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WEST HARTFORD FAMILY Child CARE PROVIDERS

Below is information about licensed family child care providers in West Hartford. Additional resources available at www.greatby8.com and www.211childcare.org/parents.

What is Licensed Family Child Care?

Licensed family child care is an alternative to center-based or individual care. In Connecticut, the Office of Early Childhood regulates “family child care homes,” to assure that the health, educational, and social needs of children are met. The licensing process includes: review of the providers application materials, including references and medical records; an interview; an inspection of the premises; required first aid training; criminal and protective services checks of anyone living in the home; unannounced visits; and investigations of any complaints. A licensed provider may care for up to 6 children on a full time basis (only 2 of whom may be under the age of 2, unless there is an assistant), and 3 additional school-age children outside school hours during the school year.

Benefits of Licensed Family Child Care

- Provide a home away from home for a young child.
- Parents get to select individuals who will care for their child.
- Continuity in care from day-to-day and year-to-year allows both child and parents to forge strong relationships with provider.
- Provides socialization opportunities for a young child.
- Mixed-age environment allows siblings to be cared for together.
- Providers are often able to accommodate extended and non-traditional hours.
- Convenience of location in nearby residential neighborhoods.
- Often the most affordable childcare option.

Finding Quality Care - Do you see...

- **Relationships:** Nurturing relationships between provider and children to support cognitive, physical, and emotional development. Cooperative and supportive relationships between provider and parents. Positive interactions with others living in the home.
- **Daily Activities:** Balance of free play and structured activities. Provider talks with even the youngest children throughout the day. Time outside. Opportunities for physical activity. Little television or computer.
- **Premises:** Space set-up to allow children to move between different activities, such as: reading, blocks, dramatic play, puzzles, and arts and crafts. Space for infants to explore safely on the floor. Safe outdoor space or large room for physical activity. Space for children to nap. Clean eating and toileting areas. Appropriate safety precautions. No smoking.
- **Alternate Arrangements:** Arrangements for substitute and emergency care.

Financial Assistance

State assistance is available through **Care 4 Kids**. For more information: <http://www.ctcare4kids.com>.

West Hartford Licensed Family Child Care Providers

Name	Address	Contact Information	Ages
Lucy Amaro	113 Boulanger Ave. West Hartford, CT 06110	860-816-0778 lucyamaro58@gmail.com	6 wks-5 yrs 7am-6pm Before & After care
Ivette Amblodegui-Blas <i>Ivette's Day Care</i>	44 Somerset St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-818-9308 ivettesdaycare@gmail.com	6wks-5 years 6:45am-4:30pm
Yanette Bambaren	11 Merline Ave West Hartford, CT 06110	860-706-2749 ybambaren@yahoo.com	6wks - 12 yrs 6am-6pm
Ana Diaz <i>Shining Star Diaz</i>	486 South Main St. West Hartford, CT 06110	860-265-5057	6 wks - 12 yrs 7am-6pm
Evelyn DeJesus <i>Little Smiles Daycare</i>	3 Seldan St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-231-0686 evelyndejesus520@gmail.com	6 wks-5 years 6:30am - 11 pm
Allison martin <i>The Neighbors' School</i>	25 Cornell Road West Hartford, CT 06107	860-869-3399 https://www.theneighborsschool.com/	6 wks - 12 yrs 7am-5pm
Yessy Frias-Martinez <i>Little Builders Childcare</i>	189 S. Highland Street West Hartford, CT 06119	860-357-7250	6 wks - 12 yrs 8am-5pm
Patricia Josefina Rodriguez <i>Angel's Place</i>	115 St. Augustine Street West Hartford, CT 06110	860-983-7141	6 wks - 12- yrs 6am-11pm
Yuderka Parra <i>Yuderka Care</i>	15 Cortland Street West Hartford, CT 06110	860-840-5865	6 wks - 12- yrs 12am-11:59pm
Yelena Pasternack <i>Yelena's Educational Place LLC</i>	91 Parsons Dr West Hartford, CT 06117	860-904-7037 yeeplace@gmail.com http://www.yeeplace.org/	16 months - 5 years 8:30a - 5:00p
Maria Perez <i>Little Sunshine Day Care</i>	136 Richard St. Fl 1 West Hartford, CT 06119	860-716-2653	6 wks - 12- yrs 12am-11:59pm
Sarah Rice <i>The Toddler Patch Family Home Day Care</i>	7 Kimberly Rd West Hartford, CT 06107	860-521-8111 sarah@thetoddlerpatch.com http://www.thetoddlerpatch.com	6 wks - 12- yrs 7:30a - 4:30p
Stephanie Sokolowski <i>Miss Stepby's Day Care LLC</i>	26 Westgate St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-233-6165 stephbrae72@gmail.com	6 wks - 5 years Hrs: 7:30-a-4:30p
Wendy Stanton	216 Griswold Drive West Hartford, CT 06119	860-214-0644 iamaveggie@gmail.com	6 wks - 5 yrs 7:30am-5pm
Monica Vergara <i>Angel's Day Care</i>	24 Florence St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-719-7245	6 wks - 12- yrs 6am-11:59pm

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Licensing status may change at any time. For additional providers, consult Connecticut 211 Child Care resource for free child care referrals.

