



Providing the highest quality instruction, education and care for every child in our early childhood and school age programs.

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For the past two years Harbor Child Care embarked on a journey to construct an enhanced playground for nearly 100 children served at its location in the RXR Plaza building in Uniondale, New York. We chose a highly reputable company to construct and install 21st century state-of-the-art playground equipment for young children that included wall-to-wall synthetic green turf with padding, benches for teachers and children, a new structure for infants and toddlers and of course “Camp Walden”. Camp Walden is a corral of seven activity panels with options for each child to enjoy, regardless of their age or level of physical ability. It is the perfect retreat for kids!

What made this journey even more exciting was the installation of an outdoor classroom for teachers and children, designed and constructed by high school senior Corry Meyn. Corry chose to build an outdoor classroom learning environment for his Eagle Scout project. Corry used the proceeds from his well-organized fundraising to purchase soil, grass seed, plants, flowers, shrubs, and student and teacher benches to comprise the outdoor classroom.

Harbor Child Care is regulated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. It is required that equipment be modern and meet safety standards according to New York State regulations for children. It is also necessary that children receive physical movement and exercise as part of Harbor’s new Creative Curriculum. This new playground helps our children play freely, enhance their social skills, and explore new possibilities for fun, games and imagination! Connecting the new playground to the curricular area of physical education/health is our main goal!

The completion of both projects and official opening came just a few days into the summer of 2019. Children and staff watched with excitement and anticipation at the beginning and end of installation. There is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony planned for both the playground and outdoor classroom on July 24, 2019.

Harbor Child Care truly appreciates the support of the Plaza's Playground Committee, comprised of parents and staff, for their help with fundraisers that provided financial assistance towards the playground project. We wish to also thank Harbor Child Care's Board of Directors, administrators and staff members for their unending love and support of child care initiatives throughout the year.

Harbor Child Care at the Plaza is located on the first floor in the East Tower of the RXR skyscrapers in Uniondale. The Center provides child care services from 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday year-round. The towers are occupied by numerous companies and businesses. Many of the parents of the children who attend our Center work in the building and easily can visit their children during the day. A unique feature of the Center is that the classrooms are built in a semi-circle surrounded by large exterior windows.

Harbor Child Care is a not-for-profit organization, which has been in existence for over 45 years. We provide the highest quality of instruction for every child in our first-rate early childhood setting. Since our inception we believe over 20,000 children have experienced the warm, kind, and intelligent community that is Harbor Child Care. We currently serve approximately 900 children across five child care centers in Nassau County in our early childhood, school age and summer programs. Our staff-to-child ratios are in accordance to NYS Office of Children and Family Services regulations. We offer an educational environment, as well as nutritious meals, medical oversight, an outdoor playspace and a curriculum that ensures children receive an educational benefit that readies them for kindergarten and beyond.

For questions about Harbor Child Care at the Plaza please contact Center Director Anniina Macaluso at (516) 280-6716 or email: plaza@harborchildcare.org. Please visit our website at www.harborchildcare.org for further information about Harbor Child Care locations, programs and events. Like us on Facebook too!