



## 5 STAR LICENSE

ISSUED BY  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

## SCHEDULE OF OPERATION

Year Round  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## TEACHER : CHILD RATIOS

Toddler Room 1 : 5  
Preschool Rooms 1 : 8

YMCA Children's Center  
@ Carol Woods  
is a program of the  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA

### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR, PLEASE CONTACT:

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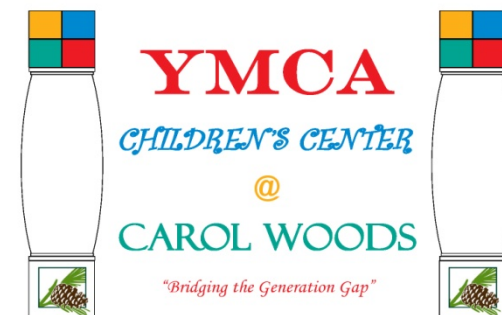
"I got the best gift of all, an endless supply of hugs. Without kids next door, how can you get one of life's greatest gifts - namely, the spontaneous expression of affection from junior adults who seek you out because you are their friend?"

--- A Carol Woods Resident



YMCA Children's Center @ Carol Woods is open to all children who may benefit from our program regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or ability to pay.

Financial assistance is available through the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA.



We offer early care and education for children 15 months to 5 years old in an intergenerational setting on the campus of the Carol Woods Retirement Community.

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## OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that optimal learning occurs when children are actively involved (physically and cognitively) in experiences that are age-appropriate and relevant to their lives. The Children's Center staff provides a **caring and supportive environment** where children can express their thoughts and beliefs. The children can test those beliefs in secure surroundings and make sense of the world in which they live, in terms they can understand.

The teachers will not only be facilitators but also collaborators as they explore the world with the children. They have the use of the resources of the residents of Carol Woods to take them beyond the confines of the classroom and into the wonder of the community at large.



## OUR STAFF

Each of the center's four classrooms has two highly qualified co-teachers, who facilitate learning under the supervision of the Center Director. They are experienced and educated in child development and belong to the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**, through which they attend conferences and trainings to enhance their knowledge in the current best practices in early childhood education.



## OUR FACILITY

The Children's Center is part of an intergenerational village on the campus of **Carol Woods Retirement Community**. As an integral part of the Community, the Center is located adjacent to assisted living residences and in close proximity to the natural landscape surrounding it. Each of the Center's four classrooms connects directly to the playground, as well as having access to the building's Multipurpose Room, providing an alternative to the playground when the weather is not conducive to outdoor play.



## OUR CURRICULUM

The primary goal of the Center is to help children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive life-long learners. We allow them to learn at their own pace in ways that are best for them. To do so, teachers implement a comprehensive, scientifically-based early childhood curriculum entitled **The Creative Curriculum®**, by Diane Tristan Dodge.

Teachers encourage children to actively explore the classroom in which the planned activities, selection of materials, daily schedule, and on-going interactions, are all designed to best respond to children's learning styles, strengths, and interests. Integrated in both everyday routines and planned activities are opportunities for learning in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology.

