



# Enrollment

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Nurtured Growth  
Childcare Inc.





## Welcome to Nurtured Growth Childcare

Welcome! We are thrilled to have your family looking into joining our program. This overview has been thoughtfully prepared to provide you with all the essential information you need to familiarize yourself with our childcare philosophy.

At Nurtured Growth Childcare, our primary goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where your child can learn, grow, and flourish. We believe that early childhood is a precious time for exploration and discovery, and we are committed to creating an enriching experience that promotes holistic development.

This overview is designed to answer some basic questions. If you are interested in our program, please fill out a Brightwheel account on our website to get on our list for a tour!

# How are we different?

Our vision is to cultivate a community where children grow into healthy, confident individuals, empowered by an environment that promotes student-led learning, physical wellness, and emotional balance.

At Nurtured Growth Childcare, our mission is to create an enriching environment where children can flourish. We prioritize intentionally designed spaces that promotes curiosity and creativity, allowing children to explore and learn at their own pace. Our emphasis on relationships, wholesome nutrition, and physical activity nurture your child's body and mind. This helps ensure our children develop a foundation of health, happiness, and lifelong learning.

## 1 **Our Environment**

Our intentional environment creates a calm place where children can learn and grow. Everything from our tranquil room design to the language we use helps your child feel safe and welcome. Our center is filled with windows to let in beautiful natural light!

## 2 **Teacher Education and Training**

Each of our preschool classrooms has one teacher that has a degree in childcare. All of our teachers have earned more hours of professional development than required by the state so they can implement best practices in childcare. We know that the relationships between your child and their teachers matter!

## 3 **Child-Led Learning**

All children are at different developmental stages. Research shows that children under age five need more play and less direct instruction. Learning social and emotional skills is more important at this age than academics. We encourage an abundance of free-play both indoors and outdoors. While we offer group learning activities, we know that many children are not ready to sit and listen. We incorporate academics into our every day experiences and stay away from worksheet-based learning. Your child is encouraged to do process art, explore their surroundings, and make authentic connections.

## 4 **Well-being**

Our menu focuses on whole foods and low sugar/sodium. We do our best to serve organic, non-processed food as often as possible. Both our preschool classrooms are presented with choices during breakfast and lunch to encourage participation in the eating process.

Our schedule includes a large amount of physical movement both inside the classrooms and outdoors. You will notice our classrooms emphasize gross motor and sensory equipment for all of our learners. We spend as much time outside as possible. Even our infants will go outside daily weather permitting! We are also proud to brag that our facility is screen-free!



# Benefits to Parents

Our services are tailored for parents in the Osage Beach area that want premium childcare with flexible scheduling including part-time spots and extended hours to meet the demands of their career. Half of our spots are reserved for part-time children as we know that is a growing need in our community.

## **Communication**

Our center uses Brightwheel to communicate with parents about their child's day. This includes photos, messages, and a summary of what the classroom did during the day. Teachers post daily sheets online for parents of our youngest learners.

## **Cameras**

Our center does have cameras inside our facility for in-house use and monitoring in each classroom and our outdoor play area. While we do not stream live for parents because of children's privacy, it is monitored and reviewed by the director.

## **Extended Hours**

We surveyed the community, and had very few families that needed this service. We may consider adding this on in the future, but as of 2025, our hours will be 6:45AM - 5:30PM.

## **Holidays**

While we cannot change inclement weather closings, we can provide as many days as possible to be open for our families. Our center is closed less often than the surrounding area centers to help parents be at work more often!

# Nutrition



- ✓ FOCUS ON WHOLE FOODS COMPARED TO PROCESSED FOODS
- ✓ FOCUS ON LOW SODIUM AND LOW SUGAR, ORGANIC WHEN POSSIBLE
- ✓ FOCUS ON CONVERSATIONS DURING MEALS TO USE ALL FIVE SENSES TO EXPERIENCE FOODS
- ✓ FOCUS ON PROVIDING CHOICES FOR FRUITS AND VEGGIES AT MEALS
- ✓ WE PARTNER WITH PARENTS TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL DIETS
- ✓ FOCUS ON PROVIDING NON-FOOD ITEMS FOR REWARDS AS WELL AS LETTING YOUR CHILD BE INVOLVED IN FOOD DECISIONS

To provide flexibility and choices, we furnish a grab and go breakfast for your child from 8:00AM until 9:00AM.

Our lunch and supper options go above and beyond the state minimums for nutrition. We do our best to keep out additives, preservatives, and dyes when we can.

Formula and breast milk bottles are prepared at home and brought daily to our center by each family. Baby food, cereal, and snacks are provided by our center for our infants.

Overall, we do our best to make “nutritious the norm”. However, we absolutely love working with children, and sometimes everyone just needs an ice cream bar on a hot day or a little comfort food! We keep our families updated on what the children eat in our Brightwheel app.

## Example choices for our grab-and-go breakfast offered daily

Healthy protein and carbs



2 fruit choices offered  
(fresh when possible)



Milk



### Brands we use frequently:

Annie's Organics  
Earth's Best Organics  
Plum Organics  
Aldi's Simply Nature

### What we strive for:

Fresh or frozen fruit and veggies  
Unsweetened or foods with less than 10g added sugar  
Milk at meals, water at snack, no juice  
Less sodium by serving less processed foods

# Healthy Eating Habits

## **Positive Mealtime Environment**

Mealtime is not only about nourishing the body but also about fostering positive social interactions and developing healthy eating habits. We promote the importance of sitting together as a community, sharing meals, and appreciating the variety of foods available. By creating a positive mealtime environment, we aim to make mealtimes a delightful and enriching experience for every child.

## **Role Modeling**

Our dedicated staff understands the influential role they play in shaping your child's behaviors and attitudes toward food. We actively demonstrate healthy eating habits, including trying new foods, eating a variety of fruits and vegetables, and enjoying balanced meals. Our caregivers inspire children to follow suit and develop healthy eating habits.

## **Learning About Nutrition**

Education is an essential component of fostering healthy eating habits. Our daycare center incorporates age-appropriate nutrition lessons and activities into the curriculum, allowing your child to learn about the benefits of nutritious foods and making informed food choices. We engage children in discussions about the different food groups, the importance of balanced nutrition, and how food fuels their bodies. Our goal is to empower your child with knowledge so they can make mindful choices about the foods they eat.

## **Positive Table Manners**

Mealtimes are opportunities to teach and reinforce good table manners. Our caregivers gently guide children in practicing basic table etiquette, such as sitting properly at the table, using utensils correctly, and saying "please" and "thank you" when requesting or receiving food. We encourage children to take their time during meals, chew their food thoroughly, and avoid rushing through their meal. Children 24 months and older help put away their dishes and clean up their eating area to learn independent habits.

## **Social Interaction**

Mealtimes are not only about nourishment but also about building social connections and fostering a sense of community. Our caregivers facilitate conversation and interaction among the children during meals, encouraging them to share stories, thoughts, and experiences with one another. Through shared meals, children learn the value of listening to others, taking turns speaking, and showing empathy and support to their peers.

# About Us

Our dedicated and compassionate staff form the heart of our nurturing environment. We take great pride in our team of experienced and qualified caregivers who are passionate about early childhood education and the well-being of every child in our care. Our staff undergoes rigorous background checks and training to ensure the highest standard of care and safety for your child. They strive to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, fostering positive relationships with our children and their families. Our caregivers are skilled in guiding children through age-appropriate activities that promote social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.



**Molly Felten**

Owner/Director

I have been in education for 15 years now and still love it! I have my Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I love researching best practices in childcare and education and putting theory into practice! The world our children will live in is ever-changing, and childcare needs to change as well in order for our children to thrive in the future.



**Susan Link**

Enrollment Coordinator

Susan is a retired educator who started her work life as a system's analyst in the business world. She has a degree in Marketing and a Master's in education. Susan loves to read, cultivate connections with diverse groups of people, and keep learning during her tour of life. Along this journey her passion is to use her business and education skills to support the growth of small businesses.

We have hired all of our staff at this time!  
Our lead teachers have Bachelor's Degrees in Education  
Most of our assistant teachers are in college with education majors.



## Operating Details

### Hours of Operation

MONDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
TUESDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
WEDNESDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
THURSDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
FRIDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM

### Contact Information

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# Holidays + Closures

Nurtured Growth Childcare will be closed:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Nurtured Growth Childcare will be open:

- MLK Birthday
- Presidents' Day
- Juneteenth
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day

We will monitor the weather and local news stations to determine when it is appropriate to close the center early or cancel care for the following day. If the community schools are closed for severe weather such as ice or snow, Nurtured Growth Childcare may also be closed. We will try our best to make the decision the night before. We will send communication at 8:00AM if we can be open for a late start at 9:00AM.

In the event that we close early or cancel care for the following day, parents will be contacted and informed via Brightwheel. In the case of an early closure, children should be picked up in a reasonable amount of time to ensure all parents, children, and staff can travel safely home.

In the unfortunate event that our primary care providers fall ill, our dedicated team will make every effort to secure a suitable replacement care provider to ensure continuity of care. However, if we are unable to secure a qualified replacement, the daycare center or specific classroom will close for the day. Maintaining safety ratios is our top priority.



# Required Documents

As part of our enrollment process, we require the following documents and forms to ensure that we have the necessary information to provide the best possible care for your child. Our forms are available online to stream-line the process.

**Enrollment Form**

The enrollment application form is a crucial document that provides us with more detailed information about the child, including personal details, emergency contacts, preferred start date, and any specific requirements or preferences.

**Immunization Records**

This include details about the child's medical history of immunization records. All immunization records are updated annually.

**Infant/Todder Care Form**

Any child under 24 months must have a form specifically for their care including feeding, napping, and diapering instructions.

**Medication Authorization Forms**

This includes instructions for diaper cream, sunscreen, and other non-prescription items used at the center. We also have a separate form for any prescription medications that must be administered (only if needed).

**Medical Exam**

Per the state of Missouri, within 30 days of enrollment, each child must have paperwork signed by a physician that the child is healthy enough for care at our center.

**Parent Acceptance of Handbook Policies**

Upon enrollment, parents are required to review and sign an acknowledgment of receipt of the parent handbook. This ensures that parents are familiar with our policies, procedures, and guidelines.

# Waitlists

We understand that demand for enrollment may occasionally exceed our available capacity. As a result, we have implemented a waitlist process to ensure fairness and transparency in admitting children when spaces become available.

To join our waitlist, interested families are required to submit a waitlist application form, indicating their preferred start date and any specific requirements or preferences. As spots become available, we review the applications on our waitlist and prioritize admissions based on a variety of factors, including the child's age, program preferences, and the order in which families joined the waitlist.

We require a \$25 deposit to be on our waitlist. To be on the waitlist, parents must have gone through our enrollment process and have an enrollment offer and agreement in place. Parents will have 48 hours from the initial phone call to notify us of your decision. Paperwork and fees must be completed within 48 hours of notifying the center you would like to secure your space. Waitlist deposits are non-refundable.

We strive to maintain open communication with families on our waitlist, providing regular updates regarding their status and estimated wait times. We encourage families to keep us informed of any changes in their enrollment plans or contact information to ensure that they remain up-to-date throughout the waitlist process.

# Age Groups



## **INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR - SUNSHINE LOUNGE (8 SPOTS)**

Our babies are treated to a serene sunshine-filled room. They are taken outside to our baby patio every day that weather allows! Infants take a minimum of two naps in this classroom.



## **INFANTS - 12 MONTHS - 24 MONTHS OCEAN AND DESERT ROOM (16 SPOTS)**

Our crawlers and walkers roam around their gross motor play room to gain the physical skills they need for life! We do not help potty train children until they go to our jungle safari room.



## **2-3 YEARS - SAFARI ROOM (16 SPOTS)**

Our early preschoolers come to explore bodily movement and practical skills in our classroom full of adventures! A bathroom is provided inside the classroom and staff-child ratios are lower to accommodate potty training.



## **4-5 YEARS (PRE-K) WOODLANDS ROOM**

Children 36 months or older who are fully potty trained use this room to make lasting friendships and memories in our magical classroom setting with self-led inquiry and curiosity.

# Nurtured Growth Tuition

	<b>Under two years old</b>	<b>Preschool Safari Room 2-3 years</b>	<b>Pre-K Woodlands Room 4-5 Years</b>
<b>Full Time Weekly Rates</b>	\$264	\$232	\$220
<b>Part Time Daily Rates</b>	\$68	\$60	\$52

We offer premium childcare!

**EDUCATED TEACHERS WITH MORE TRAINING**

**FEWER CLOSED HOLIDAYS FOR OUR AREA**

**FOCUS ON MENTAL WELL-BEING WITH A CALM ENVIRONMENT**

**NUTRITIOUS FOOD WITH LOW SUGAR/LOW SODIUM**

