

Wellspring General Info

Each child is a wellspring of life and creativity. It is our mission to nourish and direct these "wellsprings" that have been entrusted to us. Every childhood should overflow with fun, discovery, and love.

"Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it flows the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23

Our Roots:



Wellspring Early Learning Center may be a relatively new business, but the idea and inception dates back several decades. Joe and Sharon Key moved their family from the sunny beaches of Southern California to the rolling hills of East Tennessee. After raising a family of their own, they decided to make the family business a family business! Wellspring was birthed out of a desire to love and impact the lives of young children and families in Knoxville. Joe and Sharon, along with their son Joseph, are excited to carry out the vision and mission of Wellspring and invite you to 'Come grow with us!'

The Team:



Wellspring prides itself on an outstanding staff. Beyond their many qualifications and diverse backgrounds, is a common love for kids. Our Director, Christine Lucas, plays an integral role on our staff as team lead. Christine has been a director for over 20 years and has a rich background in early childhood education. She understands the importance of orderly professionalism while balancing a nurturing and fun atmosphere. Wellspring Staff are committed to creating a fun and loving environment where children can grow and flourish.

Facilities:



From sanitization and cleanliness to security and safety, the recently renovated facilities allow Wellspring to tackle any new challenge that may arise. Parents will have peace of mind knowing their child is safe behind double locked doors with strict security procedures in place. Our software allows for photo IDs that only permit authorized individuals to check in/out a child. Parents can expect to stay informed with communications such as newsletters, texts, and photos of their children through our app. The new kitchen and updated capabilities will ensure proper nutrition for every meal and snack.

Curriculum:




Wellspring's focus is to provide each child with an environment and tools necessary for wholistic development. Play-based learning supplemented with resources from *Experience Curriculum* are at the core of our ethos. We work collaboratively with local elementary school teachers to ensure every child is developing at their individual pace to meet milestones and be adequately prepared for kindergarten.

Next Steps:



If you're interested in enrollment, visit WellspringKids.com and click '**Register a Child**'. After submitting your information, you will be placed on the waiting list. We will reach out via email to let you know any next steps. Please download the most current copy of our parent handbook on the website for detailed information on our center and policies.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are Wellspring's hours of Operation?**
-Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Afterschool until 6:00 pm)
- **Where is Wellspring located?**
-531 Vanosdale Road, Knoxville, TN 37909
- **How are tuition payments processed?**
-Tuition is broken down into two monthly payments drawn via ACH from a checking account or credit card on the 1st and 15th of every month. If using a credit card, an additional 3% fee is assessed.
- **Are any fees charged in addition to tuition?**
-An annual \$100 registration fee is charged to cover enrollment, facility, and supply costs. For after school care, a \$50 registration fee is charged. Field trips for older children may include additional fees.
- **Do you provide any tuition assistance?**
-The State of Tennessee may offer a program that applies to your needs. Please mention your interest during the initial interview.
- **What else is included in tuition?**
-Tuition covers daily breakfast, lunch and snacks. Parents are responsible for providing any additional needs, such as formula, diapers and wipes for infants and toddlers.
- **What is the ProCare App?**
-We use the ProCare app to stay in contact with parents. Photos, texts, and newsletters will be exchanged to communicate. The app is also used as a contactless way to sign in/out your child. Find the ProCare app  and download it from the app store.
- **Once enrolled, how do I change billing info or update individuals authorized to pickup/drop-off my child?**
-On WellspringKids.com, click *Login* on the top menu. You will use the same credentials that you created when registering your child. Once logged into this parent portal, you can adjust your account info or generate billing statements.
- **What curriculum is used?**
-The *Experience Curriculum* includes developmentally appropriate goals and objectives for children and is directly integrated with ProCare
- **What should I bring on my child's first day?**
-Bring one small blanket for naptime and a change of clothes (if the child is still in diapers bring two). Blankets should be taken home every Friday or more frequently to get washed. Be sure to label sunscreen (cream) with the child's name and date of expiration.