
Postdoctoral Scholars Child Care Resources

(Adapted from the [Students with Dependents Program Guide](http://www.swd.ucla.edu/) for 18-19 AY)
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With the exception of UCLA Early Care and Education, the Students with Dependents Program, the Bruin Resource Center, and UCLA do not endorse any of the following childcare providers or schools. We offer this information as a courtesy to you. This is also not a comprehensive list. Please be sure to thoroughly research any schools/child care providers before choosing a childcare facility or school for your child(ren). Due to limited space and long waiting lists, parents with preschool age children are urged to call the preschool or childcare program they are interested in prior to arrival at UCLA. The costs, eligibility criteria, quality, and philosophy vary for each group.

Students/Scholars who are pregnant should investigate their childcare options and get on a waitlist as soon as they know they are pregnant. Waitlists for infant childcare in Los Angeles are very long. Do not wait until you are later in your pregnancy or until you have your baby to create your childcare plan.

UCLA Early Childhood Education

Currently, UCLA offers child care both on and off campus through the following three programs: Infant Development Program (IDP), University Parents Nursery School (UPNS), and UCLA Early Care and Education (ECE). UCLA Child Care provides excellent programs for children ages two months to six years. Call (310) 825-5086 or visit <http://www.childcare.ucla.edu> for more information.

UCLA Early Care and Education

- Contact Information: (310) 825-5086
- Operates three accredited (NAEYC) child care centers:
 - Krieger Center North and South (on campus)
 - University Village Center (off-campus)
- Open to students, staff, and faculty only; no application fee for students
- Full-time care only: available Mon – Fri 7:30am–5:30pm (year-round)
- Limited tuition assistance for low-income families available
- Care for infants (2 months) to kindergarten
- Developmental curriculum (learning through exploration) and science-based curriculum to foster critical thinking
- The ECE Application can be found online at:
<https://www.ece.ucla.edu/tuition/waiting-listapplication-tuition-assistance>.

UCLA Affiliated Child Care & Education

UCLA Westwood Child Care Center-Bright Horizons

10861 Weyburn Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90024

- <http://www.brighthorizons.com>
- (310) 481-0664
- Mon–Fri 6:30am–6:30pm
- Infants to preschoolers
- NAEYC Accredited
- Accepts government subsidies with some limitations

UCLA Parent's Nursery School

3233 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90034-4205

- www.upns.info
- (310) 397-2735
- A cooperative preschool that takes children from 2-5 years old
- There is a waitlist for this childcare facility
- Open to UCLA students, staff, and faculty only
- Volunteer hours required at least twice a month for 4 hours each
- Housed in University Village on the Sepulveda side
- Full time and Part time Care offered through 7:30 am-5:30pm

UCLA Infant Development Program (IDP)

UCLA Department of Psychology 1620 Franz Hall Los Angeles, CA 90095-1563

- <https://www.psych.ucla.edu/centersprograms/infant-development-program>
- (310) 825-2896
- Operated by the UCLA Psychology Department.
- The IDP has two primary functions: To offer high quality group care for infants and toddlers of the students, staff, and faculty in the Psychology Department and other departments on the UCLA campus & To serve as a teaching and research facility for the Psychology Department and UCLA community.
- Accommodates approximately 25 children (full-time equivalents)
- Age of care serviced: 3 months to 3 years of age
- Two sites on campus: Franz and Fernald
- Operates year-round from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- Full-time care (Monday - Friday), part-time 2-days (Tues, Thurs) or 3-day (MWF)
- Long waiting list. Faculty, students, and staff in the Psychology Department are given priority. Parents may apply as soon as they know they are pregnant

UCLA Intervention Program

- Support for children with special needs
- <http://www.uclainterventionprogram.org/>
- In conjunction with Mattel Children's Hospital, they provide educational and therapeutic services which promote development and quality of life for children and families
- Classes include: Infant Services (birth to 18 months), Toddler Program (18 to 36 months), Individual Physical Therapy, Let's Get Movin'—A Parent-and-Me Movement Group, Pollywog Pool Play Program, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic

University Lab School

330 Charles E. Young Dr. N, Los Angeles, CA, 90095

- 310-825-1801
- <http://www.labschool.ucla.edu/>
- Part of the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies
- Serves children from Pre-k – 6th grade
- Encourages children's natural love of learning while also helping them develop a disciplined approach to their work.
- Classrooms and meeting spaces serve as a laboratory for exploring innovative ideas about teaching, learning, and child development.
- Through this mix of strategies, UCLA Lab School teaching practices and research outcomes have been widely shared with schools across the globe.

Additional Child Care Resources

Connections for Children

2701 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 253 Santa Monica, CA 90405

- <http://www.connectionsforchildren.org/>
- (310) 452-3325
- Service days/hours: M, Tu, Th & Fri. 8am – 5pm; Wednesday 8am – 7pm
- Nonprofit resource and referral agency for locating childcare in the community. Services are free
- They will locate all the child care centers, and home day care options in the area that are tailored to your specifications (for example: teacher to student ratio, ages, hours of operation, location, philosophy, cost, etc.).
- If you receive CalWORKs, connect with a Subsidy Programs Coordinator first

- SSMUSD Application: <http://www.smmusd.org/CDS/PreEnrollApp.html>
- Offers over a dozen child development preschool facilities located through Santa Monica, ages 2-5 years old ranging from part day programs at 3 hours to full time at 6-10 hours per day.
- Some accept CalWORKs subsidies and offer sliding scale for low-income families

Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP)

- <http://www.laup.net> or call toll-free at (866) 581-LAUP
- Operates hundreds of preschools throughout Los Angeles for ages 3-5
- Accepts government subsidies and families from all income levels

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Child Development Services Head Start

- California State Preschool Program
- (310) 399-5865

Overland Head Start

3615 Overland Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90034

- (310) 836-2340
- Operated through Volunteers of America

- Free half-day preschool for families that qualify
- 8–11:30am and 12:30–4pm Mon–Thurs, Fri (parent meetings and education)
- Ages 3 and 4 (must be age 3 by November 1st)

Mar Vista Gardens Head Start

11815 Allin St Culver City, CA 90230

- Contact Maria Avalos or Brenda Herrera (310) 482-3981
- Operated through Volunteers of America
- Full-day, 8am–3pm (4 year olds only)
- Half-day, 8–11:30am (4 years), 12:30–4pm (3 years old)

Head Start Programs in Los Angeles:

- <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>
- Each program is different
- Database can help you locate preschools in your community

Early Bird Learning Centers

1019 California Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90403

- (310) 395-3282
- Lisa Wilson, Director
- <http://www.earlybirdlearningcenters.com/>
- 7:00am–6:30pm: 12 weeks to 6 years old (Infant to transitional kindergarten)

Westwood United Methodist Church Preschool

10497 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024

- (310) 474- 8986
- Linda Bravin, Director
- <http://www.westwoodumc.org>
- 2 years and 9 months-5 years

- Morning, afternoon, and full-day classes
- Developmental curriculum

St. John's Presbyterian Nursery School

11000 National Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064

- (310) 477-0507
- Hanne Overbeck, Director
- http://www.stjohnspres.org/site/welcome/Nursery_School.html
- Half-day program (3 hours)
- Ages 3 to 5 years old
- Offers a variety of programs ranging from 2 days a week to 5 days a week

Santa Monica YMCA

- (310) 451-7387
- Kellie Flemming, Director
- <http://www.ymcasm.org/index.php?p=childcarerates>
- Ages 2 to 5 years old
- Limited financial aid available but must apply early!!
- Hours are 7:30am–6:00pm
- Call for a tour, no walk-ins permitted

The Children's Place

235 Hill Street Santa Monica, CA 90405

- (310) 399-6405
- Full-day child care and preschool from 7:15am–5:45pm
- <http://childrensplacepreschool.org>
- 2.9 to 5 years old
- Developmental curriculum

Westwood Hills Preschool

1989 Westwood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA. 90025

- (310) 474-7398
- <http://www.westwoodhillspreschool.com>

- Ages two to five years
- Open year-round
- “Socially oriented program”
- 5 days a week program
- Tours last Thursday of the month, 10am

CHALK Preschool

2028 S. Westwood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA

- www.chalkpreschool.com
- (310) 446- 5400
- Do not need to be toilet-trained
- Ages 2 to 6 years
- Open enrollment and year-round availability
- 2, 3, or 5 days a week programs and full-day program (7:30am– 5:30pm)
- Arts education curriculum

Culver City Child Development

- Preschool ages 3-5
- Full and part-day options
- K-5 Full-day available 7am-6pm
- <http://ocd.ccusd.org/>
- Sliding scale fee payment options

Child Care Related Resources

- **Children's Defense Fund** - <http://www.childrensdefense.org>
- **Zero to Three** - <http://www.zerotothree.org>
- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** - <http://www.naeyc.org>
- **California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC)** - <http://www.caeyc.org>
- **Community Care Licensing Division** - <http://www.cclcd.ca.gov>
- **Guide to LAUSD Magnet School Applications** <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/guide/a-guide-to-lausd-magnet-schoolapplications/>
- **Los Angeles Area Independent Schools** <http://www.laais.org/schools/elementaryesad.html>
- For additional information about public and private schools, go to www.greatschools.org