# THIS APPLICATION IS FOR CLARKSTOWN, NANUET AND PEARL RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY

# UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN (UPK) APPLICATION \*YOU MUST READ THIS PAGE FULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT APPLICATION\*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) is a special early childhood program which was established by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and contracted School Districts to provide an early learning experience for the children of eligible families. Eligible families are defined as: those who live in a contracted School District and have children who will be four years old by December 1, 2016 (your child must have been born between December 1, 2011 and December 1, 2012). Universal Prekindergarten is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year (pending funding approval in the NYS budget).

This is an early childhood program conducted with a qualified teacher and an assistant in every class. The children attend five (5) half days for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours each day, for 180 days per school year, at no cost to you.

When you return the completed application, please include the following copies that we may keep:

- 1. A copy of your child's original birth certificate. (If the birth certificate is not in English, we need a copy of your child's passport).
- 2. A completed signed or stamped record of up-to-date immunizations and health appraisal form with the physician's name and address included. (The attached sample Health Appraisal form may be used or substituted with a form from the physician's office). \* See Immunization Requirements\*
- 3. Proof of district residency 2 Documents are requested. (Documentation showing your name & address. Ex.: Mailing address on a bank statement or utility bill. Unacceptable documents as proof of residence are handwritten envelopes, property deeds, termination notice for utility bills and income tax returns).
- 4. A telephone number where you can be reached between 8:30a.m. and 5:00p.m.
- 5. Included in this application is important lead and dental screening information for you to review.

### IT IS IMPORTANT TO RETURN THE COMPLETED UPK APPLICATION BY March 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2016 TO:

CHILD CARE RESOURCES OF ROCKLAND, INC. 235 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 11 SPRING VALLEY, N.Y. 10977

FAX: (845) 425-5312

ATTN: Jenine Valentino email: childcarerockland@gmail.com

INELIGIBILITY: Incomplete application, Immunization Record and/or students who are unable to attend UPK 5 days a week, 2½ hours per day, for the entire school year may be ineligible.

If an application is received and/or postmarked after March 31, 2016, the application will be placed into a district waiting pool unless slots are available.

### STATEMENT OF METHOD FOR SELECTION OF CHILDREN

Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc. (CCRR) will oversee the registration process. CCRR will accept the applications and verify eligibility. If more requests are made than NYSED has funded, for a specific school district and/or contracted early childhood program, a lottery will be used to select children to participate in the UPK program. Children will be considered for the lottery if the complete application, birth certificate, complete immunization record, health appraisal form and proof of residency are on file with this office. Children will be placed according to parent choice, if possible. Parents/Guardians will be notified of the status of their child, by mail, once slots have been filled. Notification will be sent mid May 2016. For further information or assistance with this application please call Jenine Valentino at (845) 425-0009 x460.

Thank you for your cooperation in providing the necessary information.

Sincerely yours, Kit Saiz Director of Family Connections and UPK Services



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# DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN CARED FOR BY ANOTHER PERSON WHEN YOU CANNOT? ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH YOUR ARRANGEMENT? • WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR CHILD CARE COSTS? HOW DO YOUR CHILD CARE PAYMENTS IMPACT YOUR FAMILY?

# If You Have Children Cared For By Another Person, Please Complete This Survey HELP US TO IDENTIFY THE CHILD CARE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Your information will be kept confidential. Only one survey per family, *please*. You will be entered into a drawing to win a *\$50 Shop-Rite* gift card if you complete this survey no later than March 31, 2016.

Which of the five town	s do you reside? 🏻 Clarksto	own 🗆 Haverstraw 🗖 Orangetown 🗖 Ramapo 🗖 Stony Point
☐ Yes, we both work of ☐ Yes, one of us works ☐ Yes, I am a single par ☐ No, I am a single par	outside the home s and one stays at home wit rent and work outside the h rent and stay home with my	h the child(ren) nome y child(ren)
What is your family size	e? (include you, your spouse	e and children)
☐ Infants (0-17 month) ☐ Toddlers (18-35 mon) ☐ Preschoolers (3-5 year) ☐ Kindergarten – 6 <sup>th</sup> gr	s) nths) ars) rade	ge group
What is your current far	mily income?	
		□ \$31,001-\$39,000 □ \$47,001-\$49,800 □ \$53,001-\$55,200 □ \$62,001-\$64,500 □ \$73,401-\$85,300 □ \$110,001-\$150,000
	Do you and/or your sp ☐ Yes, we both work of ☐ Yes, one of us works ☐ Yes, I am a single par ☐ No, I am a single par ☐ No, no one in our ho What is your family size How many children do ☐ Infants (0-17 month) ☐ Toddlers (18-35 mon) ☐ Preschoolers (3-5 ye) ☐ Kindergarten — 6 <sup>th</sup> grade What is your current far ☐ No income ☐ \$39,001-\$42,650 ☐ \$49,801-\$51,200 ☐ \$55,201-\$59,800 ☐ \$64,501-\$71,000 ☐ \$85,301-\$102,000	Do you and/or your spouse/partner work outside  ☐ Yes, we both work outside the home  ☐ Yes, one of us works and one stays at home wit  ☐ Yes, I am a single parent and work outside the land of the

Thank you for taking this survey. Please return completed survey via fax: 845-425-5312, by mail: Child Care Resources of Rockland, 235 N. Main Street, Suite 11, Spring Valley, NY 10977 or by email: info@rocklandchildcare.org





### 6. Where is, or has your child(ren) been cared for in the past 6 months (check all that apply)

Type of care	Infant(s)	Toddler(s)	Preschooler(s)	K-6 <sup>th</sup> grade	6th-9th grade
Child Care Center					
Licensed/Registered Family Child Care Home (in provider's home)					
School Age Program (before and/or after school)					
Nursery School or Part Day Preschool					
Public Preschool Program in a School					
Head Start					
Nanny or babysitter in my child's home					
Care by me or a parent in my child's home					
Care by relative in my relative's home					
Care by a non-relative in my child's home					
Care by a non-relative in non-relative's home					
Care by my child's older sibling					
Friend					
Neighbor					
My child takes care of himself/herself					
Library – after school					
Camp					
Currently seeking child care					
Other (please specify)				l	
	<u> </u>				

7. Why did you choose your current child care arrangement? ONLY choose 3 factors
Enter 1 for your top choice

2 for your second choice

3 for your third choice

Reasons why you selected your child care arrangements	Infant(s)	Toddler(s)	Preschooler(s)	K-6 <sup>th</sup> grade	6th-9th grade
Location – Close to home					
Location – Close to work					
Open hours you need child care					
Children are happy in the program					
Small # of children in class or home					
Cost					
Accepted subsidy/DSS payment					
Caregiver is a relative/family member					
Overall quality of the program					
Caregiver is trained/educated					
Caregiver is knowledgeable					
Good learning/educational environment					
How I was treated at the time of the visit					
Heard good things from other parents					
National Accreditation					
Activities offered to children					
My other child used this program					
Handled special needs of children					
Other (please specify)					

8.	3. How much do you pay per week for child care (check one for each child)  Child #1									
	□ 0 □ \$50-\$99 □ \$200-\$249 □ \$350-\$399 □ \$600-\$699 □ \$900-\$999 □ over \$2,000	□ \$1-\$24 □ \$100-\$149 □ \$250-\$299 □ \$400-\$499 □ \$700-\$799 □ \$1,000-\$1,499								
9.	Child #2  ☐ \$0  ☐ \$50-\$99  ☐ \$200-\$249  ☐ \$350-\$399  ☐ \$600-\$699  ☐ \$900-\$999  ☐ over \$2,000  In the past 6 months, t	□ \$1-\$24 □ \$100-\$149 □ \$250-\$299 □ \$400-\$499 □ \$700-\$799 □ \$1,000-\$1,499 o pay for child care, did	□ \$25-\$49 □ \$150-\$199 □ \$300-\$349 □ \$500-\$599 □ \$800-\$899 □ \$1,500-\$1,999  did you need to: Check all that apply							
	I had t	00	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never			
Bor	row money from family									
Bor	rrow money from friends									
Use	e credit cards									
Cut	back in household spendi	ng								
Cut	back your hours at work									
	back the hours your child program	attended his/her child								
	nove your child from regul ormal child care (friends, re									
	tch your program/provide ensive program/ provider	r to a different, less								
	e different options to keep gram one day and family/f									

day)

None of the above. I am able to pay for care on my

	n the past 6 months, have you had trouble paying for child care?  ☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never
	How satisfied are you with the primary child care your child(ren) is/are receiving?  ☐ Very Satisfied ☐ Satisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Very Dissatisfied
12. I	n the past 6 months, I had to change my child care arrangements because:
	Check all that apply
	Child(ren) unhappy in program
	I was unhappy with the program/provider
	My child(ren) were asked to leave the program/provider
	I changed jobs
	I changed my work hours
	Program/provider became too expensive
	I moved
	Program/provider stopped offering care
	School year started
	Transportation/location became an issue
	My child care subsidy from DSS stopped or was denied
	Not applicable
	Other (please specify):

13. Do you currently receive a child care subsidy t Services (DSS)? (if you answered Yes, please answer questions	□ Yes □		care through the	e Departmen	t of Social
14. Are you having difficulty paying your family sh	nare fee?	<b>П</b> Y	es 🗆 No		
15. Are you currently behind in your family share	fee payme	ents? 🛘 Y	es 🗆 No		
16. If you are having difficulty paying your family	share fee,	did you ha	ve to: Check all	that apply	
I had to	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Borrow money from family to meet this payment					
Borrow money from friends to meet this payment					
Use credit cards to meet this payment					
Cut back your hours at work so that the family share fee was less					
Cut back the hours your child is attending his/her child care program and use informal child care (friends, relatives, etc.) for the other hours					
Cut back in household spending due to the family share fee increase					
Other (please specify):					
Now that you have completed the survey, you are eligione entry per family. Thank you.	ble to ent	er the <b>\$50</b>	Shop-Rite Gift	t <b>Card</b> Drawi	ng! Only
Your contact information will be kept confidential	<b>l.</b>				
We need a valid email address or phone number to en print legibly).	ter into th	e drawing	for a <b>\$50 Shop</b> -	-Rite Gift Ca	urd (please
Email address					
Phone number (with area code)					
First and Last Name (Optional)					
Would you be interested in any of the following?					
☐ Yes, send me the results of this survey ☐ Yes, I would like to join your email list ☐ No, I am not interested					
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THIS SURVEY
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Spring Valley, NY 10977
Email: info@rocklandchildcare.org



**Executive Director** 

# Child Care Resources of Rockland Parenting Education & Engagement Survey 2016

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your responses will help us better understand and meet your needs and preferences. It should take you about 5-10 minutes to complete. Please complete and return no later than March 31, 2016

1.	Home Zip Code								
2.	I am a parent of a child in the following age group(s):  ☐ Infants (6 weeks -18 months) ☐ Toddlers (18 months - 3 years) ☐ Preschool (3 - 5 years)	6. What times and dates are you available for parent education? Please check all that apply.							
	☐ Younger School Age (5 – 8 years) ☐ Older School Age (8 – 12 years)		M	Т	W	TH	F	SA	SU
3.	My primary language is:	9:30- 11:30							
	□ English □ Spanish □ French	12:00- 2:00							
	☐ Creole	1:00-3:00							
	☐ Yiddish ☐ Other (please specify)	2:00-4:00							
		4:00-6:00							
4.	During the past 2 years, where have	5:00-7:00							
	you received parent education? (check all that apply)  Child Care Resources of Rockland	6:00-8:00							
		6:30-8:30							
	<ul><li>□ Public Library</li><li>□ Family Resource Center</li></ul>	7:00-9:00							
5.	□ EPIC □ School District □ On line □ Mental Health Association □ Early Childhood Direction Center □ I have not attended parent education classes □ Other (please list) □ If you did not receive Parent Education at Child Care Resources of	abou oppo Reso	ortun ource Train Ema Web Mail I do abou	ities s of l ning il site not i	ng pa held Rock calen receiv		educz ild C orma ning	tion tion	_
	Rockland please let us know why.  Not in a convenient location  The times and dates are not convenient  Topics were not interesting/relevant  Transportation difficulties  Unaware of the parent education CCRR provides  Lack of Child Care  Other (please specify):	Care curre pay f	Rese	ource free.	es of Wou	ffered Rockl ild you ?	and in the	s willin	Care Ware OF AMERICA ASSURED

Please add any additional comments:

235 N. Main St., Suite 11 Spring Valley, NY 10977 Phone: 877-425-0009 | 845-425-0009 Fax: 845-425-5312 www.childcarerockland.org info@rocklandchildcare.org Office Hours: M-F 8:30-5:00



<ul> <li>9. If Yes, how much would you be willing to pay per session?</li> <li>□ \$5</li> <li>□ \$10</li> <li>□ \$15</li> <li>□ \$20</li> </ul>	G. Recognizing and Choosing High Quality Child Care:  Choosing High Quality Child Care  High Quality Child Care for Children with Special Needs  Critical Child Care Issues  Managing the High Cost of Child Care
<ul> <li>10. Would you be interested in attending our Early Childhood and School Age Conference held on the 1st Saturday in November if there was a track especially for parents?</li> <li>☐ Yes</li> <li>☐ No</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>H. Parent Engagement</li> <li>Federal, State and Local Child Care Policies</li> <li>Advocating for High Quality Child Care</li> <li>Developing Effective Ways to Communicate with Policy-makers, Media and Others About Child Care Issues</li> </ul>
11. Training topic areas: Please check off your top 2 parent education preferences in each of the following general areas:	I. Are there any topics not listed that you would like to see offered?
A. Addressing Children's Behavioral Issues	
<ul> <li>□ Biting</li> <li>□ Sibling Rivalry</li> <li>□ Homework</li> <li>□ Other:</li></ul>	<ul><li>12. I would be interested in speaking to policy-makers, media and others to educate them about child care issues.</li><li>☐ Yes</li></ul>
B. Developing Children's Language and Literacy Skills  Reading to Your Child  Tips for Developing Language  Rhymes, Songs and Chants for Families	☐ No (If Yes please fill out contact information below.)
Other:C. Promoting Positive Child Care Provider and Parent Relationships:	<ul><li>13. I would be willing to assist in advocacy efforts in the following ways:</li><li>Write letters</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Developing a partnership with your</li> <li>Child Care Provider</li> <li>Parent Teacher Conferences</li> <li>What to Expect From Your Child Care</li> </ul>	<ul><li>☐ Make phone calls</li><li>☐ Attend meetings with elected officials</li><li>☐ Attend an advocacy workshop</li></ul>
Provider	<ol> <li>I would like more information about parent education opportunities offered by CCRR.</li> </ol>
D. Age Appropriate Activities	☐ Yes
Activities for Infants Activities for Toddlers	☐ No Please fill out the information below:
Activities for Preschool Children	Name:
☐ Activities for School Age Children	Address:
Other:	Phone
E. Ensuring Children's Health and Safety  Healthy Meals and Snacks	Phone: Email:
<ul> <li>☐ Healthy Meals and Snacks</li> <li>☐ Physical/Movement Activity</li> <li>☐ Cooking With Your Child</li> <li>☐ Indoor/Outdoor Safety</li> <li>☐ Other:</li></ul>	Thank you for taking the time to tell us about your parent education needs!
F. Children's Social and Emotional Development  Separation Stress in Children Fostering Self Esteem Other:	Return by mail to: Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc. 235 North Main Street, Suite 11 Spring Valley, NY 10977 OR
	Return by Fax to: 845-425-5312 OR Return by scan to Email: info@rocklandchildcare.org

# For UPK Early Childhood Program Use Only Date Received:\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Certificate Immunizations Proof of Residency Health Appraisal Form Vision Screening Hearing Screening BMI Percentile Home Language Questionnaire

# 2016-2017 UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

For CCRR Use Only
Date Received:
☐ Birth Certificate
☐ Immunizations
☐ Proof of Residency
☐ Health Appraisal Form
☐ Vision Screening
☐ Hearing Screening
☐ BMI Percentile
☐ Home Language Questionnaire
☐ Parent Survey

# CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE YOUR FAMILY RESIDES: CLARKSTOWN NANUET PEARL RIVER

NOTE: Residents of EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL School District need to call (845) 577-6158

Child's First Name		Last Name		-
Date of Birth	Male	e □ Female □		
Is the child Hispanic, Latino	or of Spanish origin	n?   Yes   No Language	Spoken at Home (if other than E	nglish)
Ethnicity:   Black   Americ	an Indian/Alaskan	Native   White Asian/Or	iental □ Native Hawaiian/Pacifi	c Islander
Has the child had an education	onal evaluation: 🗆 Y	es □ No		
Custodial Parent/Guardian	□ Mother □ Father	Other (please explain)_		
Mother's First Name		Last Name		-
Father's First Name Where is the student currer				-
or as a result of economic har	dship(sometimes re		th another family or other person  Other temporary living situation housing	
Home Address: Street		•	Apt #	-
City		State	Zip	-
			ed for communication****  Work Phone	
Father's Home Phone		Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Email address for correspond Siblings(Brothers/Sisters):				
Name:	DOB	Name:	DOB	
Name:	DOB	Name:	DOB	
and developmental (Brig	ance) screenings wi illowing documentated Complete		ation. I have received informationstand that my application will not list complete:   Health Appraisal Form Parent Education/Engag	ot be considered for
Signature of Parent/Gua	rdian		Date	
*Please write  1st Choice		UPK site you want you	r child to attend in order of  3rd Choice	



The University of the State of New York • The State Education Department • Office of Bilingual Education Albany, New York 12234

## Home Language Questionnaire (HLQ)

# Dear Parent or Guardian:

In order to provide your child with the best possible education, we need to determine how well he or she understands, speaks, reads and writes English. Your assistance in answering these questions is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian (Please print or type clearly)	VIET TO STATE OF THE PARTY OF T
Student Name:	
District:	
Date of Birth (Mo/Day/Year):	
Country of Birth/Ancestry:	

		( <b>✓</b> boxe	s that apply	y)		
1.	What language(s) is spoken in the student's home or residence?	□ E1	nglish	□ Other		specify
2.	What language(s) are spoken most of the time to the student, in the home or residence?	□ Eı	nglish	□ Other		specify
3.	What language(s) does the student understand	? 🖵 E1	nglish			
4.	What language(s) does the student speak?	□ E <sub>1</sub>	nglish	□ Other		specify
5.	What language(s) does the student read?	□ Eı	□ English □ O		specify	Does Not Read
6.	What language(s) does the student write?	□ Eı	nglish	□ Other	specify	Does Not Write
7.	In your opinion, how well does the student und	derstand, sp	oeak, read a	and write	English?	
		Very well	Only a	ı little	Not at all	
	Understands English			)		
	Speaks English			1		
	Reads English			]		
	Writes English	ū	-	1		

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Other

Date

Month:

Day:

Year:

HLQ (2/00) 99-337 PM

### **UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN (UPK) HEALTH APPRAISAL**

Child's Name	DATE of	f Exar	n:	
Male or Female	Date of Birth:			-
TO BE COMPLETED BY	Y HEALTH CARE PROVIDE	<u>R</u>		
REQUIRED INFORM	IATION FOR ADMISSION			
☐ This child is fit for child care and pa☐ A complete and up-to-date immunitatend UPK until all age appropriate is appointment has been scheduled by th☐ Proof of appointment to receive mis☐ Allergies or conditions:☐☐ A special care plan is attached addredabeties 1 or 2, hyperlipidemia, hyper	zation record is attached (tommunizations have been a see doctor) ssing vaccinations is attach ressing chronic conditions, rtension, etc.	dmin ed.	istered	or an
Body Mass Index:	Vision - without glasses/contact lenses	R	L	
Veight Status Category (BMI Percentile):	Vision - with glasses/contact lenses	R	L	
less than 5 <sup>th</sup> $\Box$ 5 <sup>th</sup> through 49 <sup>th</sup> $\Box$ 50 <sup>th</sup> through 84 <sup>th</sup>	Vision - Near Point	R	L	
3 85 <sup>th</sup> through 94 <sup>th</sup> □ 95 <sup>th</sup> through 98 <sup>th</sup> □ 99 <sup>th</sup> and higher	<b>Hearing</b> □ Pass 20 db sc both ears or:	R	L	
	Vision ☐ Subjectively Normal	Hearii	<b>ıg</b> □ Subje	ectively Normal
	☐ Unable to cooperate		☐ Unab	le to cooperate
Health Care Provider Signature:	Date			
DATE OF EXAM  Stamp:				
I am opting out of including my child's BMI		-		□ No □
				a Indicated Ak
Height: Blood F		iai 🖵 '	Condition	i iriuicateu Al
Sickle Cell Screen				
PPD: Positive Negative Date:				
Lead Level Date:	_ □Not done			
Dental	□ Dental Certific	ate Atta	ached	

### Health notes for Universal Pre-Kindergarten Parents: <u>REQUIREMENTS</u>

<u>Immunizations</u>: Your child's application will NOT be entered into the lottery without proof of the following immunizations:

# 4 DTap, 3 Hepatitis B, 3 IPV, 3 Hib, 4 PNEUMMOCCAL, 1 MMR, 1 Varicella (http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf)

**Free** immunizations are available at the Rockland County Health Department in Pomona at the Robert Yeager Health Center, Building A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the rotunda area. For appointments call (845) 364-2519. The clinic sees children under the age of 5 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

There are only three exceptions for proof of immunizations: 1) proof of an appointment to receive a missing immunization 2) a letter of religious exemption or 3) documentation by a health care provider of a medical exemption.

<u>Health Appraisal/Medical Statement</u>: You may use the form provided in this application or another, however, all required information must be complete as shown. Ensure that your doctor includes the vision and hearing screenings; BMI and BMI %. If a PPD test is not done, ask the doctor to write "not indicated" or another comment. In certain grades, weight status category BMI % is reported to the NYS Department of Health. No names are sent, however you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this report. In this case, please mark the appropriate box on the health appraisal form.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Lead Screening**

Children can get "lead poisoning" from lead paint in older homes, contaminated soil, imported toys, ceramic dishes and water flowing from old pipes. The symptoms may look like minor illnesss but the potential damage is enormous, and may cause reduced IQ, slowed body growth, hearing problems, behavior and attention problems and kidney damage. Talk to your doctor about having your child's blood tested for lead.

### **Dental Screening:**

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends a dental check-up at least twice a year for most children. Some children need more frequent dental visits because of increased risk of tooth decay, unusual growth patterns or poor oral hygiene. Your pediatric dentist provides an ongoing assessment of changes in your child's oral health. For example, your child may need additional fluoride, dietary changes, or sealants for ideal dental health. A dentist will give you a dental certificate for your child, for your school district, which you can give to Child Care Resources of Rockland, if needed. Listed below are low cost dental facilities in Rockland County provided by New York State Education Department Student Support Services Team:

Community Medical & Dental, Monsey:	(845) 352-6800
Community Medical & Dental, Spring Valley:	(845) 426-5800
Refuah Health Center, Inc., Spring Valley:	(845) 354-9300
Hudson River Healthcare, Spring Valley	(845) 573-9860
Hudson River Healthcare, Haverstraw	(845) 429-4499

### THE CREATIVE CURRICULUM FOR PRESCHOOL

### The word curriculum is often defined as "a plan for learning".

New York State Education Regulations require that the curriculum used in the Universal Pre-kindergarten classroom be aligned with the Early Learning Standards. In New York State Prek Learning Standards were approved by the Board of Regents at their P-12 Education Committee Meeting on January 10, 2011. These are known as the NYS Prek Foundation for the Common Core. These standards address the following areas: Approaches to Learning, Physical Development and Health, Social and Emotional Development, Communications, Language and Literacy, Cognitive and Knowledge of the World. These standards are available at the following web address:

### http://ww.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/commoncorestandards/pdfdocs/nyslsprek.pdf

The Creative Curriculum for Preschool 5<sup>th</sup> Edition was chosen by 7 of the 8 school districts in Rockland County for use in the Universal Pre-kindergarten programs because it is directly aligned with the NYS Prek Foundation for the Common Core and because it emphasizes developmentally appropriate practice. The curriculum is published by Teaching Strategies (<a href="www.TeachingStrategies.com">www.TeachingStrategies.com</a>) and is written by Diane Trister Dodge, Laura Colker and Cate Heroman. These three early childhood professionals are well known speakers, authors, educators and innovators in early childhood education.

The Creative Curriculum for Preschool 5<sup>th</sup> Edition is based on classic research in child development that has accumulated over the past 75 years. It is based on recent research and major theories that support the concept of developmentally appropriate practice, which means teaching children in ways that match the way they develop and learn. It is also based on current information about learning, the brain and resiliency.

What we know in the field about how four year olds develop and learn best tells us that they need many whole body, hands on, real life experiences to experiment, explore and pursue their own interests. They need ample opportunities to develop independence, decision-making and problem solving skills, creative expression and conflict resolution. The concept of developmentally appropriate practice tells us that children are most receptive to, and best acquire academic readiness skills when they are embedded within the child's naturally sought after play experiences. The curriculum guides teachers in structuring these experiences and the environment in such a way that maximizes the child's interest areas and skill levels. The teachers are involved in a continual process of observing, guiding and assessing a child's learning so that they may plan most effectively.

The Creative Curriculum for Preschool 5<sup>th</sup> Edition is a guide for teachers to support them in planning these types of learning experiences for their students. It helps teachers to understand individual differences in gender, temperament, interests, learning styles, cultural backgrounds, special needs or if a child is learning English as a second language. The curriculum also recognizes that the most recent research and findings indicate that a balance of teacher directed and child-initiated learning experiences is best.

### **BRIGANCE SCREENING**

In New York State children are required to be screened at the first point of entry into the school district. This has typically occurred when children enter kindergarten. A screening will be required of your child at this time because they are entering the district as a four-year-old through the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. If your child is selected for UPK, a diagnostic developmental screening will be administered to your child at their UPK site prior to December 1st of the 2016/2017 school year as per Part 117 of the New York State Education Regulations. The diagnostic screening tool used by all of the districts is the Brigance Early Childhood Screen III. This nationally standardized tool can be administered in approximately 15 minutes. It covers a broad sampling of a child's skills in key developmental areas such as language, literacy, math and physical skills. The information collected during the screening helps teachers and program directors to satisfy screening requirements, plan for individualized and group instruction and initiate referrals for further evaluation if necessary.

### <u>Universal Prekindergarten</u> <u>Program Site List</u>

### \*Please Read The Entire Page For Important Information\*

Is your child currently enrolled in an early childhood program? Yes \(\sigma\) No \(\sigma\)	
If yes, name of program?	
(If your child is selected to participate in the Universal Prekindergarten program all efforts will be	
made to keep your child in his/her current early childhood program based on availability if that	

All Universal Prekindergarten eligible, selected applicants are permitted to enroll their child(ren) in any of the listed early childhood programs, regardless of school district, subject to availability and authorization by the school district. For simplicity, the attached early childhood program list has been designed alphabetically by village with available early childhood programs.

program is a UPK early childhood program).

Please number with a 1, 2 and 3 to show your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices of early childhood programs that you want your child to attend for the Universal Prekindergarten Program.

We STRONGLY RECOMMEND that parents contact individual sites for information about the programs and their time of operation and visit the UPK early childhood program prior to selection.

Children will NOT be moved to another UPK program after October 1, 2016 unless there are extreme circumstances.

Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc. can only place your child in a program NOT a classroom. Classroom assignments are made at the discretion of each early childhood program. Please note that session times may be subject to change. Please circle the session you are interested in attending. Any programs offering an extended day for an additional fee will be noted by an \* sign.

AM Session	PM Session	Choice # (1, 2 or 3)	Village	Program Name	Address	Point of Contact and Number
		<u> </u>		Blauvelt		
0.2	1 2 20		*	Preschool Playhouse/	557 Western Highway	Marilyn Fiala
<u>9-2</u>	<u>1-3:30</u>		***	Funland	Blauvelt, NY 10913	(845) 359-8019
8:30-11:15			*	St. Catharine's Early	517 Western Highway	Barbara Feeney
8:30-2			***	Education Center	Blauvelt, NY 10913	(845) 359-4330
	St. Ca	therine's will	only serve childr	en in Clarkstown, Nanuet, Ny		
				Congers		
9-11:30			*	Tutor Time – Congers	285 Route 303 Congers, NY 10920	Toni Ann Divenere (845) 267-3380
				Garnerville		
9-11:30	12:30-3		*	Time In Child Care Inc.	60 Captain Shankey Drive Garnerville, NY 10923	Denise Forsberg (845) 942-8149
8-11:30			*	St. Gregory	26 Cinder Rd Garnerville, NY 10923	Thomas Hamilton (845) 947-1330
_				Haverstraw		
10:45-1:15 9:30-3:30	1:30-4		* ***	Haverstraw Day Care, Inc.	212 Route 9W Haverstraw, NY 10927	Eyleen Ortiz (845) 429-2323
8:30-11				Haverstraw Head Start	138-146 Maple Avenue Haverstraw, NY 10927	Frances Rivera (845) 429-2225

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	•	, ,		Haverstraw(cont'd)		
8:30-11 7:30-12:30	1:30-4		* ***	West Street Child Care Learning Center	21 Ridge Street Haverstraw, NY 10927	Jill Halpern (845) 942-7580
				Nanuet		
9:30-12	12:30-3		*	George Miller School	50 Blauvelt Road Nanuet, NY 10954	Stacie Scollo (845) 624-0936
	This progran	n at George M	iller will be ope	rated by Kid's Kingdom and w	ill accept Nanuet School Distri	ct children only.
				New City		
8:30-11 8:30-2	12:30-3		* ***	Bambini Nursery	365 Strawtown Road New City, NY 10956	Gina DeLaurentiis (845) 596-9038
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	<u>12:30-3</u>			Busy Bee Playschool	39 Germonds Road New City, NY 10956	Ric Rabinowitz (845) 623-0849
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9-11:30 9-3:30	<u>1-3:30</u>		***	Jawonio	260 Little Tor Road New City, NY 10956	Gail Nachimson (845) 708-2000 x3255
9-11:30	<u>12:30-3</u>		*	Prime Time for Kids	60 Phillips Hill Road New City, NY 10956	Donna Bogin (845) 639-2425
9-11:30 9-3	1-3:30		* ***	Smarty Pants Learning Center	484 New Hempstead Rd New City, NY 10956	LaShone Lindsey (845) 678-3809
9-11:30				Town of Clarkstown Street Community Center	30 Zukor Road New City, NY 10956	Shari Feinstein (845) 634-3039
		1		Tutor Time – New	227 North Main Street	Karen Wizeman
<u>9-11:30</u>			*	City	New City, NY 10956	(845) 708-8270

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Note programs that offer Statewide Full Day

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				Nyack		
<u>9-3</u>	12:30-3:15 3:30-6		* ***	Montessori Center of Nyack	85 Marion Street Nyack, NY 10960	Dorothy Goren (845) 358-9209
9-11:30				Nyack Head Start	85 Depew Avenue Nyack, NY 10960	Kira Davenport (845) 358-2234
9:30-12 9:30-3			* ***	Jewish Preschool of the Nyacks	300 N Broadway Nyack, NY 10960	Suzanne Strichartz (845) 358-3767
9-11:30	<u>1-3:30</u>		*	Children of America	265 No. Highland Ave Nyack, NY 10960	Jami Flynn (845) 348-1433
	1			Palisades	1	
9-11:30 9-3	1-3:30		* ***	Children's Corner	680 Oak Tree Lane Palisades, NY 10964	Sari Altabet (845) 620-1669
	-1			Pearl River		
<u>9-11:30</u> <u>9-3</u>	12-2:30		***	Children's Corner	1 Blue Hill Plaza Pearl River, NY 10965	Sari Altabet (845) 620-1669
9-11:30	12:30-3			Good Shepherd	112 North Main Street Pearl River, NY 10965	Maureen Connelly (845) 735-2737
9-11:40	12-2:40			Nauraushaun Nursery School	51 Sickletown Road Pearl River, NY 10965	Tara DiRocco (845) 735-4787
9:15-11:45	<u>1-3:30</u>			Tall Pines Nursery School	84 Ehrhardt Road Pearl River, NY 10965	Diane Kayser (845) 735-7227
		1		Pomona		
9:30-12 9:30-3	1-3:30		* ***	Rockland Worksite Day Care	50 Sanatorium Road Bldg R Pomomna, NY 10970	Maria Ceci (845) 364-2697

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				Sloatsburg		
	<u>12:30-3</u>			Y's Beginnings- Sloatsburg	11 Second Street Sloatsburg, NY 10974	Corrie Tiso (845) 357-3223
				Stony Point		
	12:30-3		*	Children of Mary Nursery/Kindergarten	174 Filors Lane Stony Point, NY 10980	Kathleen Sweeney (845) 947-3183
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<u>9-11:30</u> <u>9-4</u>			* ***	Children of America	32 S Liberty Drive Stony Point, NY 10980	Elizabeth Rodano (845) 429-4621
<u>9-11:30</u>	<u>12:30-3</u>			Circle of Friends	125 W. Main Street Stony Point, NY 10980	Carmen Carnevale (845) 429-7370
				Suffern		
9-11:30	1-3:30		*	Rockland Community College Campus Fun and Learn	145 College Road Suffern, NY 10901	Andrea Bogin (845) 574-4561
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9-11:30 9-4	2-4:30		* ***	Kindercare	36 Route 59 Suffern, NY 10901	Tricia Mendez (845) 357-4048
l				- I		
<u>9:15-11:45</u>				Montebello Jewish Center	34 Montebello Road Suffern, NY 10901	Kathy Nelson (845)357-2430
8-10:30 8-1			*	Sacred Heart School	60 Washington Ave Suffern, NY 10901	Kathleen Grande (845) 357-1684
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9:30-12 9-2	<u>1:30-4</u>		*	The Goddard School	334 Spook Rock Road Suffern, NY 10901	Carolina Krauthamer (845) 368-3773
<u>9-11:30</u>	<u>12:30-3</u>			Y's Beginnings – Suffern	18 Parkside Drive Suffern, NY 10901	Corrie Tiso (845)357-3223

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				Tappan			
9-11:30	<u>12:30-3</u>			Children's Enrichment Center	32 Old Tappan Road Tappan, NY 10983	Joanne Volpe (845) 398-3370	
				Valley Cottage			
	12:15-2:45		*	St Paul's Pre-K	365 Kings Highway Valley Cottage NY 10989	Sister Stephen Gerard (845) 268-6506	
	West Haverstraw						
9-11:30	12:30-3		*	The Jan and Nile Davies Learning Center	Bldg. 40 Route 9W Helen Hayes Hospital West Haverstraw, NY 10993	Ann Taylor (845) 786-4595	

<sup>\*</sup>Note programs that offer extended hours for a fee.
\*\*\* Note programs that offer Statewide Full Day