



Striving to be better than the rest.

We teach the skills needed for kindergarten readiness using the Creative Curriculum, which promotes active learning in nine content areas:

- social-emotional
- physical
- language
- cognitive
- literacy
- mathematics
- science and technology
- social studies
- the arts

Because very young children are most interested in playing, teachers plan the children's play activities to teach educational concepts such as numbers, letters, colors and observational skills. Teachers guide the children's learning through active, planned experiences with the classroom and outside environment. Project-based activities allow children to explore and find answers to questions, enabling every child to become a creative, confident thinker.

First Step Early Childhood Education Center is part of FamilyWise, a nonprofit organization that has been improving the lives of children and families since 1976. At FamilyWise, we fulfill our mission to promote social change by strengthening families and the community through programs that:

Educate parents on skills needed to lead stable lives and provide safe homes for their children.

Empower families to achieve self-sufficiency and to advocate for themselves and their children.

Enrich the lives of children, youth and families, enabling them to lead healthy, productive family lifestyles.



FIRST STEP

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

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First Step is a childcare center that offers an amazing learning environment for children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years, located in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis at 3036 University Avenue SE. The center is open weekdays from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The three classrooms; **infant** (6 weeks-16 months), **toddler** (16-32 months), and **preschool** (33 months-first day of kindergarten) are led by certified early childhood educators.

Come on a tour!

Call for an appointment!
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"First Step" to Success

Six years ago, Tim was on a walk with his two-week-old son when he noticed a sign for First Step Early Childhood Education Center. He and his wife decided to enroll their son, and they were so thrilled with the experience that they enrolled their twins as well when they were born several years later. "Our three-year-old twins can write their names! We're amazed by what they learn every day - letters, numbers, Spanish, and science. Above all, we appreciate the love and care they receive."

Tim and his wife never imagined that a nationally-accredited, affordable childcare center would be right in their own backyard.

About First Step

Our goal is to prepare children for kindergarten success and beyond! We also help empower parents to be involved in the early and ongoing education of their children. Families are involved in conferences and other activities that encourage continued participation in their child's education.

- Culturally diverse teachers and staff with more than 30 years of combined teaching experience
- Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Parent Aware Four Star Rating
- Low child-to-teacher ratio and spacious classrooms
- Convenient location on the busline (near U of M and between the two downtowns)
- Accepts Child Care Authorization, Pathway 1 Early Learning Scholarships, and Minnesota Basic Sliding Fee

Costs*

Infant

\$321 per week
3:1 child to teacher ratio

Toddler

\$270 per week
6:1 child to teacher ratio

Preschool

\$241 per week
8:1 child to teacher ratio

*hourly and daily rates available for toddlers and preschoolers
*one-time registration fee of \$60 per child

"We shopped around for childcare and found that **First Step** was affordable, but more importantly, gave us **peace of mind** that our son was in a smaller center with **qualified, caring teachers**. He's now in the preschool classroom and we're thrilled by what he learns every day - writing his name, numbers, and more!"

-First Step Parent