



Dear Community Partner,

Welcome to the New Haven Early Childhood Council (NHECC) KIDS KIT initiative. The NHECC KIDS KIT provides parents with a list of important documents needed for children to register for child care programs, Prek, kindergarten, and activities and programs such as sports and camps.

The primary focus of the NHECC KIDS KIT is the checklist - a tool that parents can use to gather and maintain the important documents that they will need over the course of their child's life. These documents include birth certificates, medical records, insurance cards, and social security cards. We are providing a large blue plastic envelope for families to use. The NHECC KIDS KIT also contains local phone numbers for PreK and kindergarten programs and information about the community resources that 211 can assist families to find locally.

It is our hope that the NHECC KIDS KIT will help parents create a system for themselves that facilitates registering and enrolling their child in school, as well as summer camp and sports teams. It may also help them to maintain information and follow up medical and dental appointments. Parents can be encouraged to maintain their own personal documents in a similar manner.

We hope that you will join us in our effort to launch the NHECC KIDS KIT, and to support parents to gather and maintain their child's records and important information. We ask that you explain and review the NHECC KIDS KIT with parents.

On behalf of the New Haven Early Childhood Council we thank you for being a part of this important initiative and we welcome your feedback.



Keep important documents that you will need for children to enter child care programs, PreK, Kindergarten and activities like sports and camps together in one place.

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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