



Great Expectations  
Child Care Center Inc.

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## Information Packet



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We want to sincerely thank you for your interest in Great Expectations! We could not be more excited and thrilled to let you know all about the wonderful programs that we offer at Great Expectations. Whether you are expecting a first child, or are a seasoned veteran of center-based child care, we understand that choosing a facility for your little one is an important personal decision that cannot be taken lightly.

As sisters, our dream to open a successful, educationally-based child care facility began as young adults. We both pursued higher level education in childhood fields, Colleen in Elementary Education and Lindsay in Psychology & Childhood Development. We not only shared a passion for the education of young children, but we understood the realities and tough choices that parents face when looking for quality and reliable care.

Great Expectations officially opened its doors in January of 2010 and we have grown exponentially since. We have built our business on the foundation of trust and with great understanding of superior customer service. We value the relationships we have built among the staff we employ, the children we care for and their parents; all are truly additions to our own families.

We cannot wait to meet you and would be honored to care for your child!

Sincerely,

Colleen Gaczewski, BS  
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## *Our Mission Statement*

Our mission is to provide child care that meets the needs of both the child and family in a safe, educational environment. We pride our center's focus on the developmental needs of each individual child, while providing quality, reliable and affordable child care, and building meaningful, healthy relationships.

## Teachers

Our teaching staff consists of qualified teachers and teacher assistants under supervision of a full time Director. Our teachers qualifications include: Child Associate Credential, Early Childhood Education B.A., Early Childhood Education M.A and NYS Certification.



## Our Vision

Great Expectations offers the opportunity for each child to develop physically, socially and cognitively according to his or her learning style.

Our goals are:

- To provide affordable, dependable, childcare services
- To provide a nurturing environment, fostering the development of healthy relationships
- To provide learning experiences for children to provide a preschool program, readying children for lifelong learning





## What sets us apart?



- Clean and bright facility
- On-site Owners We have qualified staff, who are fun and passionate about early childhood learning.
- Biometric Fingerprint Access System
- FunShine Express Curriculum— New York State Approved Curriculum with sign language integrated.
- Nutritional meals provided daily— following the USDA CACFP program.
- Electronic Daily Reports— featuring photos and videos of your child sent directly to your smart phone daily.
- Sprouts music classes
- Automatic External Defibrillator on-site
- Tuition Express Autopay
- West Seneca Universal Preschool

# Specialized Programs For Every Age Group

## Infants (6 weeks- 18months)

Our program for infants sets its daily stride around the needs and unique differences of each child. Routines are the course for an infant's day and are the foundation for building trust. Every moment of an infant's day offers opportunities for learning and building reliable and dependable relationships.

## Toddlers (18 months- 3years)

Our young toddler program focuses on your child's natural need and desire to explore her new and changing world. By this time your child should begin to crawl, cruise and even walk. During this transition from infancy to toddlerhood, your child's curiosity of her environment will increase. Our young toddler program will continue to meet the needs of your child, while offering your child a safe environment where she can move freely and explore.

## Preschool (3 years-4 years)

With improved coordination and cognitive abilities the world begins to open up for preschoolers. Purposeful play is the core of our preschool programming. Your expressive preschooler's day is filled with hands-on interactive experiences, because we know preschoolers learn by doing. Our programming begins each day with a morning meeting time to discuss the day's activities, review the calendar and talk about the weather. In morning centers, children work in small groups navigating through choice-centered learning stations.

## Universal Preschool & Kinder-Readiness (4 years- 5 years)

The UPK/Kinder-Ready year is all about Kindergarten preparation! Our UPK/Kinder-Ready program starts with a daily morning message and continues with small and large group learning experiences. At this age, school readiness becomes a priority. Our program goals are focused on providing your child with a solid foundation in the academic skills needed for Kindergarten and beyond. We ensure learning is always fun and enjoyable.



## How We Involve Parents!



Keeping our families involved with our daily activities has always been a priority of ours. To do this, our center uses an electronic

daily classroom communication tool that is called Tadpoles.

The Tadpoles program will allow our teachers to capture special moments, take photos, and videos of the children in action, as well as send you classroom information. You'll get daily reports and notes right in your email or through the Tadpoles application on your smart phone.



## Our Curriculum!



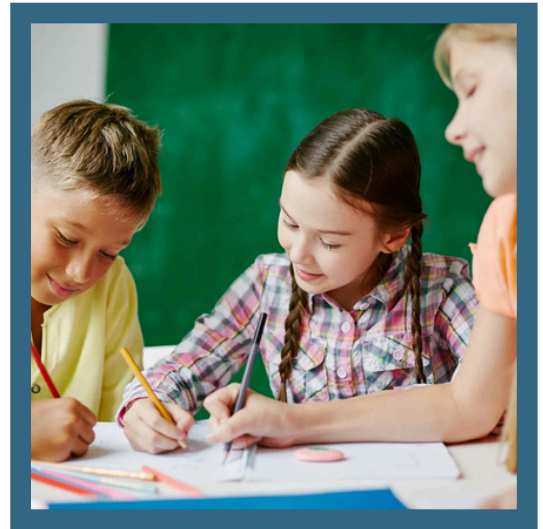
FunShine Express helps to address each child socially, physically, emotionally, and cognitively. FunShine's curriculum stimulates thinking, reasoning, decision-making, and problem-solving. Based on current early learning research, the FunShine curriculum actively engages children and supports differences in learning styles, maturity, and interests. FunShine Express guarantees that their curriculums has the depth to meet educational standards being implemented in New York State.





## School Age (5years-12years) Before, After & School Recess

Our Before school, After School & School Recess Programs provide a safe and fun environment for all students to participate in academic, leisure and recreational activities outside of the traditional school hours. Our teachers provide children with homework assistance. Children have quality time individually or in groups to explore our centers in music, reading, games, and technology. Our classrooms provide a safe place for your child's social, emotional, and academic development to continue with confidence, and our industry-leading health and safety practices offer peace of mind for you and so much more than basic supervision for your children.



## School Age (5years-12years) Summer Camp

Our Summer Camp is designed for children who are typically in elementary or middle school (usually ages 5–12 or kindergarten through 6th grade) during the summer break from school. Our camp offer a safe, supervised, and enriching environment while school is out. Some of our summer camp activities include; outdoor games and sports, arts and crafts, STEM experiments, music and movement, and weekly themed actives. Also, no extra cost for weekly off-site field trips!



Arrange for your child's West Seneca School District bus to pick-up and drop-off at Great Expectations on school days.

# Tuition Rates - 2024/2025 -

PROGRAM	Weekly	Daily
Infant (6 weeks –18 months)	\$385	\$80
Toddler (18 months -36 months)	\$365	\$76
Preschool/ Kinder-Ready (3 –5 yrs)	\$340	\$70

Family Discount: 10% sibling discount applied to the oldest sibling  
\*\*We accept part time enrollment for 2 or 3 days per week.\*\*

PROGRAM	Before	After	Before & After	Early Release	Recess/Summer Camp
School Age	\$13	\$14	\$25	+\$21	\$60
FULL Day UPK	\$15	\$25	\$40		
½ Day UPK	Limited wrap-care available, please inquire w/Director for availability and pricing				

## NOTES

- 1) Minimum enrollment of 2 days per week is required.
- 2) Parents may add an additional day when space is available.
- 3) UPK tuition valid for 2024-2025 school year. Regular Program Rates valid through August 31st 2025.  
Please note: Tuition, Policies and Program Offerings are subject to change.

## Policy Highlights

### Center Hours:

Our Center is open Monday– Friday 7am –5:30pm.

### Registration:

At the time of enrollment, a nonrefundable enrollment fee of \$50, along with a tuition deposit of two weeks tuition is due. This tuition deposit is refundable upon withdrawing your child if proper notice is given. Prior to your child starting, the first week's tuition is also due.

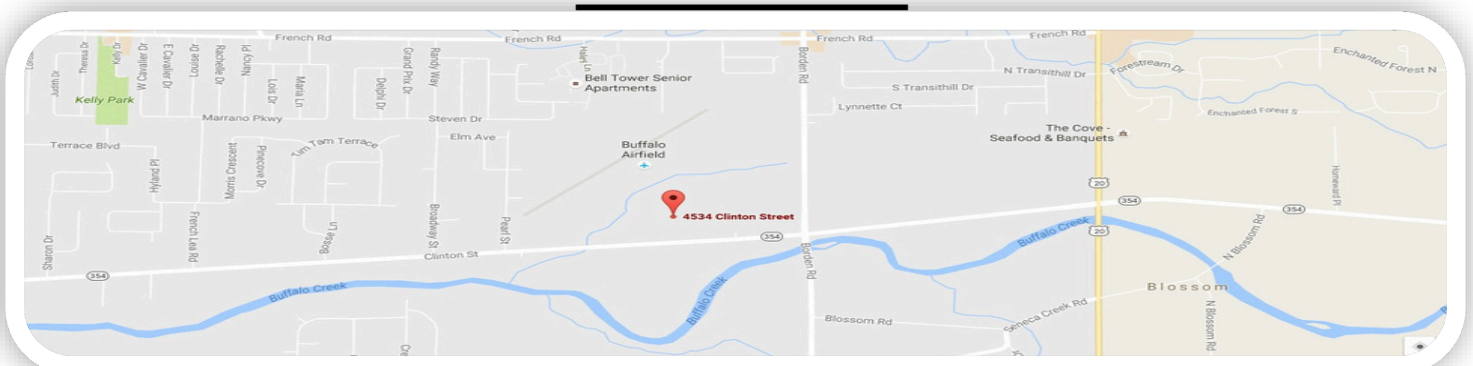
### Payments:

Tuition payments can be made bi-weekly or monthly, as long as the tuition is prepaid for the following week of care.

### Vacation Days:

Vacations days are given to families to use to waive tuition for pre-planned absences.

## Our Location



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