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THE MARVIN CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Marvin Children's Center opened in November 1998 and is funded by the State of Connecticut's School Readiness and Child Day Care Grant Program. The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority provided tax-free municipal bond funds for the renovation of the 2,600 square foot space designated for The Marvin Children's Center. Under One Roof, Inc.™ is both owner and sponsor of The Marvin Children's Center. Bright Horizons Family Solutions, the nation's leading provider of employer-sponsored childcare and early education, serves as the manager of The Marvin Children's Center.

The Marvin Children's Center is a full-day, full-year program serving forty 3 & 4 year old children. The program offers affordable preschool which prepares children for entrance into kindergarten.



Bright Horizons Family Solutions recognizes the unique strengths of each child and uses those strengths to help the child meet high expectations. The curriculum, based on *The World at Their Fingertips* Program for Learning creates developmental, cultural, and individually appropriate learning environments in which each child discovers what the world is like, how it works, what he/she is capable of, and his/her place in it. We are committed to helping children develop the information-gathering and problem-solving tools to succeed in school.



The curriculum is tailored to the individual needs of each child and incorporates an appreciation of the resource available and the synergies that can result from involving the senior residents in the provision of day care. The Marvin Children's Center is nationally accredited by NAEYC.

The Marvin Children's Center is funded under the State of Connecticut School Readiness Program and must meet the following criteria:

- Collaboration with Other Community Programs and Services
- Parent Involvement, Education and Outreach
- Referrals for Health Services
- Nutrition Services
- Referrals to Family Literacy Programs
- Open Admissions Policy
- Transition Plan for Participating Children
- Professional Development for Staff
- Sliding Fee Scale for Participating Families
- Annual Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program

The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 – 6:00.

Policies Regarding Attendance in a School Readiness Program:

- Families must reside in Norwalk.
- Children must attend school on a regular basis; families who are absent will be called. Children with excessive and or unexplained absences will be released from the program.
- Tuition is based on a family's gross income and size. We use the Norwalk School Readiness Income Guidelines to determine the percentages of tuition families need to pay, copies of the guidelines are available for all families.
- There is no maximum income limit; however, 60% of the families (24 families) have to have a maximum income less than 75% of the SMI (State Median Income.) Currently, the 2018 SMI for a family of 3 is \$69,394; for a family of 4 it is \$82,612.
- The current maximum fee, effective 2018 – is \$230 per week.

For Further Information: <https://child-care-preschool.brighthouse.com/CT/Norwalk/themarvin/Our-Center>