

The Learning Circle YMCA

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Child-care programs hours
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Extended hours
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Learning Circle YMCA (TLC) offers early education and care for children as young as six weeks old through all-day kindergarten. All programs accommodate full-time, full or part-week schedules. Enrollment is ongoing throughout the year.

Y Cares Financial Assistance Program

Financial assistance is based on ability to pay. It is the policy of the Y that no person be denied membership or program participation by reason of inability to pay. Funds made available for financial assistance are provided through the annual Strong Kids Campaign.

New to the Y?

You'll be pleasantly surprised by the value of membership. Much more than simply a gym, the YMCA offers a wealth of opportunities for stretching your mind as well as your muscles. Our four branches — the Berkeley Heights YMCA, Springfield YMCA, The Learning Circle, and Summit YMCA — offer a wide variety of services to help you and your family develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle.



Our Mission

The Summit Area YMCA champions positive values in youth, strengthens families, and builds healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



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Preschool - Pre-K Program
for ages 2 1/2 - 4 years plus



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Create. Explore. Belong.

When you entrust your child to The Learning Circle YMCA Early Childhood Center, you open the door to opportunity. That's because we believe that childcare programs should provide much more than just a safe haven and a daily routine.

For children of all ages, this is the time for learning. We strive to make every day an opportunity for your children to grow, learn, and become engaged young citizens of their community.

TLC emphasizes the importance of a well-planned curriculum for at all stages of a child's development through early education programs and care for children six weeks old through kindergarten. Experienced, articulate teachers and staff help students build age-appropriate skills ranging from language and literacy to music and art.

A full-size, state-of-the-art kitchen offers nutritious meals, and a dedicated full-time nurse addresses students' health needs while on premises.

All TLC programs are designed to accommodate full-time, full or part-week schedules and extended hours for working parents.

The Foundation for a Lifetime Love of Learning.

Preschool/Pre-K (2^{1/2} years–4 years plus)

The skills learned in preschool form the building blocks for formal education. Because this is a time when kids develop a thirst for learning, we encourage that thirst through immersion in projects and activities that engage their minds and hold their interest. With this kind of hands-on teaching experience every day, we see children learn more and learn faster. More importantly, we watch them develop a desire for learning that lasts for the rest of their lives.

From outdoor recreation to working gardens, dramatic play to YMCA activities like swim lessons, TLC's proven programs encourage varied age-appropriate interests. Classrooms include distinct interest areas with ample opportunities to explore manipulatives, table toys, books, computers, music/movement, cooking, art, science and nature.

TLC teachers create awareness and foster interest by regularly introducing new and stimulating objects, people and experiences. Language and literacy skills are emphasized through intentional daily activities, including a weekly Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) literacy program when senior adult volunteers visit the Center and read to the children.

Four playground areas offer access to outdoor recreational activities throughout the year. TLC students also enjoy seasonal activities, including a camp-like environment during the summer months and spring planting across our five gardens.



TLC program space is licensed by the Bureau of Licensing of the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). A copy of the current license is posted in the center.

To be licensed, a program must comply with the Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers. The regulations cover such areas as physical environment safety; staff qualifications, supervision, staff/child ratios; program activities and equipment; health, food and nutrition; and rest and sleep requirements.

Parents are encouraged to discuss with the director any questions or concerns about the policies and programs or the meaning and application of the regulations in the Manual of Requirements.