

Nursery Schools and Other Childcare Facilities

These facilities offer childcare on behalf of the parents if they, or any other family members living in the same household, are not able to take care of their children during the day due to employment or illness.

● Admission Requirements for Nursery School

If a parent or family member living in the same household or other relative, meets the following conditions and are not able to take care of a child, admission requirements are met.

1. The parents work during the day.
2. The parent is ill (hospitalized or recuperating).
3. The mother will give/has given birth (The childcare period is restricted to two months each before and after childbirth, no more than five months in total).
4. The parent has a Handbook for the Physically Disabled (Level 1 through 4) or Handbook for the Mentally Disabled (Level 1 through 4), and cannot look after the child.
5. The parent is nursing a long-term patient or disabled person (child).
6. The child does not have a parent.
7. The parent is looking for a job (The childcare period is restricted to up to two months).
8. The parent is involved in recovering from a disaster (such as a fire, storm/flood, or earthquake).
9. The parent is training or in school (commuting).

● Childcare Age and Childcare Hours

Children from eight weeks old up to the age of entering elementary school are eligible. However, the ages accepted are different for each nursery school. Although the basic childcare hours for nursery school is 11 hours (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), extended childcare is available after 6:00 p.m. If you would like to take this service, you must pay an extended childcare fee in addition to the basic childcare fee.

● Application for Admission

Application to be admitted in April is conducted around December of the previous year. Application to be admitted in or after May can be done by the 15th of the previous month for admission. After filing an application, admission is determined by a screening process, and notification of admission is sent after interviews and health checkups.

Inquiries: Child-nurturing Support Division, Tel: 042-724-2137

● Childcare Rooms

Machida City has contracts with childcare facilities for those who were not admitted to a government-licensed daycare center. As a rule, the eligible age is between birth and two years of age, and the childcare hours and program are similar to those of licensed daycare centers. For application or inquiries, please contact your local childcare room directly.

Kozakura Childcare Room 1-6-25 Kiso-Higashi Tel: 042-725-1378

● Certified Childcare Centers

These are childcare facilities authorized by the Tokyo Metropolitan government for those who were not admitted to a licensed daycare center. The childcare hours and program are similar to those of licensed daycare centers. For application or inquiries, please contact your local certified childcare center directly.

Eligible Children: Children between birth and five years of age

Nursery School	Address	Telephone No.
Poppo-no Mori Nursery School	410 Okura-machi	042-860-1515
Niji-iro Nursery School Success Machida	4-1-11 Haramachida	042-721-1808
Urban Nursery School Popola Tokyo Naruse-en	1-3-5 Minami-Naruse	042-710-5150
Machida Petit Creche	6-28-19 Haramachida	042-727-9188
Poppins Nursery Minami-Machida	661-1 Tsuruma	042-788-2107
Odakyu Mukku Tsurukawa-en	66 Nogaya-machi	042-708-1451
Machida Tamasakai Kirara Nursery School	3-28 Oyamagaoka	042-703-7985

● Home-based caretakers

Home-based caretakers authorized by the city can also provide childcare at their homes for children between birth and two years of age.

● Childcare for Children Who are Ill or Recovering from an Illness

There are specialized facilities in four locations in the city that offer childcare when a child is ill or recovering from an illness and cannot be taken care of at a nursery school or after-school childcare club nor taken care of by the parent due to employment.

Nursery School	Address	Telephone No.
Kikyo Nursery School Convalescent Childcare Room	1-16-7 Tsurukawa	042-735-2242
Onoji Nursery School Convalescent Childcare Room	1084-1 Nozuta-machi	042-708-0231
Kogasaka Futaba Nursery School Convalescent Childcare Room	867-1 Kogasaka	042-720-8215
Hayashi Clinic Childcare Room for Convalescent Children Room	2-29-20 Tadao	042-793-3722

● Child and Family Support Center

• Short-Stay (Overnight Childcare) and Twilight-Stay (Evening Childcare)

For short-stay (overnight childcare), a child can be taken care of when a parent is temporarily unable to do so because the parent is ill, needs to attend a formal gathering (such as a wedding or funeral), becomes involved in an accident or is giving birth. For twilight-stay (evening childcare), a child can be taken care of until 10:00 p.m. when a parent will be getting home late from work or from nursing care. This service can be used for children between two and 12 years of age.

• Child-Raising Helper

This service supports post-childbirth mothers. Helpers are dispatched to help mothers with concerns after childbirth, to encourage those who feel alone during the day and those having difficulty taking care of twins.

Inquiries: Child and Family Support Center, Tel: 042-710-1525

● Temporary Childcare Programs

If you would like to have your child looked after temporarily, please consult your local nursery school. Those who are eligible are parents who cannot look after their child at home because a family member is in the hospital or being treated on an out-patient basis or needing nursing care. Those who would like their child looked after while the parent works part-time and parents who need a break from child-raising are also eligible.

Inquiries: Your local nursery school

● Machida Family Support Center

This mutual assistance program is available for people who would like assistance in child-raising, for people who would like to lend a helping hand in child-raising, to help parents maintain a balance between work and child-raising. The program offers help at special times, such as before and after nursery school or kindergarten.

Inquiries: Machida Family Support Center, Tel: 042-724-0901

● Holiday Childcare

Childcare is available when parents are unable to look after their child on a holiday or national holiday due to inevitable duties, nursing care or a wedding or funeral. However, the service is not available during the year-end/New Year holidays (December 29 through January 3).

Inquiries: Wakaba Nursery School (2591-20 Honmachida), Tel: 042-726-1007

● Child-Raising Plaza Program

Nursery schools support child-raising by giving advice and seeking solutions together with the parent on child-raising issues. There are playgroups where fellow child-raisers can meet and let children play together. Please visit the place for new discoveries and new experiences.

Inquiries: Your local nursery school

● Machida City Community Child-Raising Center

Aiming for a “city where parents can raise children with peace of mind,” seven public nursery schools offer support programs for child-raising while coordinating joint efforts with people in the local community. Anyone is welcome to use the Center. The Center is open Monday through Saturday (except national holidays), 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact your local Community Child-Raising Center.

<Description of Programs>

- Child-Raising Consultation: Please feel free to ask the Center for advice or information related to child-raising. (If necessary, the Center can introduce you to other relevant institutions.)
- Child-Raising Plaza (Play Group): Parents and children can enjoy spending time together. Many children come to play. In addition, you can have a good time with other parents.
- Half-day Childcare Experience (Reservations required): A parent and child can experience life at the local nursery school for half a day.
- Facilities Open to the Public:
- Nursery School Open House: Your child can play with children who attend nursery school.
- Childcare Room Open House: Your child can play with the toys in the Room (This program is only conducted at limited facilities).
- Pool Open to the Public: Only during the summer
- Other: Child-raising support groups, recruitment of volunteers, child-raising lectures, information on temporary childcare and other programs.

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| 1. Sakai Community Child-Raising Center
(Municipal Kousagi Nursery School) | 792 Aihara-machi |
| 2. Tadao Community Child-Raising Center
(Municipal Yamasaki Nursery School) | 2130 Yamasaki-machi |
| 3. Tsurukawa Community Child-Raising Center
(Municipal Okura Nursery School) | 1984 Okura-machi |
| 4. Morino Community Child-Raising Center
(Municipal Morino Nursery School) | 4-8-10 Morino |
| 5. Honmachida Community Child-Raising Center
(Municipal Honmachida Nursery School) | 29 Honmachida |
| 6. Haramachida Community Child-Raising Center
(Municipal Machida Nursery School) | 6-26-5 Haramachida |
| 7. Minami Community Child-Raising Center
(Municipal Kanamori Nursery School) | 469-1 Kanamori |

● Youth Centers

With three locations in the city, these facilities are for those from infants and toddlers, their parents, and youths up to 18 years of age. The facilities conduct activities as a venue where children can play grow and develop.

● Children's Club

With two locations in the city, these facilities are for those from infants and toddlers, their parents, and youths up to 18 years of age. The facilities have a multipurpose hall and sections for infants and toddlers.

Education

● The Japanese School System

Compulsory education in Japan consists of six years of elementary school (ages 6 to 12) and three years of junior high school (ages 12 to 15) for a total of nine years. Tuition at public elementary schools and at public junior high schools and textbooks are free of charge. Non-Japanese children may also attend public schools if they wish. Basically, the school year for elementary and junior high schools is divided into three terms – from April through August, September through December and January through March – and a child is admitted any time of the school year. As for higher education, there are three years of high school and four years of college (or two years of junior college).

● After-School Childcare Club

Childcare is available for children (1st through 3rd Grades of elementary school; up to 6th Grade for children with a disability, depending on the situation) who would be home alone after school because the parent works.

Inquiries: Child and Youth Division, Tel: 042-724-2182