

Mission

The Ark is a child development center that provides services for children from the ages of 6 weeks to 12 years. We are open to any child who may benefit from our program, regardless of race, nationality, or creed. The Ark is non-profit and non-political, governed by the Ark Board, and is a ministry of the First United Methodist Church. All children are welcome!

Purpose

Our aim is to provide Christian service to the whole family and to foster the physical, emotional, intellectual, mental, and spiritual growth of our children, helping each one to become an independent and unique person.

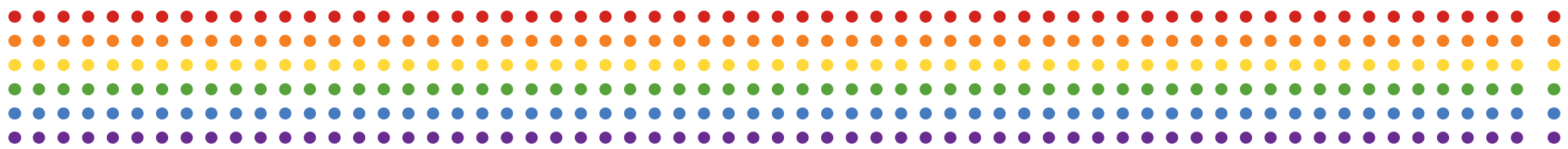
The Ark is a nationally accredited child care center which opened over 20 years ago with the help of the First United Methodist Church.

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Schedule

We are open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Children are registered for specific hours and days.

The Ark operates in two sessions. The school year session begins on the day Los Alamos Schools begin fall classes. The summer session begins the first working day after Los Alamos Schools dismiss for the summer.

Our holiday schedule and weather-related closings are the same as the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Hourly Rates

Hours per week	In diapers	Potty-trained*
0-8	\$8.05	\$6.95
9-11	\$7.18	\$6.09
12-19	\$6.54	\$5.43
20-29	\$6.20	\$5.09
30-34	\$5.94	\$4.84
35-45	\$5.80	\$4.70
46-50	\$5.66	\$4.57

Staff

Most of our staff members are experienced early childhood educators. All staff participate in an on-going program of in-service education and studies for professional advancement in order to remain alert to current research in early childhood education and to the ever-changing needs of today's families.

Programs

- Nursery care** for children 6 weeks to 2 years old
- Part-time day care** for children 2 to 5 years old
- Full-time day care** for children 6 weeks to 5 years old
- Preschool program** for children 2 to 5 years old from 8:30 to 11:30 am, 2 to 5 days per week (included in both the part-time and full-time day care options)
- Before and after school care** for children in kindergarten through the 6th grade, with special extended hours on Wednesdays, conference weeks, teacher work days, winter and spring breaks, and summer months

Activities

We offer class field trips for children ages 2 and older to local attractions such as the Walkup Aquatic Center, the Bradbury Science Museum, the Mesa Public Library, the ice-skating rink, the LA Monitor, local dentist offices, and many others. Throughout the year, children ages 3 and older may take weekly dance classes, and during the summer, they may take swimming lessons. Chapel is held weekly where children of every age learn songs and hear Bible stories. *Potty-training is provided for children -- when a child indicates interest, teachers will work with parents to potty-train him or her.

