

## Honoring Diversity

PIC is located in the wonderfully diverse neighborhood. We believe that when children are taught to appreciate diversity and spend time in an inclusive environment, they develop respect for our differences and learn to appreciate the similarities among us all. PIC teachers strive to broaden each child's knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

The special years of early childhood are formative not only for a child, but for the entire family.



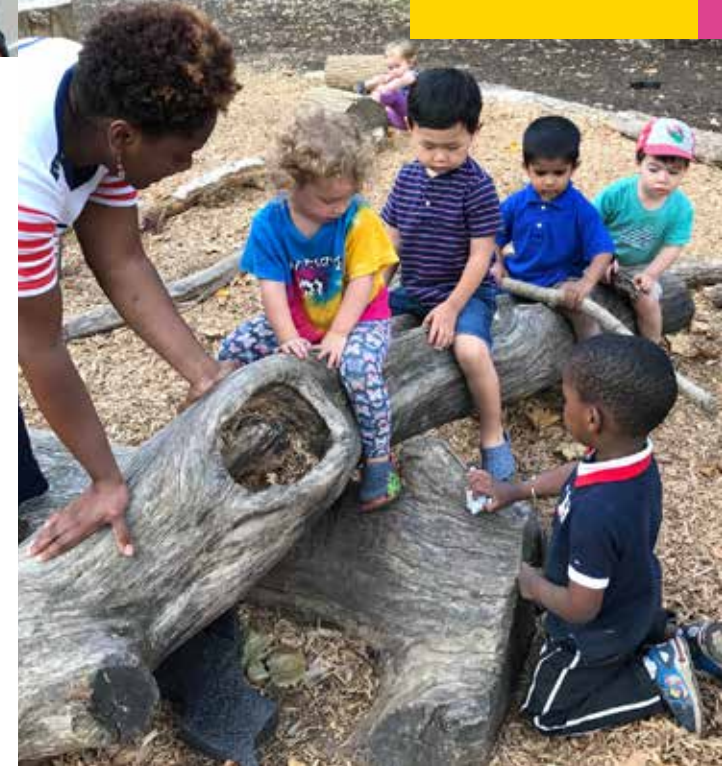
## Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is an integral part of the PIC experience and families who enroll agree to invest time in the work that we do. PIC's participatory approach to learning includes involving families in many phases of center life and can include spending time in the classroom or on field trips, attending social events, joining fundraising and Board committees, and serving on our Board of Directors.



## Professional Teachers

If there is a single reason why PIC is so loved, it is most definitely our teachers! At PIC, we have a group of diverse, educated, caring, community-minded, and professional teachers who are unmatched in their field. Ongoing professional development of our staff is an important part of sustaining our high quality programming. Our teachers regularly host student teachers and professionals in the field who come to PIC to see our program. We aspire to be a model of high quality early learning and to share our experience and knowledge of best practices with our colleagues.



## Quality and Accreditation

We always strive for the highest level of quality.

- Nationally accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) since 1997
- 4-star rating (the highest designation) from Pennsylvania's Keystone STARS

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parent infant center

### Parent-Infant Center

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## Early Learning Program

nationally recognized early childhood program  
children ages 6 weeks - 5 years







## Unique Urban Setting

We are located in an urban neighborhood in West Philadelphia, close to the University of Pennsylvania, and to enjoy a beautiful green campus. PIC teachers extend classroom learning through visits to nearby parks, museums, libraries, public art, and more. The Parent-Infant Center is easily accessible by public transportation.

## Hours & Schedule

Early Learning program hours are 8 am to 6 pm. Early drop-off is available at 7:30 am for an additional fee. For preschool-age children (ages 3 - 5) we offer full-week or part-week (3, 4, or 5 day schedule) care.

## Learning through Play

Learning through play sparks young imaginations and helps children to think flexibly, explore options, work through differences, and learn to cooperate with others. An early learning environment that focuses on play will help children develop the skills that lead to success in life: patience, empathy, perseverance, cooperation, and self-sufficiency. Hands-on literacy, math, and science experiences are woven into our daily curriculum to provide ongoing challenges and reinforce skill development.



Young children are natural learners - their curiosity and pleasure in discovery sets the stage for exploration of all kinds.

## Financial Assistance

Families of all income levels are welcome at PIC. We accept applications from families who receive state subsidies to help meet their child care expenses, which includes Pennsylvania's Pre-K Counts and the Child Care Information Service (CCIS). For families whose income exceeds the subsidy eligibility, PIC has a modest tuition assistance program.

## Reggio-Inspired

The Reggio Emilia approach is recognized worldwide as an innovative philosophy of early learning. It is based in the belief that children are driven to learn by their natural curiosity of the world. PIC teachers guide inquiry-based learning that is led by the interests of the children. Our learning environments support hands-on learning by intentionally incorporating elements of nature, beauty, order, and light. Our classrooms are designed to inspire wonder, support exploration, and promote discovery.

## Tuition & Enrollment

Visit our website, [parentinfantcenter.org](http://parentinfantcenter.org), to download an application, see current tuition rates, and learn more about the enrollment process.

*Admission is open to all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.*

## Our Magic Circle

The Magic Circle Nature Playground is a nationally certified outdoor classroom designed to support and encourage free and joyful outdoor play. We believe that by giving children many opportunities to explore and learn outside, they will grow to respect and love the earth, and develop the compassion to take good care of it.

