



# Starting Children's Academic Journeys in the Right Direction



**Transportation Children's Center**  
Leading Early Education in Boston MA



## Our Mission

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The Transportation Children's Center has been serving the needs of working parents and their children since 1986. Thanks to our safe, welcoming space and our specially credentialed staff, you can be assured that your child is getting the best care possible.



We don't just take care of children—we provide an inclusive environment in which they develop the emotional, social, physical, and intellectual skills they'll need to enter kindergarten with confidence.

## Our Special Accreditation

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We are very proud to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC, Program #145048), effective 11/30/17 through 12/1/22. With this accolade, you can be sure that TCC's curriculum reflects the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development.



## Our Classrooms

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You'll find our thoughtfully designed, well-equipped early education center on the third floor of the Massachusetts Transportation Building. We welcome children of state employees and Transportation Building employees, as well as children whose parents work or live in our adjacent neighborhoods or community. Please note: Children of state employees have first priority in enrollment. TCC can accommodate up to 78 children on a daily basis.

We offer a stimulating and nurturing environment on a **part-time or full-time basis for children 3 months through 5 years of age** in these classrooms:

- Infant One and Infant Two
- Toddler One and Toddler Two
- Junior Preschool
- Preschool One
- Pre-Kindergarten

**Every classroom is staffed by three full-time professional teachers.** Please visit us online for more about our classrooms.





## Our Professional Teaching Staff

We carefully select teachers with strong backgrounds in early childhood education. In fact, **all TCC head teachers hold an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree**, and are certified under Massachusetts' Early Education and Care (EEC) guidelines. They have wide-ranging experience working with young children and possess warm, caring natures.



Our teaching staff is the fundamental resource that allows us to provide high-quality services to our children and families. We're proud of our strong teacher retention rate. Indeed, a full third of our teachers have worked here for more than 10 years. Thanks to their commitment to the field and to the Center, our children's hearts and minds flourish. Additionally, student interns majoring in education at the college level bring fresh resources and ideas to our classrooms.



## Our Philosophy

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As teachers, we work to enhance children's feelings of self-worth in an atmosphere that encourages them to develop strong bonds with other children and adults from wide-ranging ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

We believe our program's role is to provide a positive, consistent, and productive environment in which every child can grow at his or her own level. Accordingly, children can choose from numerous educational activities and learning and play materials in our inviting space.

Here, children exercise their natural curiosity about the world and creatively express their experiences, ideas, and feelings. Every day, children can test out their developing bodies, intellects, and interests. **They also enjoy a variety of fresh-air activities—including gardening—on our fully equipped, fenced-in outdoor play-deck that's safely nestled within the Transportation Building's courtyard.**



## Our Curriculum

TCC follows the **Creative Curriculum Program**, a hands-on approach to learning and discovery that offers a variety of activities and materials to encourage experimenting, manipulating, and problem-solving. Starting with our youngest children in Infant One and Two and continuing all the way through to Pre-K, we plan activities in every classroom to assure optimum growth and development of the whole child at the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive levels.

Thanks to our excellent teacher-student ratio, students can participate in individual and small group activities that encourage language, social, and self-help skills while fostering independence and self-control. To further prepare them for success as kindergarteners, **our curriculum emphasizes a creative arts approach to developing reading, writing, and math-readiness skills.** And because our program is developmentally based, children can grow at their own pace.

Our teachers motivate, stimulate thinking, and assess the individual learning style and needs of every child. At TCC, we provide a loving and nurturing environment—one that helps instill children's lifelong love of learning.





## Hours & Drop-Off Parking

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### Center Schedule

8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday  
Closed for all state and federal holidays

You may park for up to 20 (validated) minutes in the Transportation Building garage during drop-off and pick-up.



## Food & Snacks

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We provide breakfast and two nutritious snacks. You're responsible for sending in your child's daily lunch, which we'll serve with milk. Parents of infants are responsible for providing all of their children's milk, formula, and food.



## Get Involved!

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We look forward to partnering with you. You're always welcome to visit and join your child's daily activities (including lunch, field trips, and special events). At TCC, we celebrate diversity. Please come share your family's ethnic and cultural traditions!

Your child's teacher will hold two parent conferences during the year to discuss your child's progress. We encourage you to share your observations from home, too.

If you're interested in supporting our nonprofit organization and helping to set our policies, budget, and fundraising initiatives, please consider running for a seat on our 15-member Board of Directors.

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