



READY FOR PRESCHOOL?





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



HOW IT WORKS

The City of Alexandria, Alexandria City Public Schools, and local preschool providers are working together to connect qualifying families to low-cost or free early care & education programs. There are a number of programs available to help you access quality care that fits your family's needs. All of the programs listed here have earned independent quality ratings from state and national agencies.

STEP 1: Understand the Different Preschool Programs



Programs, funded by federal, state and local resources, help make preschool more affordable for qualifying families. First, find a program that fits your child's age:*

| Age | Program |
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| 0-3 | Early Head Start and Private Child Care Providers |
| 3-4 | Head Start and Private Providers |
| 4-5 | Virginia Preschool Initiative |
| 5 | Kindergarten |

Programs are delivered through a network of high quality public and private providers located throughout the city. Most of these programs are free and some have a sliding fee scale. The City has a range of options for those looking for preschool and traditional child care through these programs and other child care assistance and subsidy programs. To learn more about these options, call 703.746.5437(KIDS) or visit alexandriava.gov/childcare.

STEP 2: Understand how Eligibility Works



Each of these programs has different guidelines based on income, family size, employment status, and other factors such as homelessness and disability. We can help you figure out which programs you qualify for and which ones meet your family's needs. The provider information on the following pages will give you a good idea of where to start. To learn more about these options, call 703.746.5437(KIDS) or visit alexandriava.gov/childcare.

STEP 3: Get your Questions Answered and Get Started



Call 703.746.5437(KIDS) or any provider listed here and they can help you decide which program best fits your family's needs and walk you through how to enroll.

* Child must be the minimum age on or before September 30th



PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS

The Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC)

- Contact: 703-836-0214
www.cfnc-online.org
- Free, school day pre-kindergarten for 4-year olds from qualifying families
- 8 neighborhood classroom locations
- Small, multi-cultural, dual language learning environments with highly trained bilingual teachers
- Breakfast, lunch, and snack provided daily
- Hearing, dental, vision, and speech screenings
- Connections to affordable or free healthcare services
- Parent workshops on child development, kindergarten readiness, and health and nutrition
- Social workers supporting families and helping them advocate for their child's success

ALIVE!

- Contact: 703-548-9255
www.alive-inc.org
- Tuition fee assistance and sliding fee scale, pre-kindergarten for 3 and 4 year olds from qualifying families. Priority given to children of low income working families
- Full day (11 hours), full year (51 weeks), Monday through Friday with meals provided
- Diverse multi-cultural classrooms with low student/teacher ratios
- Professionally trained, highly qualified teachers
- Health, dental and developmental screenings
- On-site year round family support social worker and special education services available
- Parent engagement activities include individual and family counseling, literacy, budgeting, kindergarten readiness and additional topics
- Family supports: food, medical and housing assistance, housewares and furniture delivery

Additional Resources

- The City of Alexandria's Center for Children & Families Early Childhood Division can help you find safe, quality child care, financial assistance, and other services. Please call 703-746-KIDS or visit alexandriava.gov/childcare
- If your child has, or you think s/he may have a developmental delay or disability, please contact **Child Find** at 703-578-8217
- If you have developmental questions or concerns about your infant or toddler, please contact **Parent Infant Education (PIE)** at 703-746-3350

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)

- Contact: 703-619-8026
www.acps.k12.va.us/preschool/vpi.php
- Free pre-kindergarten for 4-year olds from qualifying families
- In-school locations
- School-day program
- Breakfast, lunch, and snack available
- Highly-qualified and licensed teachers
- Art, music, library and physical education (PE) classes
- Diverse classrooms with low student/teacher ratios
- Counselors, social workers, and special education services available

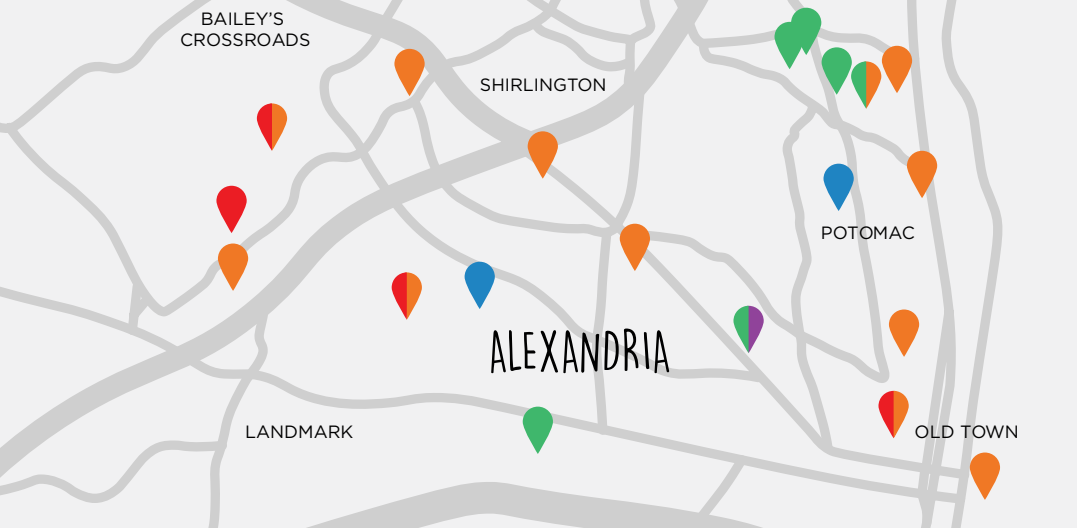
The Campagna Center

- Contact: 703-549-0111
www.campagnacenter.org
- Early Head Start, Head Start, and pre-kindergarten programs for children age 0-5 from qualifying families
- Family engagement encouraged
- Languages spoken: Amharic, Arabic, English, Farsi, French, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Urdu
- Highly qualified teachers with Early Childhood Education degrees
- 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 supports: job training, job search, nutrition, etc.
- Home Visiting for pregnant moms and children 0 to 3 years of age

Creative Play School

- Contact: 703-751-3388
www.creativeplayschool.biz
- Professionally trained, highly qualified teachers
- Full day, year round program with meals provided
- NAEYC accredited
- Participates in military fee assistance
- Spanish language learning
- Family supports: onsite social worker, parent education
- Vision, hearing, and dental screenings
- Fee assistance available





PRESCHOOL LOCATIONS/ LISTINGS

| PROVIDER | LOCATION / CLASSROOM NAME | ADDRESS | HOURS OF OPERATION | CLASS SIZE | AGE |
|----------|---|--|--------------------|--|-----|
| CFNC | Wheeler 1 and 2 | 3700 Wheeler Ave. Alexandria, VA 22304 | 9:00am to 4:00pm | 2 classrooms, 18 students per class | 4 |
| CFNC | Chirilagua | 3918 A Bruce St. #101, Alexandria, VA 22305 | 9:00am-4:00pm | 1 classroom, 18 students | 4 |
| CFNC | CFNC on King Street | 2723 King St. Alexandria, VA 22302 | 9:00am to 4:00pm | 1 classroom, 15 students | 4 |
| CFNC | 3801 Mount Vernon | 3801 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305 | 9:00am to 4:00pm | 1 classroom, 16 students | 4 |
| CFNC | Cora Kelly Recreation Center | 25 W. Reed Ave. Alexandria, VA 22305 | 9:00am-3:00pm | 2 classrooms, 18 students per class | 4 |
| CFNC | Cora Kelly School for Math, Science & Technology | 3600 Commonwealth Ave. Alexandria, VA 22305 | 9:00am-3:00pm | 1 classroom, 18 students | 4 |
| ALIVE! | ALIVE! Child Development Blue Classroom | 2723 King St. Alexandria, VA 22302 | 6:45am-5:45pm | 1 classroom, 16 students | 4 |
| ALIVE! | ALIVE! Child Development Red Classroom | 2723 King St. Alexandria, VA 22302 | 6:45am-5:45pm | 1 classroom, 14 students | 3-4 |
| ACPS | John Adams Elementary School | 5651 Rayburn Ave. Alexandria VA 22311 | 8:00am-2:35pm | 3 classrooms, 16 students per class | 4 |
| ACPS | William Ramsay Elementary School | 5700 Sanger Ave. Alexandria, VA 22311 | 8:00am-2:35pm | 2 classrooms, 16 students per class | 4 |
| ACPS | Patrick Henry Elementary School | 4643 Taney Ave. Alexandria, VA 22304 | 8:00am-2:35pm | 6 classrooms, 16 students per class | 4 |
| ACPS | Jefferson-Houston School | 1501 Cameron St. Alexandria, VA 22314 | 8:00am-2:35pm | 1 classroom, 16 students | 4 |
| TCC | George Washington Middle School | 1005 ML. Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301 | 7:30am-6:00pm | 1 HS classroom and 3 EHS classrooms | 0-5 |
| TCC | The Campagna Early Learning Center at Northern Virginia Community College | 3001 N.Beaugard St. Tyler Bldg, Alexandria, VA 22311 | 7:30am-6:00pm | 1 classroom, 18 students | 3-5 |
| TCC | John Adams Elementary School | 5651 Rayburn Ave. Alexandria VA 22311 | 8:30am-3:00pm | 1 VPI classroom and 4 HS classrooms | 3-5 |
| TCC | Patrick Henry Elementary School | 4643 Taney Ave. Alexandria, VA 22304 | 7:30am-6:00pm | 3 classrooms, 20 students per class | 3-5 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| TCC | T. C. Williams High School | 3330 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302 | 7:30am-6:00pm | 3 EHS classrooms, 8 students per class | 0-3 |
| TCC | The Campagna Center Family Child Care | 485 N. Armistead St. T-2, Alexandria, VA 22312 | 7:30am-6:00pm | 1 EHS classroom, 4 students per class | 0-3 |
| TCC | The Campagna Center Family Child Care | 511 Four Mile Rd. #106, Alexandria, VA 22305 | 7:30am-6:00pm | 1 EHS classroom, 4 students per class | 0-3 |
| 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 |
| TCC | Jackson Crossing | 120 East Reed Avenue, Alexandria, Va, 22305 | 8:30am-3:00pm | 1 classroom HS/VPI | 3-5 |
| Creative | Creative Play School Classroom 1 | 845 N. Howard St. Alexandria, VA 22304 | 6:45am-6:00pm | 1 classroom, 16 students | 4 |
| Creative | Creative Play School Classroom 2 | 100 E. Windsor Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301 | 7:00am-6:00pm | 1 classroom, 18 students | 4 |



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