

## History

Playgroup was founded in 1970 by a group of neighbors who needed affordable child care, Playgroup quickly developed a reputation for excellence under the direction of founder Ruth Beaglehole.

Playgroup was incorporated as the Echo Park Silver People's Child Care Center, a non-profit community organization, in 1974.

Playgroup was a pioneer in the use of anti-bias curriculum and has been a vocal advocate for children and families throughout its history.

## Educators

All our teachers and staff meet or exceed licensing requirements. Our educators hold their Bachelors or Associates in Early Childhood Education. We also pride ourselves in encouraging continuous teacher education and research, by attending education related workshops and events.

*Facility License #191801271*

## School Tours

If you are interested in joining our wonderful community of learners, highly encourage you to visit us for a school tour. We hold school tours once a month, please contact us for information on our next scheduled tour.

## Enrollment

Once you have chosen us as a school for your child we require completion of an application along with a \$75 non-refundable fee. Once we have an availability (we currently have a wait-list) we contact you and proceed with enrollment process.

*Enrollment Fee: \$450 (one-time enrollment fee).*

# Playgroup Preschool



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## Mission

Playgroup is a special place where children's unique thinking flourishes. We are an early school made up of educators and families who believe in the importance of developmentally appropriate, hands-on learning, arts exposure and social guidance for the youngest of people. Reflecting the ethnic and social-economic diversity of our local community is of paramount importance. All children and families are supported to make meaningful connections with themselves, others and the greater community.

## Philosophy

Our Philosophy is to encourage and facilitate quality learning experiences that allow children to flourish cognitively, physically, and socially. We view the child as a capable and intelligent individual. We believe knowledge is co-constructed, where we learn as individuals and as a community.



## Curriculum

At Playgroup we practice emergent curriculum with inspiration from schools in Reggio Emilia. Through this approach we view the child as capable, intelligent learners. Teachers and parents work alongside children, co-building a unique curriculum with every experience. Children's interests, play and needs are observed by educators. Educators use tools of documentation, such as note taking and video, to reveal children's thought process and to extend a line of inquiry/exploration.



## General Information

Hours of Operation  
Monday – Friday 7am to 6pm  
Playgroup provides breakfast and an afternoon snack(s).

Monthly cost of tuition

5 days a week \$1235

We also collaborate with Pathways for tuition assistance.

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