About Campus Child Care

These early-education programs comprise Campus Child Care, Inc. (CCC), an independent nonprofit organization founded in 2017 through the union of six child care centers that have been serving the Harvard University community for over 50 years. CCC exists to provide the very highest quality early care and education to children and to support their families, at Harvard and in the host communities.

Standards of Quality

All of the programs have low teacher-to-child ratios, and invest above all in the adults who care for children as the most important element of high-quality care. Accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is one way of formally recognizing the quality of a program. Four programs have taken this route and are NAEYC accredited. Two others have embraced the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and are pursuing the highest level of rating available.

Educational Approach

Each of the programs provides childcare based in the knowledge that strong relationships among children, caregivers, and families are crucial to success. Child-centered, play-based and developmentally focused, CCC programs look toward a variety of educational philosophies to guide their work. Within and among the classrooms, you may recognize the pedagogy and documentation of Reggio-Emilia, Montessori-style materials, or developmental sensitivities encouraged by Touchpoints. At the core of their mission is the belief that by offering variety, CCC provides valuable choices to families.

Schedules and Calendars

All of the centers are open from 8am to 6pm. Part-day and part-week schedules are available at Peabody Terrace; limited part-time spots may be available elsewhere. Annual calendars are set by the individual Center Councils. All CCC programs close for the Harvard winter recess. Each program closes for a week in August to prepare for the new school year. Some programs have additional closures. Please request a calendar from an individual program for details.

Parent Participation

Each of the centers was founded by and for parents. Today, every one of these programs welcomes and encourages parent participation, whether it’s bringing in an instrument to share with your child’s group, organizing a potluck, or serving on the Center Council that helps guide each program. Oxford Street is a cooperative, and asks families to spend two hours a week directly in classrooms, where they support teachers and build community.

2019-2020 Tuitions

Tuitions are for 12-month annual contracts based on an academic year and are charged monthly, beginning in August.

- Infants: $3,150
- Toddler 1: $2,800
- Toddler 2: $2,500
- Preschool 1: $2,200
- Preschool 2: $1,950

Tuition includes daily snacks and milk and occasional special programs like music, movement, or soccer, for example. At PTCC and SFCC, tuition also includes diapers.

How to Get to Know Campus Child Care Better

The centers are part of a system, but no two are just alike and families should seek the program that is the best fit for their child. Please get to know the centers individually:

- Visit centers’ individual websites
- Attend an open house, typically held in March; or call to arrange a visit
- See where centers are on a map
- Learn more about CCC’s relationship with Harvard University