

## NEIL HELLMAN PRESCHOOL (CHILD PROGRAM)

---

Neil Hellman Preschool is a multiservice early childhood center for children age 3–5. The Child Program includes preschool special education, early intervention services, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, social work services, preventative childcare with and without social work, psychological services, subsidized day care, and universal prekindergarten.

### AVAILABLE SERVICES

Program staff help parents evaluate and forecast their children’s developmental needs by employing screening and educational activities in the center. Children determined to have developmental or attachment deficits are referred for professional evaluation and, if deemed appropriate, intervention.

- Licensed practical nurse on site
- Day care, both self paid and county subsidized
- Center is open from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. with limited availability for 7:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m. care
- Two meals and one snack, prepared onsite, served daily; a nutritionist reviews the menus and the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) oversees the kitchen and meal service
- Large gym and large fenced play areas onsite
- Special education services onsite including speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and psychological therapy

### BENEFITS

- Increased school readiness and early literacy skills
- Early Intervention and preschool special education services
- Health screenings and developmental screenings onsite ensure needs are met
- Decreased out-of-home placements for preventative families

**Who can access services?** Children ages 3–5 can attend for \$200 per week. Other families are referred through several local school districts and Schenectady County Department of Social Services.

**How are services accessed?** For day care or Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) services, call or visit the Early Learning Center, 125 Bigelow Avenue, Schenectady, 518.292.5510. Special education and early intervention services are accessed through the school system or Health Department respectively, dependent on child’s age. Preventative child care and subsidized child care is accessed through Schenectady County Department of Social Services.