

## **Windsor Southwest Preschool Collaborative Application Guidelines for School Year 2012-2013**

The Windsor Southwest Preschool Collaborative is now accepting applications for their publicly funded preschool program.

### **What is publicly funded prekindergarten education?**

Publicly funded prekindergarten education is defined as:

Ten hours per week of developmentally appropriate early development and learning experiences that are based on Vermont's Early Learning Standards. Children who reside in the towns served by the WSWSU and are between the ages of three-five are eligible. Pre-kindergarten education is limited to the academic year (September 2012-June 2013).

### **Where are these publicly funded prekindergarten programs?**

The Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union's publicly funded prekindergarten programs are located in community private early care and education programs that meet specific quality standards. The community early care and education programs that Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union partners with are:

- The Little School in Weston
- West River Montessori School in S. Londonderry
- Stepping Stones Preschool in Cavendish
- Chester Community Preschool in Chester
- The Lawrence School in Dorset
- Saxtons River Montessori School in Saxtons River
- Playworks at SAPCC in Springfield
- Suzy's Little Peanuts in Springfield

### **Is this 10 hour/week pre-kindergarten program tuition free?**

Yes. Preschools that partner with the Windsor Southwest Preschool Collaborative may not charge families for the 10 hour/week program for 35 weeks. Families will be charged fully for whatever care and education program the child needs beyond the 10 hours/week as well as any weeks beyond the funded 35 weeks. Your preschool provider should document this fully on your family's tuition invoice.

### **Is my child eligible for publicly funded prekindergarten?**

If your child is 3 years old by September 1, 2012 and resides in Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru or Weston your child is eligible to participate. Should the child move to a town not listed above at any time during the school year, public funds will no longer apply.

### **How do I apply for public PreK funds?**

Complete the attached application form. Please submit your application to the Preschool Collaborative office by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Acceptance letters will be mailed to families by May 15<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that families must complete paperwork at a partnering program. This application is for public funds only.**

(Retain this copy for your records and submit the attached application form to:  
Windsor Southwest Preschool Collaborative, 89 Route 103 S., Chester VT 05143).

Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union's Preschool Collaborative  
*Publicly Funded Pre-kindergarten Education Program*  
**89 Route 103 South, Chester VT 05143**

APPLICATION

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Please answer the following questions:***

1. What town does your family reside in? (where taxes are paid/this may be different than your address). \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does your child currently attend an early care and education program?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide the name and address of the early care and education program:

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3. If your child is able to participate in one of our publicly funded prekindergarten programs, do you have a preference of where you'd like your child to attend? Please check below.

The Little School

Stepping Stones Preschool

Chester Community Preschool

West River Montessori School

Saxtons River Montessori

Suzy's Little Peanuts

Playworks (SAPCC)

The Lawrence School

Other (please see note below regarding additional partnerships)

**NOTE:** If your child is selected to participate in publicly funded prekindergarten, but the program you want your child to attend is currently not partnering with the Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union, you may request that WSWSU contract with your preferred program IF the program meets the state's quality standards.  
**Please submit all requests for partnership by JUNE 1.**