



**READY FOR**  
**PRESCHOOL?**





**Learn about high quality,  
free or low-cost preschool  
opportunities for qualifying  
families in the City of Alexandria**



# HOW IT WORKS

Exciting activities are underway in Alexandria to help parents learn about free and low-cost preschool opportunities. Many of these programs are made possible by grants that come from federal, state, and local resources. What's even more exciting is the promise that preschool providers are making to work together to ensure children who need services can access them.

CHILDREN WHO COME TO SCHOOL HEALTHY AND READY TO LEARN ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE.

To help qualifying families connect to a variety of high quality, free or low-cost early care & education opportunities, we have listed the Virginia Preschool Initiative, Head Start, and Early Head Start programs available in Alexandria. All of the programs have earned independent quality ratings from the National Association for the Education

of Young Children (NAEYC) and/or Virginia's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).

To help you decide which program best fits your family's needs, additional details are provided, including location, hours of operation, and more. Please be aware that each program has different eligibility guidelines based on income, family size, and additional criteria.

Each provider is knowledgeable about these requirements and can help you figure out whether you qualify, or refer you to another program if appropriate.

Please call the contact person listed with any questions about how to register your child.

All of the providers welcome your interest and want to help more children get the early education needed to support school readiness.

## Age eligibility:

- Early Head Start offers services to expectant families - Age 3
- Head Start offers services to children who are 3 years old on or before Sept 30th - Age 4
- Virginia Preschool Initiative offers services to children who are 4 years old on or before Sept 30th
- Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept 30th

## FAMILY INCOME CHART

Household Size	100%	Monthly	Weekly	250%	Monthly	Weekly
2	\$15,930	\$1,327	\$306	\$39,825	\$3,319	\$766
3	\$20,090	\$1,674	\$386	\$50,225	\$4,185	\$966
4	\$24,250	\$2,021	\$466	\$60,625	\$5,053	\$1,166
5	\$28,410	\$2,367	\$546	\$71,025	\$5,919	\$1,366
6	\$32,570	\$2,714	\$626	\$81,425	\$6,785	\$1,566
7	\$36,730	\$3,061	\$706	\$91,825	\$7,652	\$1,766

## Other eligibility factors:

### Family experiences with:

- Homelessness
- Teen Parenthood
- Substance Abuse
- Disability (Chronic Physical / Mental)
- Foster Care
- Family Instability
- Incarceration of a Parent
- English Language Learner (ELL)
- Family Violence
- Unstable Employment
- Socio-Emotional Behavior Issues



# PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS

## Child & Family Network Centers (CFNC)

**Contact:** Jennifer Reynolds **Phone:** 703-836-0214 x222

**Email:** [jreynolds@cfnc-online.org](mailto:jreynolds@cfnc-online.org)

**www.cfnc-online.org**

- Full-day Pre-Kindergarten (Free if income-eligible)
- Small multi-cultural classroom learning environments for 4-year-olds with highly trained bilingual (Spanish and English speaking) teachers
- Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided daily
- All children receive hearing, dental, and vision screenings
- Connect families to health services if they don't already have a medical home
- Parent workshops and classes on financial literacy, child development, English literacy, job acquisition, and health and nutrition
- After-school care available

## ALIVE!

**Contact:** Pam Blankenship **Phone:** 703-548-9255

**Email:** [Acdddirector@aol.com](mailto:Acdddirector@aol.com)

**alive-inc.org**

- Open 51 weeks during the year, Monday through Friday, 11 hours per day
- Staff:Child ratios of 1:4 per classroom
- Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack provided daily; weekly cooking activities
- iStartSmart Touch Screen Computers in each classroom
- Individualized fine motor skills and sensory training, and speech therapy
- On-site year-round social worker
- Health and developmental screenings
- Family supports: food, medical and housing assistance, house wares and furniture delivery
- Individual and family counseling and social skills groups
- Monthly parent workshops and classes on literacy, math & science, child development, budgeting, kindergarten readiness, and other topics

## Additional Resources

If your child has, or you think s/he may have a disability, please call Child Find at 703-578-8217 for assistance.

The City of Alexandria's Center for Children & Families Early Childhood Division has information regarding childcare, financial, and other programs. Please call 703-746-HELP or visit [alexandriava.gov/childcare](http://alexandriava.gov/childcare) for details.

## Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)

**Contact:** Deborah Tyler **Phone:** 703-619-8026

**Email:** [deborah.tyler@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:deborah.tyler@acps.k12.va.us)

**acps.k12.va.us/preschool/vpi.php**

- In-school location
- Full-day program
- Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided
- Highly-qualified and certified teachers
- Art, music, library and PE taught by highly-qualified and certified teachers
- Diverse classrooms with low student/teacher ratios
- Counselors, social workers, and special education services available
- Before- and after-school care may be available

## The Campagna Center (TCC)

**Contact:** Leslie Yamnicky **Phone:** 703-549-0111

**Email:** [lyamnicky@campagnacenter.org](mailto:lyamnicky@campagnacenter.org)

**campagnacenter.org**

- Family engagement encouraged
- Languages spoken by staff: Amharic, Arabic, English, Farsi, French, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Urdu
- Early Childhood Education degree'd teachers
- Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided
- Computers and iPads in each classroom
- Dual language teachers with a focus on dual language learners
- Health and dental screenings
- Before- and after-school care available
- Family and child goal planning
- Family support: job training, job search, nutrition consulting

## Creative Play School

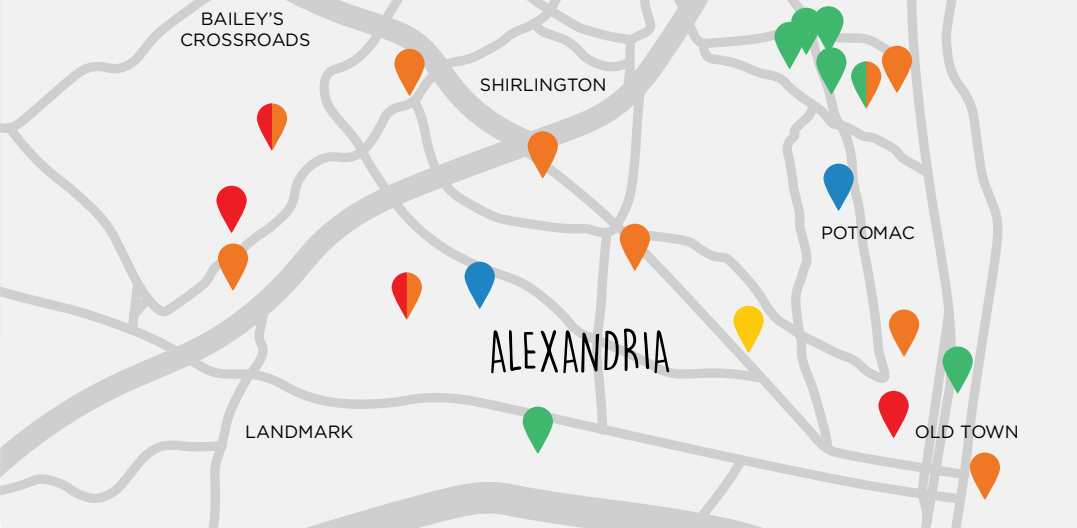
**Contact:** Kim Littleton **Phone:** 703-751-3388

**Email:** [klittleton@creativeplayschool.biz](mailto:klittleton@creativeplayschool.biz)

**creativeplayschool.biz**

- Professionally trained, highly qualified teachers
- Full day, year round program with meals provided
- Family support- onsite social worker
- Parent education
- Spanish language learning
- Vision, hearing and dental screenings





# PRESCHOOL LOCATIONS/ LISTINGS

PROVIDER	CLASSROOM NAME	ADDRESS	HOURS OF OPERATION	CLASS SIZE	AGE	FUNDING SOURCE
CFNC	Child & Family Network Center	3700 Wheeler Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304	9:00am-5:00pm Extended Day	2 classrooms, 18 students per class	4	VPI
CFNC	Notabene	607 Notabene Dr., Alexandria, VA 22305	9:00am-3:00pm	1 classroom, 18 students	4	VPI
CFNC	Chirilagua	3918 A Bruce St., Alexandria, VA 22305	9:00am-3:00pm	1 classroom, 18 students	4	VPI
CFNC	3801	3801 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305	9:00am-5:00pm Extended Day	1 classroom, 16 students	4	VPI
CFNC	Cora Kelly Recreation Center	25 W. Reed Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305	9:00am-3:00pm	2 classrooms, 18 students per class	4	VPI
CFNC	Cora Kelly School for Math, Science & Technology	3600 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305	9:00am-3:00pm	1 classroom, 18 students	4	VPI
CFNC	Charles Houston Recreation Center	901 Wythe St., Alexandria, VA 22314	9:00am-5:00pm Extended Day	2 classrooms, 18 students per class	4	VPI
ALIVE!	ALIVE! Child Development Blue Classroom	2723 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302	6:45am-5:45pm	1 classroom, 16 students	4	VPI and Sliding-Fee Scale
ALIVE!	ALIVE! Child Development Red Classroom	2723 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302	6:45am-5:45pm	1 classroom, 14 students	4	VPI and Sliding-Fee Scale
ACPS	John Adams Elementary School	5651 Rayburn Ave., Alexandria VA 22311	8:00am-2:35pm	3 classrooms, 16 students per class	4	VPI
ACPS	William Ramsay Elementary School	5700 Sanger Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311	8:00am-2:35pm	1 classroom, 16 students	4	VPI
ACPS	Patrick Henry Elementary School	4643 Taney Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304	8:00am-2:35pm	6 classrooms, 16 students per class	4	VPI
ACPS	Jefferson-Houston School	1501 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA 22314	8:00am-2:35pm	1 classroom, 16 students	4	VPI
TCC	George Washington Middle School	1005 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301	7:30am-6:00pm	2 VPI and 3 EHS classrooms	0-5	VPI, HS, EHS
TCC	The Campagna Early Learning Center at Northern Virginia Community College	3001 N. Beauregard St., Tyler Bldg, Alexandria, VA 22311	7:30am-6:00pm	1 classroom, 18 students	3-5	VPI and Fee for Service
TCC	John Adams Elementary School	5651 Rayburn Ave., Alexandria VA 22311	8:30am-3:00pm	1 VPI classroom and 4 HS classrooms	3-5	VPI, HS
TCC	Patrick Henry Elementary School	4643 Taney Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304	7:30am-6:00pm	3 classrooms, 20 students per class	3-5	HS
TCC	The Campagna Center at Fairlington United Methodist Church	3900 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302	8:30am-3:00pm	1 classroom, 20 students	3-5	HS
TCC	Cora Kelly School for Math, Science & Technology	3600 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305	8:30am-3:00pm	2 classrooms, 18 students per class	3-5	HS
TCC	Jefferson-Houston PreK-8 School	1501 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA 22314	8:30am-3:00pm	4 classrooms, 19-20 students per class	3-5	HS
TCC	T. C. Williams High School	3330 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302	7:30am-6:00pm	3 EHS classrooms, 8 per class	0-3	EHS
TCC	The Campagna Center Family Child Care	485 N. Armistead St., T-2, Alexandria, VA 22312	7:30am-6:00pm	1 EHS classroom, 4 per class	0-3	EHS
TCC	The Campagna Center Family Child Care	511 Four Mile Rd., #106, Alexandria, VA 22305	7:30am-6:00pm	1 EHS classroom, 4 per class	0-3	EHS
TCC	The Campagna Center at St. Paul's Episcopal Church	228 S. Pitt St., Alexandria, Va. 22314	8:30am-3:00pm	1 classroom, 18 students	3-5	HS
Creative	Creative Play School Classroom 1	845 N. Howard St., Alexandria, VA 22304	6:45am-6:00pm	1 classroom, 16 students	4	VPI and Fee for Service
Creative	Creative Play School Classroom 2	100 E. Windsor Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301	7:00am-6:00pm	1 classroom, 18 students	4	VPI and Fee for Service



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