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BRIDGE  
FAMILY CENTER

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### **Great by 8's Goals**

***Every young child in West Hartford, in every school, is healthy, engaged, and supported.***

- Every West Hartford family has the information it needs to raise healthy children.
- Children are ready for school / schools are ready for children.
- Children have access to high quality early care and learning opportunities.
- Families and schools recognize the importance of developmentally appropriate practice.

### **Great by 8's Work**

***Great by 8 engages and connects West Hartford families to resources and services, creating a community where young children thrive.***

- Quality Care for Infants and Toddlers
- Developmentally Appropriate Learning Experiences for Pre-K Children
- Social / Emotional Health of Elementary School Children
- Co-Creating Equity
- Expanding Family Support

***If you are interested in receiving updates and information from Great by 8 or getting involved, please e-mail us at [whgreatby8@gmail.com](mailto:whgreatby8@gmail.com).***

***We welcome your involvement.***

## **WEST HARTFORD FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS**

We hope that this handout will assist you in investigating family day care providers. A list of licensed family day care providers in West Hartford is provided on the back of this handout. Below is some information about licensed family day care in Connecticut. Additional resources, including articles, sample questions, and maps are available at [www.greatby8.com](http://www.greatby8.com). Another great resource is [www.211childcare.org/parents](http://www.211childcare.org/parents).

### **What is Licensed Family Day Care?**

Licensed family day care is an alternative to center-based or individual care. In Connecticut, the Office of Early Childhood regulates "family day care homes," to assure that the health, educational, and social needs of children are met. The licensing process includes: review of the providers application materials, including references and medical records; an interview; an inspection of the premises; required first aid training; criminal and protective services checks of anyone living in the home; unannounced visits; and investigations of any complaints. A licensed provider may care for up to 6 children on a fulltime basis (only 2 of whom may be under the age of 2, unless there is an assistant), and 3 additional school-age children outside school hours during the school year.

### **Benefits of Licensed Family Day Care**

- Family day care can provide a home away from home for a young child.
- Parents get to select individual who will care for child.
- Continuity in care from day-to-day and year-to-year allows both child and parents to forge strong relationship with provider.
- Family day care provides socialization opportunities for a young child.
- Mixed-age environment allows siblings to be cared for together.
- Family day care providers are often able to accommodate extended and non-traditional hours.
- Convenience of location in nearby residential neighborhoods.
- Family day care is often the most affordable childcare option.

### **Finding Quality Care - Do you see...**

- **Relationships**: Nurturing relationships between provider and children to support cognitive, physical, and emotional development. Cooperative and supportive relationships between provider and parents. Positive interactions with others living in the home.
- **Daily Activities**: Balance of free play and structured activities. Provider talks with even the youngest children throughout the day. Time outside. Opportunities for physical activity. Little television or computer.
- **Premises**: Space set-up to allow children to move between different activities, such as: reading, blocks, dramatic play, puzzles, and arts and crafts. Space for infants to explore safely on the floor. Safe outdoor space or large room for physical activity. Space for children to nap. Clean eating and toileting areas. Appropriate safety precautions. No smoking.
- **Alternate Arrangements**: Arrangements for substitute and emergency care.

### **Financial Assistance**

State assistance is available through Care 4 Kids. For more information: <http://www.ctcare4kids.com>.

## West Hartford Licensed Family Day Care Providers

Name	Address	Contact Information	Ages
Lucy Amaro	113 Boulanger Ave., West Hartford, 06110	860-519-0055 860-816-0778 (cell) lucyamaro58@gmail.com	Infant - 5 years Before & After Care
Ivette Amblodegui-Blas	51 Gillette Street, West Hartford, 06119	860-818-9308	Infant - 5 years
Fancy A. Collado	358 Fern St. West Hartford, 06119	860-306-6515	Infant - 5 years
Elsie Daniel	120 Boulanger Ave. West Hartford, 06110	860-233-4729	Infant - 5 years
Evelyn DeJesus	3 Seldan St. West Hartford, 06110	860-231-0686	Infant - 5 years
Dvora Elkayam (Dorit Daycare)	74 Fuller Dr. West Hartford, 06117	860-231-1979 dorit.elkayam2@gmail.com	Infant - 4 years
Kathryn Gregory (Corner Cubby)	49 Rumford St. West Hartford, 06107	434-409-9551 katie@thecornercubby.com	Infant – 5 years Aftercare
Jill Isenberg	67 Ledgewood Rd. West Hartford, 06107	860-463-8041	Aftercare
Normita Martinez (Child Play with ABC's & 1,2,3s)	271 Whiting Ln West Hartford, CT 06119	860-985-6051 skiesthelimit.nm@gmail.com	Infant – 5 years Before & Aftercare
Janess Marte	1078 Boulevard, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl. West Hartford, 06110	860-570-1257	Infant - 5 years
Linda Olesnevich	18 Fennebrook Rd. West Hartford, 06119	860-232-7088	Infant - 5 years
Yelena Pasternak (Yelena's Educational Place)	91 Parsons Dr. West Hartford, CT 06117	860-904-7037 yeeplace@gmail.com www.yeeplace.com	15 months - 5 years
Maria Perez	136 Richard St., 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl. West Hartford, 06119	860-231-1407	Infant - 5 years
Marilyn Perone	119 Davenport Rd. West Hartford, 06110	860-521-8426	K - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Before & Aftercare
Hulsimati Ramsarup	1483 Boulevard West Hartford, 06119	860-521-6928 vickiramsarup@gmail.com	Infant - 3 years
Leticia Reina-Obregon	15 Steven St., Apt. C West Hartford, 06110	860-436-1473 letivarz@yahoo.es	Infant - 5 years After Care
Sarah Rice (The Toddler Patch)	7 Kimberly Rd. West Hartford, 06107	860-521-8111 sarah@thetoddlerpatch.com www.thetoddlerpatch.com	6 weeks - 12 years Before & Aftercare
Stephanie Sokolowski	26 Westgate St. West Hartford, CT 06110	860-233-6165 Stephrae72@gmail.com	Infant - 5 years
Lucy Veilleux	6 Huckleberry Ln. West Hartford, 06110	860-521-5371	Infant - 5 years

\*\* Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement.

This list was last updated in September 2016. Licensing status may change at any time.

To check a providers status: <http://www.ct.gov/oec/cwp/view.asp?a=4542&q=545168#Check> \*\*