



A PROGRAM FOR EVERY STAGE

Infants (6 weeks-18 months)

- Full-time: Mon-Fri, 7 AM-6 PM

Toddlers (18 months-3 years)

- Full-time: Mon-Fri, 7 AM-6 PM

Preschool (3-5 years)

- Full-time: Mon-Fri, 7 AM-6 PM
- Part-time: Mon/Wed/Fri, 7 AM-6 PM
- Part-time: Tue/Thu, 7 AM-6 PM

Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

Work where your kids go to school! YMCA staff receive 50% off our child care programs. View job openings at denverymca.org/employment.

THREE DENVER AREA YMCA LOCATIONS



Universal Preschool Colorado

The YMCA is a provider of Universal Preschool Colorado, a program administered through the newly created Colorado Department of Early Childhood. Qualifying families may receive at least 15 hours per week of free preschool. Y Academy registration is aligned with the Universal Preschool application making it a one-stop process for families to register for Y Academy and see if they qualify for free childcare through Universal Preschool.

Learn more at upk.colorado.gov.



Y ACADEMY

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

FOR LEARNING, COMMUNITY AND LIFE

CHILDREN THRIVE AT THE YMCA

The YMCA is a leader in early childhood education, providing a welcoming, transformative and fun environment where every child is nurtured and encouraged to learn, play and thrive. Y Academy is curriculum-focused and family-centered, teaching skills for school-readiness and success, along with curiosity, confidence and values children bring with them throughout their lives.



YMCA METRO DENVER
denverymca.org/y-academy

A COMMITMENT TO THE WHOLE CHILD

Y Academy uses “The Creative Curriculum,” the leading whole-child preschool curriculum built for early childhood educators. Instruction and one-on-one interactions focus on inquiry, exploration and discovery as the foundation of all learning. The curriculum is research-based and proven to improve Kindergarten-readiness and deliver positive outcomes. And it aligns with Colorado’s “Results Matter” learning guidelines and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

The Y Academy curriculum is designed to nurture every aspect of children’s well-being, supporting social-emotional, cognitive and physical development. We care about overall health of the spirit, mind and body.

A PART OF YOUR FAMILY

It’s said it takes a village to raise kids, and with Y Academy, you know your village is skilled, caring, kind and dedicated to the best interests of you and your child.

Y Academy instructors undergo ongoing training and professional development, and they are known for their commitment to kids and community. Turnover at Y Academy is low, and Y Academy teachers become important people in every child’s life and true partners with parents and families.

“The teachers are wonderful, very hands-on and truly engaged. The staff seem genuinely happy to be there everyday and that early childhood education is not just a job but an actual calling. Our kiddos are so happy and we know they are in amazing hands.”

—Brigitte, Preschool Parent



MORE REASONS TO CHOOSE Y ACADEMY

At the Y, families can find child care, early childhood education, youth sports and swim lessons. This makes it easy and convenient to give kids a well-rounded YMCA childhood. Plus, with the Y’s depth of programs, Y Academy physical education is taught by Y sports staff and Y Academy curriculum includes nutrition guidance taught by the Y’s registered dietitians.

Convenient and Affordable

Y Academy is offered part-time or full-time at YMCAs in Arvada, University Hill and Southwest. The YMCA makes every effort to ensure programs are high-value and cost-effective for families. Financial assistance is available for eligible families, and the Y is a recognized Universal Preschool location.

Free YMCA Membership

Y Academy Families can belong to the Y as Y-Premium members, a value of \$1,152+ a year. The YMCA is a third place in people’s lives – a place between work and home that has something for everyone!

Member Benefits and Discounts

Y Academy families get all the benefits of Y-Premium membership, including member pricing and discounts on Y programs, swim lessons, youth sports and youth camps.

Priority Registration on Y Programs

As Y-Premium members, Y Academy families take advantage of early registration and priority placements in swim lessons, summer camp and Kindercamp.

Hot Lunches and Snacks

With the Y’s commitment to healthy living, quality, nutritious lunches and snacks are included.

“My favorite thing at Y Academy is watching the kids grow and use the things I teach them in their everyday experiences. I love working at the Y because of the sense of community.”

—Raven, Y Academy Instructor