

Heart and Hands



Preschool and Daycare

Greetings,

We are glad to be a part of your search for a preschool and childcare program for your child. Selecting a program for your child can be a difficult and daunting task. We encourage you to visit several programs. By seeing what's out there you will be better able to select a program that best matches your child's needs and your family's style.

Licensed facilities meet certain minimum standards for cleanliness, safety, and adult qualifications. All of the spaces the children have access to have been inspected by an agent of the licensing body. The inspector has verified that potentially harmful objects and substances are not accessible to any child; that there is adequate space for the number of children allowed; and that the facility maintains current information regarding each of the children and their parents. The caregivers are required to have current certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR.) They have been advised of their legal responsibility to report suspicions of child abuse and neglect. Of course, inspectors are not always present and even the most safety-conscious caregiver is only human. If a parent notices a possible safety hazard, a quick word to the caregiver should be all that is needed to correct it.

Accredited facilities have chosen to go beyond the minimal requirements to achieve a level of quality in their environment, program, and interactions with the children. The provider is required to continue her education through classes and workshops with a minimum number of education hours per year. The program is observed and paperwork checked. An accredited program has gone the extra mile to assure quality. Heart and Hands has been accredited by the National Family Child Care Association since 2003. The NAFCC is an organization dedicated to strengthening the profession of family child care by promoting high quality, professional early care and education.

Please read your brochure. If we sound like a program that will work for you, **you are welcome visit us.** This can be done by calling us on any morning to make sure we are welcoming guests that day or by setting up a future appointment. You and your child can come during outside free play (10:15-11:30.) The staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. You can observe staff/child interactions, watch the children play, and enjoy our environment.

We look forward to answering your questions and sharing our facility with your family.