



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 and outdoor learning environment for teachers and children at its location in Glen Cove, New York at 49 Forest Avenue. Harbor chose a highly reputable company to construct and install 21<sup>st</sup> century state-of-the-art playground equipment and surface that included soft green turf, benches for teachers and children, a new structure for infants and toddlers, and a structure called “Camp Walden” with options for each child to enjoy, regardless of their age or level of physical ability. High school senior Joseph Chebuske chose to design and construct an outdoor classroom for his Eagle Scout project. Joseph used the proceeds from his well-organized fundraising to purchase benches, flowers and plants as part of the new classroom’s installation. Both projects were completed in time for the summer months!

On August 15, 2019, Harbor Child Care held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to commemorate the opening of the new playground and outdoor classroom. The ceremony was well-attended by staff, Board members, Harbor’s landlord, the Chebuske family, and special guests from the City of Glen Cove. We were delighted to be joined by Mayor Tim Tenke and Councilwoman Marsha Silverman. Mr. Tenke presented a proclamation/certificate from the City of Glen Cove to Harbor’s Center Director Claudia Recarey as appreciation for Harbor’s role in educating young children and adding value to the community as a highly-respected child care organization.

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!

Harbor Child Care truly appreciates the support of the Glen Cove Center'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 in Glen Cove offers services from 6:45am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday year-round for children ages 12 weeks to 12 years old. There is over 10,000 square feet with 11 classrooms dedicated to learning, socialization and education. It is unique as a community-based organization because it reflects the broad-based cultural, ethnic, religious and socio-economic diversity of its Glen Cove residents.

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.

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