



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the New Haven Early Childhood (NHECC) KIDS KIT!

The NHECC KIDS KIT includes a checklist to help you gather and maintain all the important documents you will need for your child to enter child care programs, PreK, kindergarten and activities such as sports and camps. It also includes information on how to find community resources, such as health clinics, housing assistance, and food pantries, through 2-1-1- Infoline.

Our hope is that you will use the checklist as a guide to keep all your child's important documents, such as birth certificates, medical records, insurance cards, and social security cards, together in one place. This will make them readily available for you when you need them to register your child for school, summer camp, or a sports team, or to follow up on medical appointments.

The NHECC Kids Kit also includes information about what you can do to make sure your child is ready for kindergarten.

The NHECC works to make sure that young children and their families have the information, programs, and support to get the best possible start in life, and to ensure that they are successful in school. You can learn more about the work of the NHECC by visiting our website at www.nhecc.org.

We hope your KIDS KIT will be helpful, and wish you and your children a rewarding and enjoyable school experience!

The New Haven Early Childhood Council



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Here is a list of documents you might need:

- Birth certificate (long form)
- Proof of residence (a document with your name and current address, such as an electric, phone or gas bill, or your lease)
- Up to date immunization record
- Up to date physical examination
- Up to date dental examination
- Child's health insurance card
- Proof of family's recent income (for example, last four weeks' pay stubs, statements of recent state benefits or social security benefits)

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You won't need all of these documents for every program. Make sure to check with each program for its requirements.

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211 INFOLINE

A specialist will answer your call 24/7 to help with questions and give you information about:

- Infant/toddler child care options
- Finding family child care or center based care
- Care4Kids – financial assistance for child care
- Your child's behavior
- Your child's development
- Parent groups and other programs for parents
- Housing
- Getting food for your family and local food banks and pantries
- Energy assistance
- Getting health insurance
- Domestic violence hotline

PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE

- **Head Start** <http://nhps.net/node/515>
203-946-6180, 203-946-6950, 203-946-8446
- **Magnet School PreK** <http://nhps.net/node/510>
203-946-7415
- **School Readiness** (within public schools and in community-based programs)
<http://nhps.net/node/501>
203-946-6179, 203-946-6950, 203-946-8446

For community-based preschool programs and child care options for children of all ages (birth through school-age), call 2-1-1 or visit www.211childcare.org.

KINDERGARTEN

- **New Haven Public Schools**
<http://nhps.net/node/1582>
203-946-6641, 203-946-8501



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