



Child Development Center

Serving the Needs of the Community
from Infancy to School Age

A Quality Day, All Day, Everyday



Welcome to Over The Rainbow Child Development Center

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in Over the Rainbow Child Development Center where we pride ourselves in promoting "A Quality Day, All Day, Everyday".

Over the Rainbow has been in business for over 20 years, operating as an family-run business. Our main teaching staff has been with us from the start. We are committed to creating a high-quality childcare and preschool experience for all children.

I recently took over the business in 2011 and was amazed at the commitment of the staff here. Although I decided to not make changes to our administrative and teaching staff, we did enhance other areas of our facility to benefit the families and children participating in our program. The improvements we made include: renovating all the classrooms, the outdoor playground, painting murals in hallways, painting all rooms, renovating the bathrooms, updating the curriculum and improving our breakfast and lunch menus.

As you can see from our customer testimonials that we have highlighted on our website, our families are very happy here and have brought their entire families to Over the Rainbow for us to care for. We understand that selecting a daycare and preschool for your child is the most important decision to you. We pride ourselves on providing an intimate and family oriented environment – this is the benefit of a private facility like ours. Open communication is encouraged between teachers and parents, since we want what is best for your child. If your child is happy, we are happy and you as parents are happy and feel comfortable leaving your child with us everyday.

After reviewing this booklet, please contact us with any further questions you may have. We hope to see your child at Over the Rainbow soon!

Warmest Regards,

Lisa Giancarli

Executive Director/Owner

Over the Rainbow Child Development Center



Our Mission

Over The Rainbow Child Development Center recognizes that children from birth to eight years are in their critical years of development. Early learning, therefore, forms the basis of a lifetime of intellectual, physical and emotional development. It is our purpose to encourage young children to learn by exploring a wide variety of age-appropriate materials available in a carefully planned program designed by knowledgeable and experienced staff members.

Children will learn about mutual respect, friendship, decision-making and self discipline. They are free to use materials creatively and learn from each other, as well as their teachers.

About Us

The Over The Rainbow staff has been carefully selected for their knowledge of and experience with small children, nurturing temperament and positive outlook. Teachers are degreed in Early Childhood Education. Teacher Assistants have Early Childhood Education coursework and group care experience. Our program director and kitchen staff are knowledgeable in their respective fields and make important contributions to the school. Our skilled support staff and director will work together to provide your child with the best in early childhood education.



Ms. Evi Tyler

Director 18 Years at Over The Rainbow

Evi has been working for Over The Rainbow for over 18 years. Her consistent, fair and caring nature

provides a great environment for our children and their families. Evi creates a positive work environment for our teachers and assistants. Evi knows what it takes to be an effective teacher, she encourages and expects all of the teachers at Over the Rainbow to follow the National Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standard of excellence. She ensures children are engaged in age appropriate activities

that are developmentally meeting their needs. Having a son, now 19 years old, who attended Over The Rainbow, she realizes how important it is to provide the right environment for children. We are fortunate to have a dedicated person like Evi with us!

Facility and Location

Over the Rainbow Child Development Center is located adjacent to Mastoris diner at the juncture of Routes 130 and 206 in Bordentown Township, New Jersey.

We are the largest child care facility in Burlington and Mercer counties under one roof. We pride ourselves on providing a clean and safe environment for all of our children. Our facility has been completely renovated as of January 2012 with new carpeting and new tile flooring throughout. All of our classrooms have been freshly painted in vibrant rainbow

colors and our hallways have been adorned with fun kid friendly murals.

We have a 1,000 sq ft outdoor, newly renovated courtyard with padded playground floor tiles and it is completely enclosed for your child's safety. Additionally we have an indoor gym used for indoor activities and during inclement weather.

Our fully equipped modern kitchen enables us to provide the children with freshly prepared nutritious food for breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack each day.

Teachers & Curriculum

We seek to hire teachers who have a love for working with children as well as a passion for teaching. With these qualities our teachers develop warm and trusting relationships with each child. Our teachers are aware that every child is unique, but they all need to feel accepted and appreciated to flourish not only in school but in life.

The curriculum is designed to be appropriate for the age level and interests of that group. Each program will include the following basic elements:

A warm greeting for each child by staff, with time to talk over the day's highlights;

Nutritious, balanced meals and snacks;

Activities that emphasize:

- Creativity
- Pursuit of Individual Interests
- Decision Making and Choices
- Use of Gross Motor Skills
- Social Interactions
- Use of Fine Motor Coordination
- Indoor/Outdoor Play (Outdoor activities weather permitting)

Projects are designed to enrich the program, provide enjoyable activities and stimulate growth.

Intellectual curiosity developing a skill and a variety of interests;

An emphasis on children assuming responsibility for their behavior and for making their environment clean and happy.





Orange Room:

6 Weeks - 18 Months Old

Our Orange room is a warm and nurturing environment where the teachers are caring and loving to each of the infants and their families. We make sure we follow each child's individual schedule along with meeting all their developmental needs.

Yellow Room:

18 Months to 2½ Years Old

Our Yellow room encourages your child's natural curiosity in a fun and active learning environment. Our teachers plan daily activities in a bright and cheery environment to encourage eager investigation of the world. Within the consistent structure toddlers crave, they enjoy a daily balance of quiet activities, spirited music and movement and plenty of climbing, running and jumping. Circle time incorporates stories and songs that encourage language skills and social growth.





use a variety of activities to meet each child's physical, emotional, and intellectual needs. Your child will learn to recognize letters, shapes, numbers, colors and name recognition. Social Skills are taught with sharing toys, taking turns, using manners "Please and Thank You", expressing themselves

Red Room

2½ - 3 Years Old

Our Red Room further encourages sharing and communication and paves the path toward social development of the active two and a half year-old. Social skills are emphasized and your child will participate in short group circle times. Your child will engage in imaginary play, creative arts and a colorful assortment of reading options. We work with each child during the Potty Training process to help them get a sense of independence.

through words and being a great friend, while becoming self-reliant and independent. We make each child feel good about themselves through positive reinforcement and make them feel accomplished and loved.

Purple Room:

3-4 Year Olds

Purple room children are cheerful and eager to learn. They enjoy new experiences with their friends and love to be independent. We





Green Room:

Pre K 4-5 Year Olds

Our Green Room focuses on kindergarten preparedness, social skills and a mastery of gross motor skills. Each child will be prepared for Kindergarten in many aspects including learning and being able to write their first and last name, phone number, and birthday. In addition, they will be able to recognize and

write their letters, numbers shapes, do basic math and simple sentences.

All of these are important milestones for your child who is starting Kindergarten. The children are extremely active and get to engage throughout the course of the day with one another through free play. We encourage independence and being self-reliant using manners and helping one another.

B-S.A.F.E. Program: School -Age Fun and Enrichment

Bordentown S.A.F.E.(school age fun and enrichment) provides school age students a quality program Before and After School, vacation/holidays, half-days and Summer.

Our mission is to have your children excited for before and after school, holidays/vacation days, half-days and summer. We want them to look forward to spending those hours together in a friendly, warm atmosphere, where there are interesting things to do, friends to play with and opportunities to grow and develop through experiences appropriate for each developmental stage.

Homework time is offered each day. It's up to the parent and child to decide when they should do their homework. A homework contract, to be completed with your child, will be provided to parents in the beginning of the year.

S.A.F.E. program is available to all children K-8th grade. Transportation will be provided for all children in the Bordentown School District.

Summer Camp

Summer campers will experience a summer that will create memories to last a lifetime. Every day will be an exciting adventure for our campers. Campers will enjoy weekly themes, field trips to exciting places, arts and crafts, sports, music and so much more!



Family Testimonials

Being new to the community we were referred to Over the Rainbow when our son was 6 months old. We were instantly impressed by the clean facility as well as the caring staff. Every day we are greeted at the door by a smiling caregiver. We trust leaving our son in the care of Ms. Ruth as well as the rest of the staff. Our son has blossomed socially and learns new things constantly due to the environment Ms. Ruth has created. We are so happy to have found Over the Rainbow for our son.

- The Spiers Family

Our daughter started at Over the Rainbow a little more than a year and a half ago when she was about one year of age. Since then, we have seen amazing growth and development in both her academic skills and social skills. At 2.5 years old, she can hold a full conversation, count to 15 forwards and backwards, and sing her ABC's amongst other things. When she first joined Over the Rainbow she was very shy and reserved. Now she is teaching her cousins how to do the Gangnam Style dance at family gatherings.

I'm very happy that we chose Over the Rainbow as her daycare. Our main reason for sending her was to socialize her and expose her to kids her age so that she can develop the social skills necessary to begin school. We never imagined that she would develop and blossom the way that she has because of Over the Rainbow.

- Bill and Kristen C.

My husband and I are thrilled to have found a day care where we feel that our child is so well cared for and loved each and every day. It wasn't easy sending our son to daycare for the first time, but you all have made the transition much easier for us. The teachers

and staff are always so pleasant and polite; they have really created a positive learning environment for the kids. The teachers are not only extremely knowledgeable, but approachable. I always feel comfortable talking to them. Most importantly, our son is happy and excited to go to school every day. Thanks for all you do!

- The Dickinson Family

Over the Rainbow provides children with a safe, caring and nurturing environment so they can thrive socially, emotionally and academically. Our son Ethan has attended Over the Rainbow since he was six weeks old. He is now five years old and entering 1st grade. Ethan has thrived at Over the Rainbow. Ethan learned to interact with others his own age and older. He entered Kindergarten academically prepared and able to be socially interactive with other students. Over the Rainbow helped to provide my son with the social and academic foundation he needs to be successful. The staff at the center is always friendly and courteous. They listen to your concerns and make sure your questions are answered. The facility is always clean and well maintained. We are very confident that the staff at Over the Rainbow will take excellent care of Ethan.

- Catherine and Emeka N.

My son Nicholas started at Over the Rainbow in March of 2012 before that Nicholas was enrolled in another day care in which I was told that my child was too much to handle. Your staff has been so patient and caring of Nicholas and I don't know what I would have done if I had not come upon such a wonderful program such as yours. He had an immediate turn around once enrolled with Over the Rainbow, and he loves going there every day.

All of the teachers and assistants are always so pleasant and upbeat, they create a

really positive environment for the kids! The curriculum is very carefully considered and varies week to week. Nicholas has learned so much during his stay at Over the Rainbow, and has recently graduated from the Pre-school program and is more than ready to start a new chapter in his life when he starts kindergarten in September.

I really like that I was always kept in the loop about the goals and plans that Over the Rainbow had planned for the kids and the school. I always feel very comfortable talking to them about anything that comes to mind, and they are attentive to feedback as well. Over all Over the Rainbow is one of the best experiences I have had and my son Nicholas is very happy there as well. I would recommend this center to anyone that is looking for daycare/preschool for their child. I will be sad to leave come September. Thank you all for everything you have done for myself and for Nicholas.

- Beth H, Parent of Nicholas

When we were looking for a daycare provider, my husband and I were very nervous because we had never had anyone but family watch our son Colin. We looked at other facilities, but as soon as we walked into Over the Rainbow, we got a good feeling. We were warmly greeted by Miss Evi who showed us all around. We loved the cozy environment and happy little faces we saw in every classroom. When she introduced us to Miss Ruth, the infant room teacher, we knew this was the place for Colin. He immediately took to her, and her positive attitude and friendly nature made us comfortable right away. The staff at Over the Rainbow is friendly and caring—it is amazing to me that they all know my child. Colin has flourished at Over the Rainbow, and he has a smile on his face as soon as he gets there in the morning. Over the Rainbow turned what was one of the hardest decisions of our lives into one of the best decisions we ever made!

- Marisa and Jonathan B.

Being grandparents with two young boys to help care for, we cannot express our thanks to you for all you do. The surroundings at the center are kept in immaculate condition and are very secure. The staff and teachers have always been very caring and sensitive to the needs of the children.

We are very happy with all involved and appreciate the care and guidance you have supplied for the kids while in your care. Thanks again.

- John and Nina S.

Learning we were having twin boys was a shock enough but when we had to find a daycare to care for not just one but two of the most precious things in our lives, it was a hard decision. After touring several daycares and leaving with uneasy feelings, I walked into Over the Rainbow and knew instantly this was the place the boys had to go. The facility is immaculate and secure with a staff that shows how much they love and know each and every child. The staff goes out of their way to make you comfortable and when we call to see how our boys are doing, the class teacher, Ms. Ruth, gets on the phone and gives us the update. Ms. Ruth is amazing and is truly made for her job. She loves every child as her own. We know the children are safe and happy in her care. The other class teacher, Ms. Talaya and Ms. Gilda, are just as wonderful. My son, Nick, adores Ms. Gilda. And Ms. Talaya is always there encouraging the children to take the next step in their developmental stages and give us advice when we need a helping hand. Our family loves and thanks Over the Rainbow for everything they do to make our children their best!

- Kim and Josh W.