Recognizing that student, faculty, and staff families have numerous responsibilities while attending or working at Baruch, the center provides support with the challenge of balancing classes, children's needs, study, work, and family life.

We assist with:

- Information on social services
- Evaluations and referrals
- Ongoing school admissions

Bi-monthly meetings with an experienced family counselor are held during college club hours, providing additional support. Family members are welcome to join at any time. Parenting videos and books are also available.

The center encourages close contact with parents and family members through phone calls, parent/teacher conferences, lunch with children, family events, trips, and membership in the Student Parent Association.

The Early Learning Center provides childcare during the Fall and Spring semester, and also offers a summer program.

The center is open from 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 5 pm on Friday. Children must arrive by 10 am.

Children bring their own lunch, which is followed each day by a rest period.

The center provides a nutritious snack in the morning and afternoon.

There is a sliding fee scale for students, starting at $5 per week, based on family size and household income. Faculty and staff pay a market rate of $46 to $51 per day.

Applications are available at the center and at the Office of Student Life in Newman Vertical Campus Room 2-210. Student, faculty, and staff families are encouraged and welcome to make an appointment for a visit or tour.
WHAT WE DO

The Early Learning Center at Baruch College provides childcare and education to children ages 2 through 5 years old. The children of Baruch students, faculty, and staff are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis as openings occur. Once children are admitted, they have priority for the following semesters. The center is licensed by the NYC Department of Health and is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The center’s families reflect the rich diversity of the Baruch community.

The program emphasizes an atmosphere of exploration and recognizes the importance of relationships between children and the adults who care for them. We believe children learn through their play and that everyday experience serve as springboards to readiness skills.

HOW WE DO IT

A balance of individual and group activities provides children with opportunities to engage in:

- dramatic play
- woodworking
- cooking
- storytelling
- care for animals
- music
- work with blocks
- art materials

Daily outdoor play and walking trips in the neighborhood extend children’s experiences. A lending library of books, games, and puzzles helps connect school to home.

These projects are integrated with trips—especially for older children—throughout the city, including:

- Carnegie Kids
- The Paper Bag Players
- Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre

Two classrooms of mixed-aged children are staffed by a certified lead teacher, an assistant teacher, and an aide.

Small class size with high adult-to-child ratio ensures individual attention. Interns and volunteers enrich the program with their energy and enthusiasm.