

Amanda's Little Blue Play House

“A home from home for your child”

We accept children ages newborn-12 years old. Where children are encouraged to learn, grow, and develop at their own, individual pace. While we welcome all, a child experiencing prolonged difficulty adjusting may not be emotionally ready and alternatives will be suggested. All children are given an equal opportunity to participate in all areas of age appropriate learning. These activities may include manipulative, clay, and/or play-doh, painting, dramatic play, circle, music, outside play, group activities, story time, cooperative games, etc. We may hire consultants come in and work with small groups in such extra curricular activities as: sign language, foreign language, movement with music, etc. Fees for a child's participation are not included in the normal rates and will be discussed separately and as needed or requested.

Payment method: invoices will go out at the end of each month. Tuition is due on the 1st of each month whether you have or have not received an invoice for that month. Tuition is considered delinquent as of 6 PM on the first of each month. If the payment is late a \$40.00 late fee will be added to your payment unless prior arrangements are made. If a check is returned unpaid it will be the parent or legal guardians' responsibility to pay in the way of cash or cashiers check in the future and there will be a charge of \$50.00 along with any other bank charges for any returned check. If a situation arises, it is in the best interest of all to notify us as soon as possible so as we can make any needed accommodations that will be in every ones favor. Any fees not paid in full within 2 weeks of due date will be subject to an additional court cost and/or termination of the childcare. For every minute you're late in picking up your child/children, \$1.00 per minute per child will be added to your invoice. There is a non-refundable \$45.00 registration fee and you must give us two weeks notice prior to termination. You will not be credited for missed days. Make up days have to be within 2 weeks of a missed day and when space allows. Should a child exhibit any behavior problems we will work with you and your child to resolve them. In the event of serious behavior problems a parent or guardian will be called and asked to pick the child up. All fees will remain in place at this time in order to save a space for your child. A child exhibiting, prolonged disruptive behavior may be terminated from the childcare and, in extreme situations, termination would be immediate.

Fees are as follows: \$25.00 for the first 8 hours and \$5.00 extra for each additional hour thereafter. Less than 5 hours is \$5.00 per hour per day.

“Live, Laugh, Love, & Grow”

Monday-Friday between 7 AM & 6 PM the childcare will be closed all major holidays with notice and if we need to be closed for any reason you will be given ample notification unless it's an emergency closure due to illness, disaster, inclement weather, etc. All fees will remain in effect during this time to secure a child's place. Two nutritious snacks, one in the AM and one in the PM along with lunch, using the four basic food groups, standard portion size, along with milk, juice, and water. It is very important that you notify us of any food allergies and if your child requires a special diet it may need to be provided from home. We do serve occasional

treats. Your child may need a pillow and blanket we require a 2 hour rest/quiet time between 1 PM and 3 PM. Other arrangements for care must be made if a child is ill. This is in consideration of the ill child as well as other children in the childcare. Should a child become ill or injured while attending the childcare, notification will be made immediately. Parents are required to make arrangements in a timely manner to have their child picked up within 30 minutes in all but life threatening situations at which time 911 would be contacted. All fees remain the same at this time. Children should be kept home if they exhibit one or more of the following signs of a communicable disease.

1. Oral temperature at or above 100 degrees
2. Abdominal symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, or pain.
3. Upper respiratory symptoms of sore throat, excessive coughing, difficulty breathing, excessive nasal discharge, or ear involvement.
4. Symptoms of conjunctivitis or (pinkeye) any discharge from an eye.
5. Head lice.

A child will not be excluded with signs of common cold. Unless accompanied by one the signs indicated above including unusual fussiness or persistent crying. You will not be credited for sick days.

An important function at Amanda's is the redirecting of inappropriate to appropriate behavior. Rules are established for both inside and outside. Redirecting encourages appropriate behavior. There are age appropriate consequences in the event that a child refuses to cooperate, however, those may be followed with a phone call that would require a child to be picked up early if there is too much disruption. We will always encourage appropriate behavior by using the 3/ Rs to the children: Respect~for self, Respect~ for others, Responsibility~ for all your actions. Our combined success depends on parent involvement and being positive role models. We work hard to create a safe, healthy, and happy environment that provides every child with constructive ways to learn while problem solving. Your child's behavior is routinely observed so that every effort will be made in finding what works best for each individual child. We encourage and teach children to communicate appropriately as a means for problem solving. It has been my experience spanking a child teaches them that hitting is accepted as long as it's when you're frustrated with the person that you are hitting. We do NOT allow any type of corporal punishment; this includes spanking a child while at the childcare. Any type of humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, shame, threat or other actions of a punitive nature will not be tolerated. Our discipline is to teach and guide children based on age appropriate means of diversion, reason, natural, and logical consequences. Our rules are based on the safety of self, others, and property. Should a child exhibit any behavior problems a parent or guardian will be called and asked to pick the child up.

Your child must be signed in as well as out, each and every day that they attend. You are welcome to stay with your child as necessary. However, prolonged departures are difficult on all the children, so once you know you will depart, let your child know, and then follow through. Long term volunteers must go through the fingerprint and background check process first.

Another focus of the childcare encourages a child's independence. Confidence and self-esteem grows as they gain self-help skills. Children love, "I can do it myself", their clothing should not hinder this process. Please consider clothing that is easy to put on and take off. Children beginning to put on and take off their own shoes will benefit by having Velcro or slip-on shoes. For safety purposes unless your child can tie his/her own shoes, no laces are permitted while at the childcare.

A child in diapers must have enough diapers and wipes supplied for the entire day. A child just beginning the potty training process must be dressed appropriately. We will provide child safe and size potty seats and we'll encourage the use of them however, we will not force and will not participate in the potty training process if your child is sent in jeans and or overalls. It's our experience clothing that is easy to slip in and out of make for a smoother transition from diapers to underpants.

Curriculum includes fun and sometimes messy art projects. Please send your child in play clothes we will not be responsible for damaged items. Your child may bring a share item; however, it's their responsibility and we discourage bringing toys.

Welcome, and thank you for choosing ~Amanda's Little Blue Play House~
Please initial the statement below and sign and date after carefully reading all the above,

I: _____

The parent'(s)/or legal guardian of

Child: _____

"I have read and agree to all the above" **your initials:** _____

Signature of parent'(s)/ or legal guardian: _____

Date signed: _____