

The Russell J. Call Children's Center

at Northeastern University in Boston



Photo by Colleen Murphy

“The Children’s Center is a wonderful resource available to us through the Northeastern community. All three of our children have enrolled and our kids love it. From the amazingly intuitive and encouraging teachers, to the myriad of enthusiastic co-op students, to the rich, cultural diversity at the school, our children have a perfect environment for social and emotional development. I can honestly say I am constantly astounded by the staff’s dedication to providing a warm and enriching environment for kids!”

Stephen Chang

Associate Research Scientist
Khoury College of Computer Sciences

Jennifer Wo

Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, MGH

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 benefits-eligible 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 Exhibition 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.

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“We are very fortunate to be able to send our kids to the Children’s Center. It’s great to see our girls happily running into their classroom every day and to know we can trust the teachers to nurture them and care for them.”

Silvia Prina
Associate Professor of Economics

Carlos Chiapa
Associate, Analysis Group

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. Both the center and the playground have recently been renovated. 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.

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
- Priority enrollment for Northeastern benefits-eligible faculty and staff
- 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,
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