

A Guide for Parents and Children



**Serving the Community for
a better future for our
children**

A Licensed Center Based Program

**90 Charlestown Road
Claremont, NH 03743
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**Serving Children from
6 weeks to 12 years**

**Monday through Friday
6:45 – 5:30**



Our Mission, Organizational and Educational Statement

Green Mountain Children's Center d/b/a White Mountain Children's Center's mission is to provide to this community affordable quality early childhood experiences where children can feel safe and happy to learn and grow.

GMCC/WMCC is a non-profit organization established in 1989 with the purpose of caring for and educating children from ages six weeks to age twelve. We are governed by a Board of Directors who has dedicated themselves to providing the highest-quality program to the community, employers, parents, and children. We are able to obtain a high level of quality by recruiting and retaining a faculty and administrators whose tenure exceeds ten years. Teachers and staff are dedicated to professional development that will support the quality standards that positively impact adult child interactions, environments, and curriculum.

GMCC and WMCC's Educational Statement is that a child's social and emotional well-being is paramount to healthy development and learning. As a team we are dedicated to providing interactions, environments and educational programs that will support children's self-esteem and therefore support their education. GMCC and WMCC's programs understand that children come from many different backgrounds and because of this diversity, different behavior patterns may become evident as the children learn to become a part of their classroom community. The staff appreciates each child for who they are and works to provide individualized education plans for all children.

CACFP

White Mountain Children's Center in Claremont, NH participates in USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which provides breakfast and afternoon snack free of charge.

Non-Discrimination Statement:

This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800)795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

Our Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month for 11 months. Community members as well as parents make up the Board and each meeting is open to the public. Confirmations of meetings, their time, and location will be posted at each site in advance. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to your centers Site Director.

Hand Washing

We ask that all children and parents wash or sanitize hands upon arrival and then again at departure to help cut down on the spread of germs.



Multi Age Classrooms

WMCC groups children in multi-age classrooms. We have a Zero to Two program, an Early Preschool, a Preschool and After-School/Summer Camp program. Children typically remain in the same classroom for two or more years. This allows them to bond with their teachers and peers and helps build attachment and self-esteem and cuts down on the amount of transitions that children go through.

There are many other benefits of multi-age care. Children are given a chance to be both a leader and a follower. Older children in the groups serve as models for the younger children and can assist them with activities. Multi-age grouping also encourages more nurturing behavior and provides more opportunities for play with children of varied ages and development.



Outside Play

All children need opportunities to get some fresh air and exercise. Children go outside twice a day, depending on the weather.

This year, WMCC will be creating a Natural Playground. This will allow children many more opportunities to explore their natural environment.

Staff bring inside activities outside for the children to use. This gives them a chance to use activities in a different space and in different ways.

Program Information

- ◆ Staff is CPR & First Aid Certified
- ◆ We accept NH scholarship funding
- ◆ Drop in care available
- ◆ On Maple Avenue school bus route
- ◆ Multi Child Discounts
- ◆ Part time openings available
- ◆ Open door policy – families are welcome to visit any time
- ◆ Large fenced in playground
- ◆ Warm & safe environments
- ◆ Social and Emotional based assessment tools are used for evaluations
- ◆ Parent teacher conferences held twice a year
- ◆ Play based curriculum
- ◆ Follow standards from the National Association for the Education of Young Children
- ◆ Field Trips are used to enhance curriculum and provide the children with other learning opportunities

Curriculum

We believe that children learn best when they are engaged and interested in the theme. WMCC uses emergent curriculum that is geared towards a child's learning. Staff observes children in their play, day to day activities, as well as their conversations to see what the children are interested in. From this they form their activity plans and gauge what each individual child needs to meet their developmental mile stones.

Our main objective is to ensure that the children are getting the most from these learning experiences. We focus on the following Learning Domains:

Social and Emotional Development:

- Ability to relate to others
- Ability to regulate emotions and behaviors
- Shows initiative and self confidence

Approaches to Learning:

- Attitudes toward learning
- Interest in their environment
- Self confidence, willingness to try
- Persistence

Language Development:

- Ability to understand what is being said
- Ability to express needs, wants and ideas (verbally/non-verbally)

Cognition and General Knowledge:

- Ability to talk/think about and describe
- Ability to solve problems
- Acquisition of skills in content areas
 - Literacy Math
 - Science Creative Arts

Physical and Healthy Development:

- Health and Safety
- Fine and Gross Motor development