



The State Street Early Learning Center is accredited by National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Young Toddler through Kindergarten are consistent with the guidelines of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), a voluntary accreditation system which identifies high quality early childhood programs for children. NAEYC sets standards of excellence in curriculum, classroom environment, family communication, educator qualifications/development, health and safety. The State Street Early Learning Center supports NAEYC criteria and embraces its mission committed to fostering the growth and development of young children.

Our setting provides a safe, healthy environment with age appropriate indoor and outdoor physical space and equipment to facilitate each child's learning and development. Our state-of-the-art playground provides challenging and safe play designed to meet the gross motor needs of all children.

- The State Street Early Learning Center is committed to a high quality program. All programs are licensed by the MA Department of Early Education and Care.
- Children bring their main lunch, while the program provides healthy breakfast, supplemental lunch and pm snacks.
- Rolling admissions is based on availability.
- The State Street Early Learning Center is year round.
- The South Shore YMCA is a charity. Dollars raised through charitable gifts to our Change a Life Fund ensure financial assistance and accessibility to programs and services for all. Contact Kristine Swan for a Financial Assistance application or visit [ssymca.org](http://ssymca.org)

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

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## **BUILDING STRONG, BRIGHT FUTURES**



**SOUTH SHORE YMCA**  
**STATE STREET EARLY LEARNING CENTER**  
Young Toddlers, Toddlers, Preschool, Kindergarten  
Ages 12 months through 5+ years

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## PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Young Toddlers: 12 to 15 months old
- Toddlers: 16 months to 2.8 Years old
- Preschool: 2.9 to 4 years old
- PreK – Kindergarten: 4.5 years old and up

Programs offer flexible schedules to meet the needs of families. Two day minimum required.

**OPEN 7:00AM – 6:00PM**  
**Full Day Up To 10 Hours**

### CURRICULUM

Our qualified educators use Teaching Strategies GOLD, a research based assessment 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



### ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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

- Swim at the Quincy Y
- Indoor & outdoor play
- Visits from SSNSC Naturalists
- Yoga
- Music and movement
- Art Specialists
- Connections with Community

## OUR FOCUS

The SOUTH SHORE YMCA is committed to strengthening our communities by nurturing the potential of children, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of responsibility.

The **Young Toddlers and Toddlers** receive guidance and support from a warm, caring staff. Open-ended activities help toddlers learn through play as they navigate social situations, investigate cause and effect relationships, and build essential early language and motor skills.

The **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.

The curriculum for **Preschool to Kindergarten** 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 through many enrichment activities.



Developing habits for healthy living starts at an early age. The YMCA Field House provides an indoor playground with engaging, challenging, and developmentally appropriate equipment designed to meet the needs of young children.

- Scooters to build balance and coordination
- Balance beam assists with strengthening the core muscles, balance, and agility
- Tunnels and tents for special awareness
- Wheeled toys for pushing and pulling to build upper body strength

Access to the Y Field House every child the opportunity to run, climb, crawl and skip their way to healthy minds and bodies.

## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

We partner with families to support the education, health and happiness of every child. We encourage involvement in our programs through Family Nights (provided six times a year), and our Family Advisory council. We collaborate with Early Childhood specialists and programs in our community to provide families with support and services.



## STATE STREET EARLY LEARNING CENTER EDUCATORS

Our teachers have the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children's learning and development as well as support our families with diverse needs and interests. **Kristine Swan**, State Street Early Learning Center Director, holds a Bachelor's Degree from Wheelock College in Human Development with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. Kristine's experience and knowledge will lead the team of educators to provide the best individual education for the children enrolled at the State Street Early Learning Center. **Mary Spargo**, State Street ELC Assistant Director, holds a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Nazarene College in Early Education and is dedicated to the growth & development of young children and assists in all facets of our high quality early learning center.