school: $26 per week
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Contract with Department of Job and Family Services
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 0
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 0
  - School age (5 years and above): 108

Additional Information

- Bus transportation available to and from The Plains, Chauncey, East, West, and Morrison
- Open at 1:30 for early release days from Athens City School District
- If school is closed for whatever reason, there is no charge for that day
Nova Learning Center

9111 West Bentbrook Lane
Athens, Ohio 45701
740-592-3744

Owner
Lora Hayes

Administrator
Angela Gibson

Program Description

- **Types of services offered:** Full-time/Before and After school care
- **Ages of children enrolled:** Newborns – 12 years of age
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** No special conditions
- **Hours:** 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday – Friday. Open year round. Closed major holidays.
  - Before school hours: 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
  - After school hours: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Fee Scale:** N/A
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Contracts with Department of Job and Family Services for Perry, Meigs, Athens, and Vinton Counties.
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 9
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 8
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 22
  - School age (5 years and above): 12

Additional Information

- Before school bus transportation available for West, East, The Plains, and Morrison.
  After school bus transportation includes West, East, The Plains, Morrison, and Alexander.
- Full-time summer care available for Kindergarten – 6th grade.
- Early Learning Initiative
- Working towards Step Up to Quality certification
Ohio University Child Development Center

Building 27 Horsebarn Lane
The Ridges
Athens, Ohio 45701
740-593-1819

Directors
Cathy Waller
Terry Swank

Program Philosophy

The Center curriculum is based on the belief that children best acquire knowledge when they are in an enriched environment that is challenging, simulating, nurturing and safe. Process is emphasized rather than the product or outcome of an activity. The program provides an atmosphere that is multi-cultural, responsive to each child’s developmental needs and acknowledges the existence of multiple intelligences.

Program Description

- **Types of services offered:** Full-time
- **Ages of children enrolled:** 2 – 5 years of age (children not yet in Kindergarten)
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** No special conditions
- **Hours:** 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday.
- **Fee Scale:** Sliding fee scale
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Community Block Grant
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 16
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 24
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 56
  - School age (5 years and above): 3

Additional Information

- The Center is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and licensed by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services
- The Center is a laboratory school that provides professional preparation of students majoring in early childhood education and child development and students from other disciplines; provides a site for research in child development, early childhood education, teacher education, and curriculum; and provides developmentally appropriate practices in early care and education services.
- Ongoing interactions between the home, community and center are encouraged through the use of daily information sheets, conferences, and home visits.
- Free choice in decision making is considered important as well.
- In addition, cultural diversity and nonsexist behavior and language are practiced.
Stages Early Learning Center

817 West Union Street
Athens, Ohio 45701
740-593-5700
Website: www.stagesearlylearningcenter.com

Directors
Heather Thompson
Alexis Radcliff

Program Philosophy

Stages Early Learning Center provides quality, loving care for children 6 weeks - 12 years old. We will provide a safe environment that is conducive to the learning levels of each child. We strive to support their continual growth through various activities indoors and outdoors. The staff recognizes the importance of balanced growth so they provide opportunities for mental, physical and emotional growth through creative experiences. By allowing each child the ability to choose his/her activities, this gives them a sense of freedom and choice. Children are encouraged to learn and explore at their own speed in areas that interest them. We are pleased that you have chosen to include us in the growth and development of your child.

Program Description

- **Types of services offered:** Part-time/Full-time
- **Ages of children enrolled:** 6 weeks – 12 years of age
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** No special conditions
- **Hours:** 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Open year round.
  - Part-time: 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM and 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM
  - Before school: 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM
  - After school: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- **Fee Scale:** Please call for fees
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Contract with Department of Job and Family Services for Meigs and Athens Counties
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 8
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 14
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 20
  - School age (5 years and above): 30 (Before school – 15/After school – 15)

Additional Information

- Open during school delays, early release and snow days.
- Bus transportation available after school for East, West, Morrison, The Plains, and Alexander. There is transportation available before school for all mentioned except for Alexander.
- Summer camp is an option for school age children.
Sycamore Run Early Childhood Center

74 South Plains Road
The Plains, Ohio 45780
740-797-8969
Website: www.sycamorerunecc.com

Director

Megan Weber

Program Philosophy

At Sycamore Run, we strive to create a nurturing and engaging classroom environment within a supportive community of parents, teachers and other caregivers. We like to think of our school as one big family, working together to raise healthy and happy children! We will work to build positive relationships among staff, parents and administration so that conflicts can be resolved and challenges overcome.

Program Description

• Types of services offered: Part-time/Full-time
• Ages of children enrolled: 4 months – 5 years of age
• Special conditions for enrollment: No special conditions
• Hours: 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Open year round.
• Fee Scale:
  - Part-time (downstairs): $425 per month
  - Part-time (upstairs): $375 per month
  - Full-time (downstairs): $675 per month
  - Full-time (upstairs): $600 per month
• Financial Assistance Available: Contract with the Department of Job and Family Services
• Maximum enrollment:
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 8
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 13
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 12
  - School age (5 years and above): 10

Additional Information

• Fee scale is based upon upstairs (Older Toddler Room, Preschool, and PreKindergarten) and downstairs (Infant Room and Toddler Room)
• Offer flexible hours for part-time care.
• Encourage parent participation in the classroom.
The goal of Growing Tree Preschool is to provide a developmentally appropriate environment that will stimulate and challenge comprehensive preschool experience designed to enhance the child’s physical, social, emotional, spiritual and cognitive growth.

Young children have a natural desire to find out how things work. The answers are not as important as the adventure of finding out. Growing Tree Preschool provides preschoolers with a joyful environment where they can investigate, build, experiment and discover. Teachers support experiences which will teach children how to learn, providing a foundation for success later in life.

Being part of a community provides children with opportunities to learn and practice social skills, to define their many relationships in and out of school, and to discover the pleasure of friendship. Teachers and parents share with children the discovery of God’s presence and action in their lives. Parent collaboration and participation is an essential, valued part of the program.

- **Types of services offered:** Half-day with morning options. Exploring the possibility of afternoon session, as needed.
- **Ages of children enrolled:** 3 – 5 years old
- **Special conditions for enrollment:** Must be toilet trained
- **Hours:** 8:45 AM – 11:30 AM, Monday – Friday. Open September – May.
- **Fee Scale:**
  - M, W, F: $125 per month
  - T, TH: $95 per month
  - Five day option (M, T, W, TH, F): $200 per month
- **Financial Assistance Available:** Assistance available through First United Methodist Church
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 0
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 24
  - School age (5 years and above): 0

- Experienced and mature staff

Secular school housed in a church and rooted in a Christian atmosphere. Approach is inclusive and low key.
Tiny Tots Preschool Center Inc. – Albany Tutoring

5609 E. Clinton St.
Albany, Ohio 45710
740-698-2464

Director
Brittanie Bennett
Lindy Douglass

Program Philosophy

We believe that all children can learn. Our philosophy for our students is that they enjoy their learning environment, explore, and learn in our safe and secure environment. We will enrich and nurture students while they are learning, sharing and building relationships with peers and teachers.

Program Description

- **Types of services offered:** Part-time/Full-time
- **Ages of children enrolled:** 18 months – 5 years of age. After school care: Kindergarten – 6th grade
- **Special Conditions for enrollment:** Must be toilet trained
- **Hours:** 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday – Friday.
- **Fee Scale:**
  - Full-time: $120 per week
  - Part-time: $60 per week
  - After school: $35 per week
- **Financial Assistance Available:** ELI paid and contracts with Job and Family Services for Athens, Meigs and Vinton Counties
- **Maximum enrollment:**
  - Infants (6 weeks to 18 months): 0
  - Toddlers (18 months to 36 months): 16
  - Preschoolers (3 years to 5 years): 28
  - School age (5 years and above): 36

Additional Information

- Working towards Step Up to Quality certification
- When enrolled in Part-time care the hours are flexible. Part-time is when a child is enrolled for under 25 hours per week.
Hocking Valley Day School at Tri County Joint Vocational School  
15676 State Route 691  
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764  
Contact: Kelly Adams  
740-753-5387

Nelsonville Presbyterian Pre-K School  
69 East Washington Street  
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764  
Contact: Trisha Dean Erich  
740-753-6888

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**Additional Preschool Options**

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**Athens County Public School Preschool Programs**

Some public schools in Athens County provide preschool options both for children that are typically developing and for children with special needs. It is best for families to contact their local school to find a program that best fits their child’s needs. Programs are offered at a free or reduced cost.

**Alexander Elementary Preschool Integrated:** 740-698-6733

**Alexander Elementary Annex Preschool:** 740-698-2531

**Amesville Elementary School:** 740-448-2501

**Beacon School MR/DD:** 740-594-3539

**Chauncey Elementary Preschool Unit:** 740-797-4588

**Coolville Elementary Preschool:** 740-667-3121

**Morrison Elementary Public Preschool:** 740-593-5445

**Nelsonville York Elementary:** 740-753-5145

**The Plains Elementary Public Preschool:** 740-797-4572

**Trimble Elementary Preschool:** 740-767-2810

**West Elementary:** 740-593-6866
Athens Community Child Care Partnership