

Choosing a child care provider or early learning school for your child is a VERY important decision and often you have a lot of options to choose from. So, how do you know which is the best fit for your family? We hope this table helps you see how The Children's Workshop compares! Use the backside of this page to compare different providers side-by-side. If you have any questions about our programs we would be happy to answer them, please just ask!

	<b>The Children's Workshop</b>	<b>Center Based Child Care</b>	<b>Home / Family Child Care Programs</b>	<b>Nanny / Babysitter</b>	<b>Family / Friend</b>
<b>Accreditation</b>	Achieved or in process*	Varies	Varies	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Curriculum</b>	Play based, <b>Children's Workshop Curriculum Framework®</b> , proprietary framework written by our top educators in action in every classroom	Varies from center to center – some are “packaged” curricula and often staff is not trained properly	Varies, many do not have a formal/structured curriculum	No formal/structured curriculum	No curriculum
<b>Cost</b>	Varies by location, <b>competitive/affordable rates</b>	Varies	Varies, generally lower than center based care	Pay is usually hourly, may have tax implications	Can be “free”
<b>Convenience</b>	<b>Open 6:30am to 6:00pm**</b>	Hours vary, some close as early as 5:00pm	Hours vary	Hours / availability vary	Hours / availability vary
<b>Educators</b>	Teachers are highly trained, most have degrees in early childhood development or related field, low turnover, teachers have much experience	Teachers should meet minimum state licensing standards for education	Education requirements less strict than in center based programs	No education requirements or professional development required	No education requirements or professional development required
<b>Facilities</b>	Newly renovated, clean, bright, cheerful, age appropriate environments. Engaging classrooms and outdoor playgrounds	Varies greatly	Varies greatly, often smaller and more intimate settings	Care often takes place in your home	Care often takes place in your home
<b>Family Engagement</b>	Parent committee meetings held monthly, resources available for all families. Dedicated Family Liaison to meet the needs of every family.	Varies, many centers do very little to engage families	Varies from program to program	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Nutrition</b>	Hot, delicious, nutritious meals and snacks provided. Nutrition and physical exercise are incorporated into the curriculum	Very few include meals and snacks	Meals and snacks generally not included	Varies	Varies
<b>Programs</b>	Infant, Toddler, Preschool, PreK, Kindergarten, School Age, Summer Camp (varies by location)	Varies	Varies	Various expertise	Specific to your needs
<b>Regulation</b>	Meets or exceeds all state child care licensing requirements.	Should follow all state licensing requirements	Should follow all state licensing requirements	Not regulated	Not regulated
<b>Reliability</b>	Open Monday – Friday year round except for 10 holidays, We stay open when it snows!	Most observe at least 10 holidays and many programs close during inclement weather.	Usually take vacation days/weeks and close program. Care may be unavailable if provider is sick.	Usually take vacation days/weeks. Care may be unavailable if provider is sick.	Depends - care may be unavailable if provider is sick.
<b>Safety</b>	Highest safety standards; nurses onsite or on call at all locations, staff 100% CPR certified	Varies	Varies	Generally, no formal training	Generally, no formal training
<b>Security</b>	Doors locked 24/7, parent access by private security code only	Varies	Limited	None	None
<b>Supervision</b>	All classrooms meet or exceed state licensing requirements for student-to-teacher ratios	Should follow state mandated ratios	Should follow state mandated ratios – higher ratios allowed	No regulation	No regulation
<b>Socialization</b>	Classrooms grouped by age so that children can socialize with their peers.	Classrooms usually grouped by age	Often children of different age groups are cared for in same room	Little / no socialization	Little / no socialization
<b>Technology</b>	Smartboards in most centers, Computers in all PS, PK and school age classrooms for supervised use	Varies greatly	Varies greatly	Varies	Varies
<b>Transportation</b>	Our before and after school programs offer transportation to/from local schools	Many do not offer transportation	Generally not available	Varies	Varies

### Why Choose The Children's Workshop?

The Children's Workshop has been providing the highest quality child care and early childhood education since 1990 when we were founded by a local Rhode Island businessman and father of three. Today the company is still family owned and operated and we warmly welcome each and every child and family who attend our programs into our TCW family ... because for us, **Family Always Comes First!**

\* Most Children's Workshop schools are currently accredited or in the process of receiving accreditation from [NAEYC](#) and / or [Brightstars](#)

\*\* Our Waltham, MA and Westborough, MA schools are open 7am to 6:30pm



Use this table to compare up to five child care options!

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<b>Regulation</b>	Follows all state child care licensing requirements.				

<b>Notes</b>	
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