



PRESS RELEASE

Brighton Library Invites Parents to Annual Preschool Open House

Brighton, Michigan, January 10, 2018 - Parents who are interested in preschool for their young child are invited to the Brighton District Library's tenth annual Preschool Open House Saturday, January 13 from 10am - 1pm at the library, 100 Library Drive, Brighton.

Stop in to meet with local preschool representatives and learn about the programs available in Livingston County. Local organizations and agencies related to young children will also be present. Preschool is a big step for parents, being able to talk with representatives from many schools at one time saves time and allows parents a chance to find the best fit for their child.

Preschools include: Shepherd of the Lakes, First Steps Preschool, Maple Tree Montessori Rosebrook Child Development Center, Holy Spirit Roman Catholic School, Brighton Montessori Magdalen Preschool, and Brighton Cooperative Preschool.

Childhood Agencies & Businesses include: Great Start Livingston, Kids in Motion Pediatric Therapy Services, SELCRA, and Livingston County Early Educational Programs

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) offers the following guidelines when selecting a preschool.

- **Preschool and child care programs should focus on children. When visiting:**
Watch to see that children interact with other children and adults, so they can build healthy relationships.

Ask about the curriculum, which should include a variety of activities appropriate for the children's ages and needs.
- **Preschool and child care programs should have qualified staff:**
The staff should have the educational background to promote your child's learning and development. Ask what degrees and training teachers have.

Ask how long teachers and staff have been with the program. Teachers that stay in the program longer are more able to focus their attention on the children and establish bonds with them.
- **Preschool and child care programs should build relationships with families:**

Program staff should work with families to meet their child's needs. Ask how information and concerns are communicated between staff and families.

Check that the program's policies allow families to visit their child during the program day.

- **Preschool and child care programs should be well-run:**

Check that the program is licensed by the state. The facilities need to be age-appropriate and well maintained, both indoors and outdoors.

Check whether the program has policies and practices to help keep children safe from preventable illness and injury.

Ask about the child-to-teacher ratio, which helps determine how much individual attention your child will get. For example, there should be at least one adult for every ten 4-year-olds.

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