



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## BUILDING STRONG, BRIGHT FUTURES

Our arts based preschool provides a safe, healthy environment with age appropriate learning activities to facilitate each child's growth and development. We are conveniently located on the campus of the SOUTH SHORE YMCA – EMILSON BRANCH, Hanover.

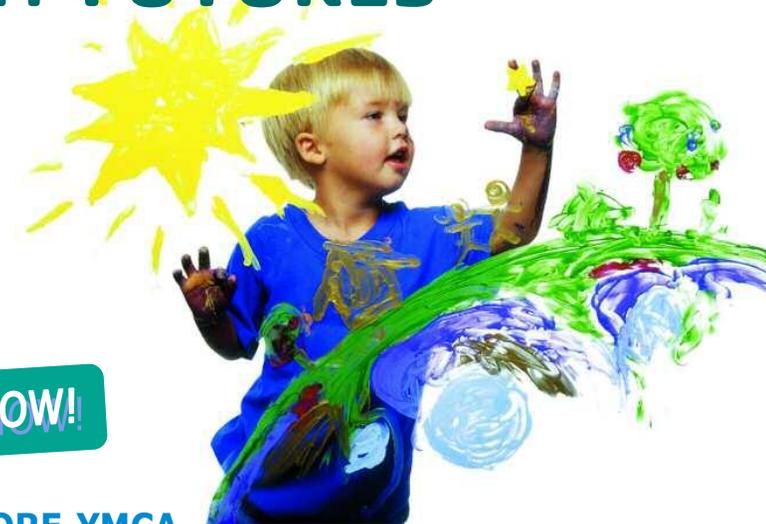
- The SOUTH SHORE YMCA is committed to strengthening our communities by nurturing the potential of children, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility.
- The program provides healthy drinks and snacks.
- Children enrolled at Laura's Center for the Arts Preschool will receive free admission to all youth events at LCA.
- Financial Assistance is available thanks to the charitable donations made to our Annual Campaign. Monies secured ensure that all are welcome to participate. Applications are available online: [ssymca.org](http://ssymca.org)

*The SOUTH SHORE YMCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, cultural heritage, child toileting status, political belief, marital status, disability or sexual orientation.*

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SOUTH SHORE YMCA

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**ENROLL NOW!**

**SOUTH SHORE YMCA**

**Laura's Center**

**for the Arts Preschool**

**Preschool Age: 2.9 years – 5+ years**



## A TYPICAL DAY – 8:30am – 12:30pm

- Morning Greetings
- Circle Time
- Small Group Activity
- LCA Provided Snack
- Outdoor Activity
- Whole Group Art Lesson
- Free Choice
- Lunch (Parent provided)
- Farewells for the Day



## CURRICULUM

Our qualified educators use **HighScope**, a research based curriculum, that addresses all curriculum areas and meets national and state education standards.

- Emphasizes the importance of routines
- Provides an assessment tool
- Promotes hands-on learning through exploration
- Supports early literacy and language development
- Ensures preparation for elementary school

## FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

We partner with families to support the education, health and happiness of every child.

Children enrolled at Laura's Center for the Arts Preschool will receive free admission to all South Shore YMCA youth productions at Laura's Center for the Arts.

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Enrichment programs are embedded into the curriculum to provide children opportunities to be well-rounded learners.

- Water Safety Program
- Visits from Nature Center Naturalists
- Daily Art Lesson
- Yoga
- Handwriting Without Tears
- HighScope research based curriculum



## OUR FOCUS

We believe in creating a strong foundation in the arts at an early age to provide both a healthy means of expression as well as a natural pathway into countless other areas of interest.

**Preschoolers** use their curiosity and imagination to become creative thinkers. Active and exuberant learners, they work on increasing the mastery of physical skills and develop positive self-image.



Our curriculum prepares children to become independent learners, develop self-confidence and social skills for sharing in a classroom setting. We focus on language and literacy development, math activities, science and nature, music and movement, and of course the appreciation of art and dramatic play!

## OUR ARTS PROGRAM

Our curriculum centers on a child's creative process as a means of self-expression and discovery. We incorporate the Arts into themes to encourage children to grow cognitively, socially, and physically.

The Arts are promoted through a daily art lesson as well as large and small group dramatic play. Children will be given an opportunity to explore different mediums and engage in dramatic play experiences in the classroom.

## LCA Leadership

**Layni Loumiotis-Hook** has a Master's Degree in Education. She completed her student teaching and worked in the Barnstable Public Schools for five years before joining the staff at the South Shore YMCA Early Learning Center as a Preschool Teacher, then as the Senior Lead Preschool Teacher. Children receive the best individual education with Layni's experience and knowledge through interest centers and child-centered themes.

**SiouxSanna Ramirez-Cruz** is Director, Arts & Education at Laura's Center for the Arts. She earned a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Acting and Masters in Theatre Education from Emerson College. SiouxSanna has created and worked in many recognized institutions including Wang/Citi Performing Arts Center and has impacted the role of youth and their communities as Director of Education for the Broadway Experience. SiouxSanna is currently illustrating two children's books.