

Curriculum



Children learn best when exposed to a hands on, developmentally appropriate experience with people, materials, objects and ideas. Our center uses the High/Scope approach to learning.

Parent Involvement

Parents are the children's first, and primary, caregiver. The families input and information concerning their children's needs are a necessary and vital part of our program and help promote a positive home-school collaboration. Families are actively involved as volunteers in advisory councils, committees, evaluation teams, fundraising events and family nights. The YMCA Child Care Center has an open door policy and encourages parents to take part in the children's day.

Age Groups

Infants	6 weeks to 12 months
Transition	12 to 18 months
Toddler	18 months to 3 years
Preschool	3 years to 4 years
Pre-K	4 to 5 years

Center Philosophy

Our purpose is to enhance a child's total development through active exploration, self discovery and positive reinforcement. To achieve this, our philosophy is based on providing experiences to allow children to grow and develop.

- To feel happy and confident
- To feel comfortable interacting and communicating with others
- To feel safe, secure, loved and nurtured in an environment outside their home
- To support and strengthen the family unit
- To open the doors to an excitement and joy for learning.

We achieve these goals with the understanding that each child is a unique, special individual and will receive individualized attention appropriate to their developmental needs.

Registration

There is a non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee of \$50 plus the first month's tuition due upon enrollment.

Center Hours

The Schlessman Family YMCA is open Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Hours are subject to change due to holidays or center closures.

Enrollment

The YMCA Child Care Center practices a policy of open enrollment. Children are admitted to our program as space permits without regard to race, sex, religion, or national origin. Once all available spaces are full, we will begin a wait list.

Tuition

	Full	MWF	TuTh
Infant/ Transition	\$1050 per Month	n/a	n/a
Toddler	\$950 per Month	\$585 per Month	\$405 per Month
Preschool	\$810 per Month	\$480 per Month	\$365 per Month

Rates subject to change without notice

Teachers

Each classroom in our center consists of Lead Teachers and Staff Aids. Each Lead Teacher has completed a minimum number of Early Childhood Education credits. At all times a Lead Teacher is present in the classroom.

Staff Aids play a vital role in supporting the Lead Teacher. Staff Aids are responsible for implementation of lesson plans and individualized care of children.

State Licensed

The Schlessman Family YMCA Child Care Center is Licensed by the state of Colorado and follows all state guidelines.





Subject to available funding, no person will be denied program participation by reason of inability to pay. Applications are available at the front desk. Throughout the year, YMCA employees, Board of Directors, Volunteers and the community raise funds to help ensure families, children and seniors can participate in YMCA programming and membership.

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please see any YMCA Team Member



What is a Qualistar Rating?

Developed by 150 early childhood experts, the Qualistar Rating measures quality in licensed early learning programs, both home and center based that serve children birth to kindergarten. This four star rating system (with four being the highest) outlines the strengths and weaknesses of the program and provides a detailed plan for continuous quality improvement.

What does it measure?

Trained observers, who spend several hours in each classroom, collect information on five different quality components. All of the points that programs earn in each of these quality components are added together to arrive at a Qualistar Rating.

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YMCA

We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.

Schlessman Family
YMCA
Child Care Center

Where Children Belong!



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YMCA Mission Statement:

To put Christian principles
into practice through programs
that build a healthy body,
mind and spirit for all.