

# MIDLAND AREA LICENSED PRESCHOOLS, DAY CARE CENTERS AND HOMES

Youth Services  
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

The purpose of this directory is to assist the parents of young children in selecting preschools, day care centers and homes in the Midland area. A quality program will greatly benefit your child, nurturing his or her educational, physical, personal, and social development. The library does not endorse any particular program, and all preschools and day care centers are invited to submit information about their program.

This directory is organized into the following sections:

1. Introduction, Checklist for Day Care, Community Child Care Resources, and Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Resources
2. A list of Preschools and Day Care Centers in Midland County.

Statewide searches for a complete listing of licensed child day care centers and homes are available at: [http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/brs\\_cdc/sr\\_lfl.asp](http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/brs_cdc/sr_lfl.asp)

We hope this directory is helpful to you.

Youth Services Department  
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library  
1710 W. St. Andrews  
Midland, MI 48640



# Child Care Checklist for Parents

What to look for in a quality child care program:

## **Director Qualifications:**

Does the director of a child care center have a bachelor's degree in a child-related field?

Has the director worked in child care for at least 2 years?

Does the director understand what children need to grow and learn?

## **Lead Teacher Qualifications:**

Does the lead teacher in a child care center have a bachelor's degree in a child-related field?

Has the teacher worked in child care for at least 1 year?

Does the teacher give children lessons and toys that are right for their ages?

## **Child:Staff Ratio and Group Size:**

How many children are being cared for in the child care program?

How many caregivers are there? (Hint: Your child will get more attention if each caregiver has fewer children to take care of. The younger the children are, the more caregivers there should be. For example, one family home caregiver should only take care of two babies.)

## **Supervision:**

Are children supervised at all times, even when they are sleeping?

How do the caregivers discipline children? (Hint: Discipline should be positive, clear, consistent, and fair.)

## **Staff Training/First Aid:**

Have caregivers been trained how to keep children healthy and safe from injury and illness?

Do they know how to do first aid and rescue breathing?

Have they been trained to understand and meet the needs of children of different ages?

Are all child care staff, volunteers, and substitutes trained on and implementing infant back sleeping and safe sleep policies to reduce the risk of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, crib death)? (Hint: When infants are sleeping, are they on their backs with no pillows, quilts, stuffed toys, or other soft bedding in the crib with them?)

## **Immunizations:**

Is your child up-to-date on all of the required immunizations?

Does the child care program have records proving that the other children in care are up-to-date on all their required immunizations?

## **Toxic Substances:**

Are toxic substances like cleaning supplies and pest killers kept away from children?

Has the building been checked for dangerous substances like radon, lead, and asbestos?

Is poison control information posted?

**Emergency Plan:**

Does the child care program have an emergency plan if a child is injured, sick, or lost?

Does the child care program have first aid kits?

Does the child care program have information about who to contact in an emergency?

**Fire Drills:**

Does the child care program have a plan in case of a disaster like a fire, tornado, flood, blizzard, or earthquake?

Does the child care program do practice drills once every month?

**Child Abuse:**

Can caregivers be seen by others at all times, so a child is never alone with one caregiver?

Have all caregivers gone through a background check?

Have the caregivers been trained how to prevent child abuse, how to recognize signs of child abuse, and how to report suspected child abuse?

**Playgrounds:**

Is the playground inspected for safety often?

Is the playground surrounded by a fence? If there is a sandbox, is it clean? Are the soil and playground surfaces checked often for dangerous substances and hazards?

Is equipment the right size and type for the age of children who use it?

**Medications:**

Does the child care program keep medication out of reach from children?

Are the caregivers trained and the medications labeled to make sure the right child gets the right amount of the right medication at the right time?

**Handwashing & Diapering:**

Is the place where diapers are changed clean?

Do caregivers always keep a hand on the child while diapering?

Do caregivers remove the soiled diaper without dirtying any surface not already in contact with stool or urine?

Do caregivers clean and sanitize the surface after finishing the changing process? (Hint: Hands should be scrubbed with soap and water for at least 10 seconds and then rinsed and dried.

The water faucet should be turned off with a paper towel.

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# COMMUNITY CHILD CARE RESOURCES

## **CHILD CARE CONCEPTS 4C**

1714 Eastman  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-631-5390

Child Care Concepts 4C is a childcare resource and referral service supported by grants. The service assists parents in locating a childcare provider that best meets their individual needs. The providers that are in the CCC4C database are licensed/registered by the Michigan Department of Human Services and meet their set standards. The providers are also involved in ongoing training sessions, are part of a support group, and are visited by a Child Care Concepts 4C staff member.

Parents who call Child Care Concepts 4C will be given detailed information on the providers. It is up to the parent to choose the best provider for their family. CCC4C can assist the parent by providing them with information about quality childcare and by helping them with questions to ask the childcare provider.

For more information, contact Lori Rosenberger, Child Care Concepts 4C Coordinator, Family and Children's Services at 631-5390, or visit our Web site at <http://www.ccc4c.com>

## **SAGINAW VALLEY REGIONAL 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care)**

5560 Gratiot  
Suite B  
Saginaw, MI 48638

989-497-0680  
866-424-4532(toll-free)

Saginaw Valley Regional 4C maintains an up-to-date computerized listing of licensed childcare in Saginaw, Bay and Arenac Counties. Family day care homes, group day care homes, child care centers, preschools, before and after school and summer programs are listed. All are regulated by the Michigan Department of Human Services, which establishes minimum standards for health and safety.

4C will send you a list of providers in your community most likely to meet you needs, and can assist with information on hiring someone to come into your home as well. State licensing consultants and 4C can assist child care providers in meeting general standards of quality, but only you, the parents, can decide which care is best for your child. 4C will send you a checklist to help you know what to look for and what to ask when you interview providers. 4C also has information about, and applications for, the Department of Human Services "Unified Day Care Program" which helps families pay for child care while they are attending school or working.

For further information or referral concerning childcare, call 989-497-0680 or 866-424-4532 (toll-free), or visit our Web site at <http://www.svr4c.org/>.

# GRACE A. DOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY RESOURCES

## Books for Adults

<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
362.712	Connell	The Childcare Answer Book (2005)
362.712	Ehrich	The Anxious Parents' Guide to Quality Childcare (1999)
362.712	Gay	Day Care: Looking for Answers (1992)
649.68	Goldberg	Ready to Learn: How to Help Your Preschooler Succeed (2005)
372.21	Borden	Smart Start: A Parents Complete Guide to Preschool Education (1997)
372.21	Brenner	Preschool Handbook: Making the Most of Your Child's Education (1990)
372.21	Herman	Doris Herman's Preschool Primer for Parents (1998)
372.21	Dodge	Preschool for Parents: What Every Parent Needs to Know About Preschool (1998)
372.21	Rief	Ready--Start--School!(2001)

## Books for Children

<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>
E	Antoine	Curious Kids Go to Preschool (1996)	Preschool
E	Ballard	My Day, Your Day (2001)	Preschool
E	Barrett	Day Care Days (1999)	Day Care
E	Boelts	Little Bunny's Preschool Countdown (1996)	Preschool
E	Brillhart	When Daddy Came to School (1995)	Preschool
E	Brown	D.W.'s Guide to Preschool (2003)	Preschool
E	Carlstrom	Giggle-Wiggle Wake Up! (2003)	Preschool
E	Child	I Am Absolutely Too Small for School 2004)	Preschool
E	Cole	When Mommy and Daddy Go to Work (2001)	Day Care
E	Cooney	Chatterbox Jamie (1993)	Preschool
E	Dalton	This is the Way (1992)	Preschool
E	Edwards	My First Day at Nursery School (2002)	Preschool
E	Forward	What Did You Do Today (2004)	Preschool
E	Grindley	I Don't Want To (1990)	Preschool
E	Levitin	When Kangaroo Goes to School (2001)	Preschool
E	Lindgren	Rosa Goes to Day Care	Day Care
E	Neubecker	Wow! School! (2007)	Preschool
E	Rankin	First Day (2002)	Preschool
E	Riddel	My First Day at Preschool (1992)	Preschool
E	Rockwell	My Nursery School (1976)	Preschool
E	Tompert	Will You Come Back For Me? (1988)	Day Care
E	Valens	Jesse's Daycare (1990)	Preschool
E	Zalben, Jane B.	Don't Go! (2001)	Preschool

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PRESCHOOL**

CONTACT PERSON: Kathe Annelin

3109 Swede Avenue  
Midland, MI 48642  
989-835-6777 Ext. 241

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Parent Volunteer Optional  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3 and 4-year-olds; Young 5's  
TEACHERS: Dottie Norris + parapro daily  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes (annual open house in February)  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Yes  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: No  
CLASS SIZE: 15 in Young 5's; 20 in 4-year-olds; 15 in 3-year-olds  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:7 for Young 5's; 1:10 for 4-year-olds; 1:7 for 3-year-olds  
REMARKS:

All classes have 2 teachers and 1 volunteer parent.

3-year-olds:	TTH	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
4-year-olds:	MWF	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Young 5's	M-F	12:10 - 2:10 p.m.

**BULLOCK CREEK COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL**

CONTACT PERSON: Missy Finney, West Midland Family Center  
989-832-3256

1037 Poseyville Road  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-832-8691  
FAX 989-832-4014

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool – Great Start Readiness Program  
Michigan Department of Education funding  
Full-day session 8:30 - 3:30, Monday - Thursday  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 4-year-olds (by Dec. 1 of enrolling year)  
TEACHERS: Marcy Young  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Midland County Quality Preschool Partnership  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes (annual January and August open houses)  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: No fees, but must qualify for program  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Will work with parents as needed  
CLASS SIZE: 18  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:6  
REMARKS:

Any child will be considered for enrollment regardless of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, or special needs. Fun parent involvement activities, including meals for the whole family, are an added benefit. Developed under state grants awarded by the Michigan Department of Education. Located at Bullock Creek Elementary School.

**CHIPPEWA COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL**

CONTACT PERSON: Ashley Zeigler  
989-631-9787

2401 E. Wheeler Road  
Midland, MI 48642  
989-832-2008

**TYPE OF PROGRAM:** Preschool (co-op and private classes)  
**AGE GROUPS SERVED:** 3 and 4-year-olds  
**TEACHERS:** Debbie Carpenter  
**BROCHURES AVAILABLE:** Yes  
**VISITS ALLOWED:** Yes (annual January and August Open Houses)  
**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** No  
**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:** No  
**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** No  
**CLASS SIZE:** 20  
**ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:** 1:5 for 3 and 4-year-olds  
**OPEN HOUSE:** January and August  
**REMARKS:**

Chippewa Preschool is a non-profit co-operative preschool which emphasizes learning through play. Children are taught ideas, concepts and skills through stories, games, and

3-year-olds:	TTH	9:00 - 11:15 a.m.
4-year-olds:	MWF	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**COLEMAN CO-OP PRESCHOOL**

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jeanne LaMee  
 989-465-9352

4182 Saginaw Road  
 Coleman, MI 48618  
 989-465-9352

**TYPE OF PROGRAM:** Co-op Preschool  
**AGE GROUPS SERVED:** 3-5 year olds  
**TEACHERS:** Jeanne LaMee  
**BROCHURES AVAILABLE:** Yes  
**VISITS ALLOWED:** Yes  
**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** No  
**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:** No  
**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** No  
**CLASS SIZE:** 22 (Currently 9 enrolled)  
**ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:** 1:5 Currently



interactions are offered in a warm and nurturing atmosphere. Stories, songs, and playtime with friends are planned to make it a gentle first classroom experience for your child.

EPWORTH EXPERIENCES meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:15-11:15 for **four-year-olds**. Limited in size, this class incorporates Epworth's play-based philosophy of learning into a small-group experience. It offers increased opportunities for hands-on-science and cooking activities, as well as the individual attention made possible by its smaller size. Frequent field trips seek the learning opportunities available in our community. Stories, songs, quiet and active play, paint and play dough are the foundation experiences which foster learning and development in all areas.

EPWORTH FUN-DAMENTALS meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:00-11:30, for four and young five-year-olds. This class draws on Epworth's long tradition of learning through play, providing a balanced combination of carefully planned free play choices and teacher-directed activities. Art, literature, and elementary science concepts are all part of an integrated curriculum which also includes field trips, cooking experiences, extended opportunities to pretend, and active play. The focus is on having fun together and learning about our world, while developing the cognitive, physical, and social skills which are important to kindergarten readiness.

\*Classes are taught by certified teachers with training in early childhood education.

\*Curbside pick-up/drop-off is available.

\*Priority (early) registration is given to members of area Methodist churches and currently enrolled families. For open registration information, contact the Registrar directly at 832-5061.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

CONTACT PERSON: Dana Schwab, Director

907 Mattes Drive  
Midland, MI 48642  
989-835-4181

TYPE OF PROGRAM:	Private Preschool
AGE GROUPS SERVED:	3 and 4-year-olds; Young 5's and Kindergarten
Complement	
Dana Schwab	
BROCHURES AVAILABLE:	Yes
VISITS ALLOWED:	Yes
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:	Yes (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod - WELS)
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:	No
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:	Will develop as needed
CLASS SIZE:	12 - 16
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:	1:10
OPEN HOUSE:	Usually scheduled for the first week in February
REMARKS:	

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool offers a developmentally appropriate program for young children in a Christian setting. Bible stories and Christian values are a part of the daily curriculum. The staff is educated and trained in Child Development and has current certification in CPR and first aid.

We offer a parent/child program for 2 and 3-year-olds in the fall and winter. The program is designed for toddlers and their parents to play and learn in a preschool setting for the 8 week session.

We also offer an afternoon class for Young 5's and Kindergarten Complement (combined). Children bring their own lunch or have the option to purchase one. Focus is on Kindergarten readiness, development of social skills, exploration of maps and other cultures, as well as continued literacy development. Visit our Web site at [www.goodshepherdmidland.org/preschool.htm](http://www.goodshepherdmidland.org/preschool.htm).

GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM Longview Elementary School  
CONTACT PERSON: Lori Kaylor 337 Lemke Street  
Midland, MI 48642  
989-496-7208

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool – GSRP  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 4 to 5-year-olds  
TEACHER: Lori Kaylor  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Free (families must qualify)  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: If determined appropriate  
CLASS SIZE: 18 per class A.M. 9-12 & P.M. 12-3  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:6  
REMARKS:

Families must live in the Midland Public School district. Transportation is provided. There is another School Readiness Site at the north Midland Family Center. Linda Benson is the contact person at the North Midland Family Center. Children must be 4 years old by December 1 of the school year they are attending.

HEAVENS ELECT LITTLE PEOPLE 3305 Ridgecrest Drive, Suite B

CONTACT PERSON: Melissa Copeland, Director  
Midland, MI 48642  
989-837-1914

OWNER: Sue Beckett  
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool and Daycare  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: Birth to 12 years  
TEACHERS: We have many teachers. You will meet them during tours.  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
Yes (M-F 9:30 - 11:30) No appointment necessary, but helpful. If time is inconvenient please call for an appointment.  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Nondenominational  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: No

#### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: No  
CLASS SIZE: Depends on ages – per state guidelines  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: Depends on age of child – per state guidelines  
REMARKS:

Each classroom has a curriculum and teachers are trained in CPR and First Aid.

HIDDEN TREASURES PRESCHOOL  
CONTACT PERSON: Mrs. Jean Reece

6100 Perrine Road

Midland, MI 48640  
989-832-5250

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool and Daycare  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 2 ½ to 6-year-olds  
Marilyn Dumont, Susan Varney, Judy Romig, Esther Clidence, Sonja Wallenbeck, Barb Green, Robin Ankenbrandt, Rachel Seliga, and Hannah Hunger  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Yes  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: No  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: No  
CLASS SIZE: 18-24  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:10 for K-3  
1:12 for K-4 and K-5

REMARKS:

Hidden Treasures Preschool offers children an enjoyable educational program in a warm, caring, Christian atmosphere. Hidden Treasures Preschool is committed to providing children an opportunity to reach their fullest potential spiritually, academically, socially and physically. Our teachers are of the highest caliber and are educationally prepared to give each child individual attention. We have two K-3, five K-4, and two K-5 classes available at this time. Please call 989-832-5250 for further information.

MERIDIAN NEMCSA HEAD START  
CONTACT PERSON: Jennifer Heistand

Family Community Coordinator  
989-832-0968

2534 N. West River Road  
Sanford, MI 48657  
989-687-3479

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3 to 5-year-olds  
TEACHERS: Kim Short, Brigid Mularz, and classroom aide Jacqui Wilson  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Free program to those who qualify  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes  
CLASS SIZE: 15 a.m.; 15 p.m.  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:  
REMARKS:  
AM Session 8:15 - 11:30 a.m.  
PM Session 12:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Area Manager: Vickie Rutledge (989-631-4829)

MERIDIAN PRESCHOOL

CONTACT PERSON: Julie Sheets

2534 N. West River Road  
Sanford, MI 48657  
989-687-3455

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 4-year-olds  
TEACHERS: Julie Sheets  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes (Student Handbook also available)  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes (Parents, staff, and resource personnel only)  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Free program  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Children are referred to ESA in Midland  
CLASS SIZE: 18 per section  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:6  
REMARKS:

The Michigan School Readiness Program serves 4-year-olds. Program hours are 8:15 -11:30 and 12:30 - 3:45, Monday - Thursday. Available only to children in the Meridian district. We also offer day care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We are licensed for 228. Visit our Web Site at [www.merps.k12.mi.us/ses](http://www.merps.k12.mi.us/ses).

MESSIAH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

CONTACT PERSON: Micki Gibbs

1550 S. Poseyville Road  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-835-7143 Ext. 209

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Private Non-Profit  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3 to 5-year-olds  
TEACHERS: Hope Krotzer, Tina Leiner, Kelli Smith and Samantha Todd  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Yes  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

REMARKS: We accept children with special needs but we do not have special classes for them.

CLASS SIZE: 12 to 14 in 3-year-olds  
14 to 16 in 4-year-olds  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:7 for 3 to 4-year-olds (2 mornings, 1 afternoon)  
1:8 for 4 to 5-year-olds (3 mornings, 2 afternoons)

REMARKS: We are a licensed pre-school and accept students of any faith. Open registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the following school year. Partial scholarships are available. Child must be 4-years-old by December 1. We are offering a new 4-year-old class 5 days/wk for 3 hours each class – 9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We are also offering a Time for Twos class in the fall of '09 for parent to do with child. Contact Micki Gibbs at [mgibbs@messiahbc.org](mailto:mgibbs@messiahbc.org)

MICHELE'S MONTESSORI

4611 Swede Avenue

CONTACT PERSON: Michelle Parker

Midland, MI 48642  
989-835-3999

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Montessori preschool and all-day childcare/ Before and After Care

AGE GROUPS SERVED: 2 ½ to 12-year-olds

TEACHERS: Montessori Certified Teachers: Michele Parker, Patricia Reyes,

and Lindsay Dinkel

Additional Staff: Danna Lechner, Roxana Stevens, and Michelle Colvin

BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes

VISITS ALLOWED: Yes

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

NEEDS: No

CLASS SIZE: 24

ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:6

REMARKS:

Open year round. Spanish program and outdoor playground.  
Before and After School Program – Elementary School Children (6-11-year-olds)  
Full-time Summer Program – “Advance Group” (6-11-year-olds)

MIDLAND 1 NEMCSA HEAD START 2828 Isabella Street

CONTACT PERSON: Jennifer Heistand, Family Community Coordinator  
989-832-0968

Midland, MI 48640  
989-631-3777

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool

AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3 to 5-year-olds

TEACHERS: Laurie Painter, Deb Bunker and classroom aide

BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes

VISITS ALLOWED: Yes

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Free program to those who qualify

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes

CLASS SIZE: 17 a.m.; 17 p.m.

ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:

REMARKS:

AM Session	M-TH	8:30 - 12:00 p.m.
PM Session	M-TH	12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Area Manager: Vickie Rutledge (989-631-4829)

MIDLAND 2 NEMCSA HEAD START

3917 Jefferson

CONTACT PERSON: Kelly Scoles, Family Community Coordinator Midland, MI 48640

989-832-7520 989-631-1460

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3 to 5-year-olds  
TEACHERS: Mavis McDaniel, Sara Schroeder and classroom aide  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Free program to those who qualify  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes  
CLASS SIZE: 15 a.m.; 15 p.m.  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:  
REMARKS:

AM Session	M-TH	8:45 - 12:15 p.m.
PM Session	M-TH	12:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Area Manager: Vickie Rutledge (989-631-4829)

MIDLAND 3 NEMCSA HEAD START 3917 Jefferson

CONTACT PERSON: Kelly Scoles, Family Community Coordinator Midland, MI 48640

989-832-7520 989-631-3879

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3 to 5-year-olds  
TEACHERS: Sue McLane, Dawn Wyman, classroom aide, and ESA staff  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Free program to those who qualify  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes  
CLASS SIZE: 15 a.m.; 15 p.m.  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:  
REMARKS:

AM Session	M-TH	8:45 - 12:15 p.m.
PM Session	M-TH	12:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Area Manager: Vicki Rutledge (989-631-4829)

MIDLAND 4 NEMCSA HEAD START Midland Community Center  
CONTACT PERSON: Jennifer Heistand, Family Community Coordinator  
989-832-0968

2001 George Street  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-832-7937 Ext. 2238

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3 to 5-year-olds  
TEACHERS: Kris Walko, Rebecca Cichosz and classroom aide  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Free program to those who qualify  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes  
CLASS SIZE: 17 a.m.; 17 p.m.  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:  
REMARKS:

AM Session	M-TH	8:30 - 12:00 p.m.
PM Session	M-TH	12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Area Manager: Vicki Rutledge (989-631-4829)

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
CONTACT PERSON: Carianne Robbins

4417 W. Wackerly Street  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-835-

9881

Full or half-day preschool (2, 3 or 5 days per week)  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 3, 4 and 5-year-olds  
TEACHERS: Carianne Robbins and Tina Spicer  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Nondenominational  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: No  
CLASS SIZE: 13  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:10

We offer music, gym, Spanish, and bible classes in our preschool. Enrichment care (Pre-K and Kindergarten) begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

MIDLAND MONTESSORI SCHOOL

CONTACT PERSON: Pegg Woodby, Office Manager

5709 Eastman Avenue

Midland, MI 48640

989-835-3921

Montessori Infant and Toddler Program, Montessori Preschool and Kindergarten, All Day Montessori  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: 6 weeks to 36 months old and 3 to 6 year olds

Debbie Wilson

BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes

VISITS ALLOWED: Yes

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: No

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: See remarks

CLASS SIZE/ ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:	0-2 Infant/Toddler = 12	Infant Toddler = 1:4
	2-3 ½ Toddler = 12	2-3 ½ Toddler = 1:4
	Preschool = 20 - 25	Preschool = 1:10

All Day Montessori = 20 - 25	All Day
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Montessori = 1:10

Extended Kindergarten = 20 - 25	Extended
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Kindergarten = 1:12

OPEN HOUSE: January 11, 2009 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

REMARKS:

French and Spanish language classes are available twice per week. Music classes for all Montessori classes are available. We do not have special programs for children with special needs, but the Montessori method of teaching does lend itself to different individualization to a child with special needs. For a complete understanding of the Montessori program, actual classroom observation is encouraged. This may be arranged by phoning the school. Applications for enrollment are accepted throughout the year. Midland Montessori School is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Visit our Web site at [www.midlandmontessori.org](http://www.midlandmontessori.org).



successes each day. When children are successful they feel good about themselves and learning is fun.

MUSTANG HILL DAYCARE CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Julie Sheets

2534 N. West River Road

Sanford, MI 48657

989-687-3455

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day Care  
 AGE GROUPS SERVED: 2 weeks to 12 years  
 TEACHERS:  
 BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
 VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: No  
 PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
 WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes  
 CLASS SIZE: 12 - 18  
 ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:4 Infants 1:8 Toddlers  
 1:4 Tykes 1:10 Preschoolers  
 1:18 School-age  
 REMARKS:

Visit our Web site at [www.merps.k12.mi.us/ses/](http://www.merps.k12.mi.us/ses/).

NATURE PRESCHOOL AT CHIPPEWA NATURE CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Rachel Larimore (Chippewa Nature Center)  
 Missy Finney (West Midland Family Center)  
 832-3256

400 S. Badour Road

Midland, MI 48640

989-631-0830

FAX 989-631-7070

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Preschool – Great Start Readiness Program, Nature program

Michigan Department of Education funding

Part-day sessions 8:45-11:45 & 12:45-3:45

Monday – Thursday

AGE GROUPS SERVED: 4-year-olds (by December 1 of enrolling year)

TEACHERS: Erin Soper

BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Midland County Quality Preschool Partnership

VISITS ALLOWED: Yes

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No

ABLE: No fees if your child qualifies for the Michigan School Readiness Program. If your child does not qualify for MSRP scholarships are available.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Will work with parents as needed

CLASS SIZE: 18

ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:6

REMARKS:

Any child will be considered for enrollment regardless of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, or special needs. Fun parent involvement activities, including meals for the whole family, are an added benefit. Developed under state grants awarded by the Michigan Department of Education. Located at the Chippewa Nature Center. Visit our Web site at [www.chippewanaturecenter.org](http://www.chippewanaturecenter.org).

NORTH MIDLAND FAMILY CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Brenda Boyce

2601 E. Shearer Road

Midland, MI 48642

989-689-7770  
FAX 989-689-7008

Infant, Toddler, 3 to 5-Year-Old Child Care, 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4-Year-Old School Readiness Pre-School, Before School Daycare and After School Program, School Age Summer Program

AGE GROUPS SERVED: 6 weeks to 12 years  
TEACHERS: Linda Benson  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes  
CLASS SIZE: Various (total capacity 110 – licensing capacity)  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: Varies with age of children  
REMARKS:

\* Non-profit agency \* DHS payments accepted \* Scholarship assistance available to those who qualify  
\* Family/Parenting Programming \* Facility Rentals \* Specific assistance to individuals  
\* Licensed professional counselor on site  
\* United Way partner  
\* Visit our Web site at [www.nmfc.org](http://www.nmfc.org).

RAILWAY FAMILY CENTER

CONTACT PERSON: Child Care – Windy Ulrich – 465-6172  
CONTACT PERSON: Preschool – Riley Walker – 465-9854

991 E. Railway  
Coleman, MI 48618  
989-465-2079

[www.railwayfamilycenter.org](http://www.railwayfamilycenter.org)

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Universal Preschool (3-5 yr); Child Care (6 wks-12 yrs)  
AGE GROUPS SERVED: Child Care: 6 wks-12 yrs; PreK: 3-5 yrs  
TEACHERS:  
BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
VISITS ALLOWED: Tours available to walk-ins or by appointment.  
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes  
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Yes, for preschool age children.  
CLASS SIZE: Licensed for 126 children.  
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:4 - Childcare 6 wks to 18 mo  
1:6 – Childcare 18 mo to 2 ½ yr  
1:8 – Childcare 2 ½ to 3 ½ yr  
1:10 – Childcare 3 ½ yr and up  
1:18 – School age after school program

REMARKS: Two preschool (3-5 yr) GSRP classes are available as well  
as a Head Start preschool (3-5 yr) class.

ST BRIGID AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

CONTACT PERSON: Adrienne Wontorcik

130 West Larkin  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-835-9481

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Afternoon Explorers - After School Care  
 AGE GROUPS SERVED: Kindergarten (4years 9months) – 8<sup>th</sup> grade (14 years)  
 TEACHERS: Adrienne and Deb  
 BROCHURES AVAILABLE: No  
 VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Yes - Catholic  
 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes – through school  
 PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Some  
 CLASS SIZE: 20  
 ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:18 legal  
 1:10 we operate  
 REMARKS:

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

CONTACT PERSON: Amy McDonald  
48640

989-832-4344

405 N. Saginaw Road  
Midland, MI

989-835-4003

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Co-op and Private Preschool  
 AGE GROUPS SERVED: 2-year-olds (with parent)  
 3, 4, and Young 5's  
 TEACHERS: Robbyn Durance, Michele Farley, Wendy Fritsch, and  
 aides  
 BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Yes  
 VISITS ALLOWED: Yes  
 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: No  
 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes  
 PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: No  
 CLASS SIZE: See remarks  
 ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:5 for 3-year-olds  
 1:5 for 4-year-olds  
 OPEN HOUSE: February 7, 2009 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
 REMARKS:

For over 35 years our preschool has provided an enriching educational experience for children in a supportive, loving atmosphere. Children have the opportunity to develop their abilities and comprehension through manipulation, experimentation, and exploration. St. John's strives to help children experience the fun and enjoyment of learning while growing socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. Parents of prospective students are always welcome to visit our classes. Visit our Web site at [www.sjec-midland.org/preschool](http://www.sjec-midland.org/preschool).

Our preschool offers the best combination of highly-trained, experienced, and degree teaching and aide staff. If you are looking to prepare your child for all-day kindergarten, we offer an

extended day for 3, 4, and young 5 year old students. The extended day program offers a unique small group environment that nurtures educational curiosity and peer social interaction with a hands-on developmental curriculum.

Class schedule:

2-year-olds:	W or F	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
3-year-olds:	TTH	9:00 - 11:15 a.m.
3-year-olds:	T	11:15 - 1:00 p.m. (optional)
4-year-olds:	MWF	9:00 - 11:15 a.m.
4-year-olds:	W	11:15 - 1:45 p.m. (optional)
Young 5's	WF	11:15 - 1:45 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Weber

505 E. Carpenter  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-835-7041

TYPE OF PROGRAM:	Private Preschool
AGE GROUPS SERVED:	3 and 4-year-olds; Young 5's
TEACHERS:	1 lead, 2 to 3 assistant
BROCHURES AVAILABLE:	Yes
VISITS ALLOWED:	Yes
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:	Yes
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:	Yes
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:	Yes. Accepted on an individual basis depending on needs.
CLASS SIZE:	14 (2 classes per session)
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:	1:7

REMARKS:

This program is planned to help each child grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Applications are available in January for classes beginning the following September.

Class Schedule:

3-year-olds:	T, TH	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Young 4's:	T, TH	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
4's and Young 5's	M, W, F	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

STEPPING STONES DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL 2904 E. Ashman Street

CONTACT PERSON: Emily Squires, Owner/Director  
Michille Federer, Co-Director

Midland, MI 48642  
989-832-8588

Preschool, Young 5's/Kindergarten Compliment, Daycare, Before/After School Care, Summer Program

AGE GROUPS SERVED:	2 years 9 months to 12 years
TEACHERS:	Ronda Glynn and Vivian McWethy

BROCHURES AVAILABLE:	Yes
VISITS ALLOWED:	Yes
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:	Incorporate prayer before snack
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:	DHS accepted if space is available
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:	See Remarks
CLASS SIZE:	Licensed capacity of 34 children
ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:	Averages 1:6
OPEN HOUSE:	August

**REMARKS:**

Stepping Stones offers a well-balanced program geared to each child's individual needs. Preschool is offered 5 days per week, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years. We also offer a new Young 5's/Kindergarten Complement class, which is held 2 days a week on Monday and Wednesday from 1- 2:30 p.m. Parent participation is welcomed but not required. Classes begin each year in September and end in May. Open registration begins February 1 of each year, but applications for enrollment are accepted throughout the year. We also offer an exciting before/after school program (transportation available to and from area schools), as well as an educational summer program for children of all ages. Acceptance of children with special needs is at the discretion of the Director. Come see why Stepping Stones was voted the #1 preschool in 2003, 2004 and 2005 by the Midland Daily News Reader's Choice Awards and let us be your child's "Stepping Stone" to educational success! Call for your personal tour today! Registration Open House is offered each year in August.

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL  
 CONTACT PERSON: Andrea Berchert  
 989-631-0692

3701 Jefferson  
 Midland, MI 48640  
 989-631-0692

TYPE OF PROGRAM:	Private Preschool
AGE GROUPS SERVED:	3 and 4-year-olds; Young 5's 2's and You (2 eleven-week sessions)
TEACHERS:	Elaine Fabinski and Terri Sauve
BROCHURES AVAILABLE:	Yes

VISITS ALLOWED: Yes

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Yes

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Yes

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: See Remarks

CLASS SIZE: Limited to 22 children

ADULT TO CHILD RATIO: 1:5 for TTH

1:6 to 1:7 for MWF

OPEN HOUSE: January 31, 2009 10:00 a.m. – noon

**REMARKS:**

We have been serving the community since 1965. Classes begin each school year in September and end in early May. Applications are available in January for classes beginning the following September. Acceptance of children with special needs is at the discretion of the director and teacher. Registration is on a first come, first served basis at our public Open House only. Email us at [trinitylutheranpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylutheranpreschool@gmail.com). Recently voted #1 preschool in Midland by the Reader’s Choice Awards!

**Class Schedule:**

2’s and You: MF 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

3-year-olds: TTH 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

3-year-olds: TTH 12:45 - 3:00 p.m.

4-year-olds: MWF 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Older 4’s/Young 5’s: MWF 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

WEST MIDLAND PRESCHOOL

CONTACT PERSON: Missy Finney

4011 W. Isabella (M-20)

Shepherd, MI 48883

989-832-3256

FAX 989-832-5755

**TYPE OF PROGRAM:** Preschool – Great Start Readiness Program  
Michigan Department of Education funding  
Full day sessions 8:30 – 3:30, Monday - Thursday

**AGE GROUPS SERVED:** 4-year-olds (by December 1 of enrolling year)  
Wendy Plewa and Jessica Beson

**ABLE:** Midland County Quality Preschool Partnership

**VISITS ALLOWED:** Yes

**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** No

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:** No fees, but must qualify for program

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** Will work with parents as needed

**CLASS SIZE:** Two classes of 18, serving 36 children

**ADULT TO CHILD RATIO:** 1:6

**REMARKS:**

Any child will be considered for enrollment regardless of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, or special needs. Fun parent involvement activities, including meals for the whole family, are an added benefit. Developed under state grants awarded by the Michigan Department of Education. Located on M-20, approximately 14 miles west of downtown Midland at the West Midland Family Center.