

AT THE 14TH STREET Y, WE BELIEVE IN SUPPORTING THE WHOLE FAMILY.

We believe children are naturally competent, capable learners with a built-in ability to devise their own ideas and persist in tackling them. Our approach to learning also emphasizes socialization.

Here, children begin to build relationships with peers and with adults other than parents and caregivers, acquiring a set of skills they will carry through life. Explore our many early childhood and family programs that offer options for all families. Since every family has different needs and interests, a dedicated early childhood staff member will guide you through our incredible range of possibilities here.

Education programs run from September through June, and mini sessions and drop-in classes are offered all year long.



OUR NURTURING TEACHERS AND STAFF

Our professional, supporting, and innovative teachers welcome your child's individuality and curiosity. They create engaging curriculum explorations based on children's wonder of the world around them.

We celebrate diversity, and weave Jewish values and traditions into age-appropriate and inclusive settings.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AT [14STREETY.ORG/EARLYCHILDHOOD](https://14streety.org/earlychildhood)

To learn more about our tuition or to schedule a tour of our program offerings, please contact:

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

“My daughter and I loved Prelude to Preschool at the 14th Street Y. Gradual separation allowed her to get comfortable and really trust her surroundings... It is an extraordinary program that I would recommend to anyone with a young child.”

— PRELUDE TO PRESCHOOL PARENT

“The 14th Street Y ... is such a warm environment. The teachers are great—very capable, experienced, and educated.”

— PRESCHOOL PARENT



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A LOOK AROUND THE 14Y

From Movement to Swimming to Art with Eve and Gym Time on our Rooftop Playground, we offer a variety of activities for your child to explore and grow.



ROOFTOP PLAYGROUND

Our rooftop playground is a safe space for play and explorative learning.



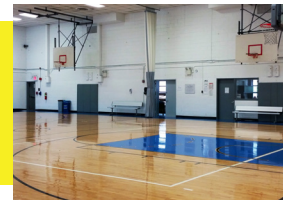
GARDEN

Our beloved roof top garden abounds with opportunities for seasonal explorations.



SWIMMING POOL

Instructional swimming class with certified Water Safety Instructors in our heated, indoor pool.



GYMNASIUM

Children have room to run and play, using gross motor and social skills.



THEATER AT THE 14Y

Through the joy of artistic self-expression, children gain fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and explore a variety of materials and mediums.

Visiting artists from our vibrant East Village community and LABA Kids program bring theater, music, and the performing arts into classrooms to explore Judaism through a universal lens.

PRELUDE TO PRESCHOOL

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES
18 – 34 MONTHS (GROUPED BY AGE)

Our signature Prelude to Preschool program helps children develop confidence, community, and independence during their first experience of school.

We offer a variety of options, schedules, and age groupings to meet children's differing needs, all with the same goal of ensuring a secure, engaging and joyous beginning to your child's life-long education!

Programs include: Art, music, creative movement, storytelling, cooking, work time in our sunny classroom learning centers, play on our rooftop playground, and time in our indoor playroom. Grown-ups will enjoy the camaraderie and support our discussion groups and evening parenting workshops offer.

PRESCHOOL

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 2 – 4 YEARS

The 14th Street Y's Preschool offers an educational environment within a vibrant 14Y community. Our Preschool curriculum, inspired by the Reggio approach, stimulates and supports children's natural curiosity about the world in which they live and play.

Guided by the firm belief that "play is a child's work," we have filled our sunny, spacious classrooms with the rich and varied materials children need to build on their interests to create and learn. The class teachings weave together Jewish values and traditions within an age-appropriate and inclusive setting. We welcome families from all backgrounds and reflect the community in which we live.

We offer a family-centered early childhood education. Beyond this philosophy, it is our incredible, nurturing staff who help build the self-confidence and foster an enthusiasm for learning that draws families to our special programs. Together, parents and staff form a learning partnership focus on the growth and development of your child.

A TYPICAL DAY

A typical preschool day consists of a 9:00 am arrival, class greetings, open work time, snack, art/music/movement, rooftop playtime, lunch, story time, play-choice time, and dismissal at either 1:00 pm or 3:00 pm.

PRESCHOOL DAY AND TIMES

AGE 2 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(3 AND 5 DAY OPTIONS AVAILABLE) *

AGE 3 – 4 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(1:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL AVAILABLE) *

*An extended day option is available until 5:00 pm for interested families.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Classes for children with parent/caregiver are offered as mini-semesters so you can connect with other parents and caregivers in a supportive environment, and Parenting Support Groups, an amazing resource for parents of young children. Family programs also include flexible Drop-In Classes for those looking for family-fun all year long.

MINI SEMESTER CLASSES

Register for a mini semester class in art, music, movement, or sports. Children learn socialization, build skills, and have fun while parents and caregivers meet new friends and become part of a community.

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUPS

The 14th Street Y is rich with resources for parents of young children. Our discussion groups are open to all parents, regardless of where your child may be enrolled. Topics cover a range of parenting concerns, from fostering empathy and setting limits to gender identity and work-life balance.

DROP-IN CLASSES*

A perfect option for those who aren't ready to commit to a whole season of classes. We offer Drop-In Classes for new parents, and fun activities for young families including sing-a-longs, toddler playtime in our indoor playground, and mess play that explores art using different textures and mediums. We also offer a variety of parent and baby fitness classes!

*Get a 5-class punch card or purchase a single session at the Service Desk.

TODDLER CAMP

Give your littles a taste of big-kid day camp, on a shortened schedule. All Toddler Camps enjoy outdoor fun and water play on our Rooftop Playground. We offer: Mini Camp for ages 17 months-3.5 years (with parent/caregiver), On Our Way for ages 2.4-3.5 years, and Junior Camp for ages 2.4-3.5 year. Junior Camp is for families looking for an extended On Our Way experience. For children who have completed a separated class during the school year.

To learn more visit 14StreetY.org/ToddlerCamp

