Cornell University offers unique, high quality child care and kindergarten prep programs on campus to serve our families. The Cornell Child Care Center is managed by Bright Horizons Family Solutions, which runs more than 600 employer-sponsored centers in the United States, Europe, and Canada and is chaired by its founder Linda Mason CU ’76.

Informed by the research of early childhood experts, the approach is child- and play-centered, tailored to the needs of individual children at their own developmental level, and includes attention to social connection, physical movement, music, art, and language. The center invites family involvement, fosters the building of community, and fosters respect for each unique family. Goals include both creating a positive and nurturing environment for children and improving the career/life navigation for Cornell students, staff, and faculty. The center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and was re-accredited in 2016.

The center is licensed to provide care to 170 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years. It is located on Pleasant Grove Road in the village of Cayuga Heights, just north of the university’s “A” parking lot. This single facility helps meet the university’s child care needs and increases child care options of Cornell faculty, staff, and students. Emergency back-up care is offered as space permits.

Visit the center’s website for pre-enrollment, fee, and back-up care information and forms.

Additional Information

- Cornell Child Care Grant Program for Faculty and Staff
- Cornell Child Care Grant Program for Students
- Work/Life Consultant: (sdb39@cornell.edu) Consultative assistance is available to Cornell staff, faculty, retirees, and students on topics related to dependent care, such as locating providers, nannies and babysitters, parenting children with special needs, and more.