



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

BUILDING STRONG BRIGHT FUTURES

Our educationally based childcare programs provide a safe, healthy environment with age appropriate indoor and outdoor physical space and equipment to facilitate each child's learning and development. We are conveniently located on Route 53, just a mile south of Route 3 in Hanover.

- The SOUTH SHORE YMCA's Early Learning Center is committed to quality. All programs are licensed by the MA Department of Early Education and Care.
- Children bring a lunch, while the program provides healthy drinks and snacks.
- Rolling admissions based on availability.
- Full and part time options are available for Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Pre-K and Multi-Age Kindergarten children to meet family's childcare needs.
- The South Shore YMCA is a charity. Dollars raised through charitable gifts to our Annual Campaign ensure financial assistance and accessibility to programs and services for all. Applications also available online: 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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**SOUTH SHORE YMCA
EARLY LEARNING CENTER**
Infants, Toddlers, Preschool, Pre-K,
Multi-Age Kindergarten
Ages 6 weeks through 5+ years

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PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Infants: 6 weeks to 14 months old
- Toddlers: 15 months to 2.9 years old
- Preschool: 2.9 to 4 years old
- PreK: 4 to 5 years old
- Multi-Age Kindergarten

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

OPEN 6:30AM – 6:00PM

Full Day: up to 10 Hours

School Day: 8:30AM – 3:30PM

Mornings: 8:30AM – 12:30PM

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 INVOLVEMENT

We partner with families to support the education, health and happiness of every child. We encourage involvement in our Family Advisory Council. We collaborate with early childhood specialists and programs in our community to provide families with support and services.



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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

- Aquatic Safety Program at the Emilson Y
- Visits from Science Center Naturalists
- Visits to the Y Family Farm
- Yoga
- Gymnastics & Tumble Fun
- Indoor and outdoor exploration and play



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.

Our **Infant** program provides the necessary attention and flexible schedules to meet each child's developmental needs.

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 **Pre-K and Multi-Age 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.



THE KIDZONE: Indoor Large Motor Activity Room

Developing habits for healthy living starts at an early age. The **KidZone** is our innovative indoor playground with engaging, challenging, and developmentally appropriate equipment designed to meet the needs of young children.

- Scooters and trikes to build balance and coordination
- Large structure with ramps, slides, ladders, and climbing wall for gross motor development
- Basketball hoops and balls to facilitate hand-eye coordination
- Tunnels and tents for special awareness
- Wheeled toys for pushing and pulling to build upper body strength

Time in the **KidZone** is part of every child's daily schedule where children will run, climb, crawl and skip their way to healthy minds and bodies.

EARLY LEARNING EDUCATORS

Our teachers have the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children's learning and development through inquiry, investigation and valuable hands-on experiences. **Maureen Melone**, our Early Learning Center Director in Hanover will lead our experienced team of educators to provide the best early education at our state-of-the-art child centered environment. Educators address each child's developmental needs and interests while emphasizing the YMCA character values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We offer relevant professional development opportunities to our educators to support the attainment of degrees as well as ongoing professional growth. Our individualized instruction will help your child grow and succeed preparing them for grade school and beyond!