



**Great by 8 is a community partnership working to ensure that all West Hartford children are Great by 8!**

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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](http://www.greatby8.com) and [www.211childcare.org/parents](http://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	Infant-5 years Before & After care
Ivette Amblodegui-Blas	44 Somerset St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-818-9308 ivettesdaycare@gmail.com	Infant-5 years
Yanette Bambaren	11 Merline Ave West Hartford, CT 06110	860-706-2749 ybambaren@yahoo.com	
Patricia Beyer <i>Perfect Start Daycare</i>	601 Fern St West Hartford, CT 06107	860-561-2718 pbeyer29@yahoo.com	Infant-5 years
Ana Diaz <i>Shining Star Diaz</i>	486 South Main St. West Hartford, CT 06110	860-804-8373	
Evelyn DeJesus <i>Little Smiles Daycare</i>	3 Selldan St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-231-0686 evelyndejesus520@gmail.com	Infant-5 years (Evenings Available)
Yessy Frias-Martinez <i>Little Builders Childcare</i>	189 S. Highland Street West Hartford, CT 06119	860-357-7250	
Katie Gregory <i>The Corner Cubby</i>	49 Rumford Street West Hartford, CT 06107	434-409-9551 Katie@thecornercubby.com <a href="http://Thecornercubby.com">Thecornercubby.com</a>	4 months - 5 years 8:30a - 12:30p
Patricia Josefina Rodriguez	1176 New Britain Ave West Hartford, CT 06110	860-983-7141	
Normita Martinez	271 Whiting Lane West Hartford, CT 06119	860-985-6051 skiesthelimit.nm@gmail.com	
Yuderka Parra	15 Cortland Street West Hartford, CT 06119	860-840-5865	
Yelena Pasternack <i>Yelena's Educational Place LLC</i>	91 Parsons Dr West Hartford, CT 06117	860-904-7037 yeeplace@gmail.com <a href="http://www.yeeplace.org/">http://www.yeeplace.org/</a>	16 months - 5 years 8:30a - 5:00p
Sarah Rice <i>The Toddler Patch</i>	7 Kimberly Rd West Hartford, CT 06107	860-521-8111 sarah@thetoddlerpatch.com <a href="http://www.thetoddlerpatch.com">http://www.thetoddlerpatch.com</a>	1 - 5 years 7:30a - 4:30p
Yahaira Rivera	368 Quaker Lane S. West Hartford, CT 06119	860-995-2488 riverayah@gmail.com	
Stephanie Sokolowski	26 Westgate St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-233-6165 stephrae72@gmail.com	Infant - 4 years Hrs: 7:30-a-4:30p

<b>Wendy Stanton</b>	216 Griswold Drive West Hartford, CT 06119	860-231-0287 iamaveggie@gmail.com	
<b>Monica Vergara</b>	24 Florence St West Hartford, CT 06110	860-719-7245	

*\*\*Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement. Updated 12/2021.*

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