

The Russell J. Call Children's Center at Northeastern University in Boston



Photo by Colleen Murphy

“My boys have blossomed at the Children's Center. The teachers have created a wonderful curriculum that takes advantage of being a school housed within a university and situated in a bustling city.”

—Meghan Eckner, Executive Assistant
College of Science, Office of the Dean

Learning through Play and Exploration

The Russell J. Call Children's Center, conveniently located on the Northeastern campus in Boston, provides children aged two years nine months through five years the opportunity to learn important skills in a warm and nurturing environment.

A Benefit for Northeastern Faculty and Staff

The Children's Center offers childcare on the Boston campus. Parents benefit from the peace of mind they deserve, knowing that their child is being nurtured and well cared for by experts in child development. Parents are welcome to drop in to visit or have lunch with their child. The rates are competitive and Northeastern faculty and staff receive priority enrollment.

Highly Trained Staff

Each member of our dedicated staff has a bachelor's or master's degree in an education-related field. Co-op and work-study students support the professional full-time staff. Our excellent child-to-staff ratio enables the teachers to develop engaging curriculum that fosters children's innate love of learning and discovery. Together, we explore many wonderful sites both on the campus, like the Xhibition Kitchen and Matthews Arena, and in the community, such as the Museum of Fine Arts and the Fens.

We Understand Children

Children learn through play and exploration. With the support and guidance of their teachers, preschoolers develop intellectual and physical abilities through fun, hands-on projects, and activities that create feelings of accomplishment. Just like Northeastern students engaged in experimental learning, grounded in our signature co-op program, our children learn by doing.



“The teachers are creative and child-focused. My daughter is excited for school every day. She bonded quickly with the teachers and terrific Northeastern students who help make the teacher-student ratio unbeatable.”

– Elizabeth Bucar, Associate Professor
Department of Religion

A Nurturing and Dynamic Environment

Our professional staff knows that children thrive and parents are reassured when strong connections are formed. Children who feel safe and secure, both emotionally and physically, are free to absorb information and knowledge. Our spacious quarters were designed specifically for preschool children. The classrooms contain ample space for art projects, dramatic play, and block building. There is a large room that holds a grand indoor sandbox. Recognizing that children thrive on fresh air, we have a sizable playground onsite which is used almost every day.

Preparation for Life-long Learning

Our multi-age classrooms provide a home-like environment that allows children to learn from each other. Our high level of staffing enables us to create a “pre-kindergarten circle” that prepares the older children for the transition to kindergarten. Regardless of age, through supervised interaction, the children learn the social and emotional skills that are crucial to doing well in school. During play, they also build academic skills that will help them in school.

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1 Fencourt Street (off Huntington Avenue) • Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM

- Year-round admissions for children ages two years nine months through five years
- Licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
- Low child-staff ratio
- Competitive rates with need-based scholarship program for benefits-eligible Northeastern faculty and staff
- Priority enrollment for Northeastern faculty, staff, and students
- Short-term parking for drop off and pickup
- Two snacks provided daily

For more information and/or a tour of the center, please email the center’s director, **Regina Nazzaro** at r.nazzaro@neu.edu.