

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Burlington Children's Space. The Burlington Children's Space offers care for children between the ages of 6 weeks to those leaving for kindergarten. We are currently open M-F 8:00am-4:00pm. A limited number of part time slots are available within the program. We offer a sliding fee scale for tuition and accept State subsidy payments for child care as well. Spaces are reserved for infant and toddler families who qualify for Early Head Start services.

If you would like to be considered for a spot at BCS, please complete this form and return it along with the wait list fee of \$25.00. There is an option to waive the fee if it is a barrier for your family. New children usually enter the program in September, but the enrollment process begins in January, with siblings and staff babies given priority. After current families have been enrolled, we will contact wait list members about any openings we have.

You may email this completed form to us at mscaife@burlingtonchildrensspace.org or mail it to:

Burlington Children's Space
241 N. Winooski Avenue
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Our Philosophy

At Burlington Children's Space, we believe that young children thrive when their learning is cultivated within a stimulating and nurturing environment that takes into consideration the "whole" child.

Family, culture, socioeconomic background and developmental stage are all integral parts of each child and should be welcomed as integrated parts of a rich environment. We strive to create a sense of community for our children within the Center and help them feel a part of the larger community they live in as well.

Children are competent learners. We respect and value their curiosity, their social nature, their purposeful inquiries and their incredible perseverance. We believe that children will demonstrate their own complex and meaningful agendas for learning as they all possess a natural desire to challenge themselves and embrace new experiences.

We believe in positive language, active problem solving, appropriate limits and positive consequences for desired behavior and we strive to model these ideas within empathetic and caring classrooms.

Finally, we believe in the power of love and acceptance and that we have as much to learn from young children as they have to learn from us.

You can get a glimpse of daily life, curriculum, and events @burlingtonchildrensspacevt on Instagram or read our curriculum blog at <https://bcsstudioarchive.wordpress.com/>

Burlington Children's Space Rates

Included here are the rates for the 2024-2025 school year. BCS uses a sliding scale to offer scholarships based on financial need. If you believe you would have trouble affording these rates, we encourage you to explore the State of Vermont's [Child Care Financial Assistance Program](#).

For Burlington families with children under 3, visit <https://earlylearningbtv.org/>.

Burlington Children's Space Tuition Scale 2024-2025

<u>Infant/Toddler</u>	<u>Days</u>		
EPL	5	3	2
<u>250%</u>	\$1,261	\$946	\$630
<u>400%</u>	\$1,541	\$1,156	\$770
<u>500%</u>	\$1,821	\$1,366	\$911
<u>575%</u>	\$2,101	\$1,576	\$1,051
<u>700%</u>	\$2,474	\$1,856	\$1,237

<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Days</u>		
	5	3	2
<u>250%</u>	\$1,261	\$946	\$630
<u>400%</u>	\$1,541	\$1,156	\$770
<u>500%</u>	\$1,797	\$1,272	\$778
<u>575%</u>	\$1,797	\$1,272	\$778
<u>700%</u>	\$2,170	\$1,552	\$964

Above are rates at example household income levels. Actual rates will be calculated based on 2024 household income less than any State Subsidy and First Steps payments.

Act 166 funds will lower tuition for Pre-K students. However, since the sliding scale is calculated on a family's ability to afford ECE, it will not further reduce BCS sliding scale rates that are already below the cost of Pre-K less than Act 166.

ENROLLMENT \WAITING LIST APPLICATION

Child's Name:

DOB:

Sex:

Date Childcare is Needed:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home/Mobile Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home/Mobile Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Days Care is Needed:

BCS will be open 8:00-4:00 daily.

The information below is necessary for our funding / grants.

Are you receiving Headstart/State child care subsidy?

What is your estimated annual household income?

What language(s) do you speak?

Would you like an interpreter for the enrollment process?