



CHILD CARE WAIT LIST APPLICATION & FAQs

Thank you for your interest in enrolling your child in the York Jewish Community Center's Child Care program. Your child has been added to the Wait List using the information provided below. It is your responsibility to notify us of any changes in your contact information. Please review the information for accuracy and contact us with any necessary changes.

Application Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Male Female

Birthdate: _____ Sibling currently enrolled? Yes No

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

My family qualifies for state child care subsidy through Child Care Consultants.

My child qualifies for PA PreK Counts

Notes: _____

We will ask you to formally update your application in January/February by mailing you a waiting list update form and asking that you return it to us by the end of that month.

It is your responsibility to contact us if you do not hear from us by the end of the indicated month if you wish to remain on the waiting list. The names of those who do not return the update form to us will be deleted with no exceptions.

Please see the reverse for answers to some Frequently Asked Questions!

Frequently Asked Questions

We understand that being on a waiting list can be frustrating. We have compiled answers to questions parents frequently ask with the hope that this information will be helpful to you. If you have a question that isn't answered here, please contact the JCC at 717-843-0918.

How long is the waiting list?

The waiting list is quite lengthy. There are nearly 300 children on the waiting list, in various age groups, prior to our semi-annual formal waiting list update mailing. After the update is complete, at least 200 will remain on the list. The JCC has a licensed capacity for 181 children which means that for every enrolled child, at least 1 is waiting to get in.

Can I stop in anytime and have a look around?

While we welcome your visit, in order to provide a safe and secure environment for the children we can only permit you to enter the child care areas if you are accompanied by a staff member. To arrange a tour please contact the front desk at 717-843-0918.

How is it possible someone who applied after I did was offered a space before me?

The only priorities we offer are for JCC Child Care staff, JCC staff, and siblings of already enrolled children. Aside from these priorities, it is possible for someone who applied after you did to be offered a spot before you if we find it necessary to achieve a balance between boys and girls, older and younger children, or to maintain diversity in our rooms.

When can I most expect to be informed of a child care opening?

June is the transition month when we move children from one age group to the next, opening up spaces for the admission of new children from our wait list. We normally fill these transition spaces in the spring by contacting families as their names appear, according to the date of their application on our prioritized waitlist. If a space opens in any group during the course of the year, we again turn to our waitlists in the order that they are prioritized above.

We make every effort to notify a family when a space opens for their child. We will always appreciate your prompt response and will expect to hear from you **whether or not** you decide to enroll your child in our program. If we have not heard from you within a week after our call, we will assume that you are no longer interested in the space and will remove your name from the waitlist.

I didn't return my update form. Do I go to the bottom of the list?

If your update form isn't returned by the due date, or at any time that we find that your contact information is no longer current, your application will be deleted from the waiting list, we are unable to make any exceptions to this policy. Reinstatement on the list will require a new application date.

I returned my update form. When will I hear from you about where I am on the list?

It's simply not feasible for us to contact each of the waiting families to tell them where they are on the continually changing list. Families are welcome to call about our child care wait list at any time. However, it is very difficult to predict when an opening will occur. Families are contacted promptly as soon as we are aware of an opening for their child.

I was told... (Not technically a question, but something we hear often)

Well-meaning people sometimes inadvertently provide misinformation. To get accurate answers to your questions about child care at the York Jewish Community Center and its waiting list call 717-843-0918 or e-mail your questions to amachulcz@yorkjcc.org .