



Kingdom Care Childcare Enrichment Programs

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAM 2026-2027

Hours: 7:45 am – 5:30pm Monday – Friday | Preschool Learning Hours: 8am – 2pm

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Kingdom Care was established in 1997 as a preschool program. In 2002 Kingdom Care founded a second program, a Before and After School Program. In 2023, the Preschool Program became an MSDE's PreK Expansion program partner with the Maryland Family Child Care Alliance. The Board of Education provides the curriculum approved for children to embrace and engage in, all the developmental domains, to prepare them to enter Kindergarten. Learning takes place for 6.5 hours daily. After-school care is available for preschool students as needed. Afternoon activities are based upon our Enrichment Program and include Bible, Art, Adventure Story, S.T.E.M., and Conflict Resolution lessons with visual arts and puppets.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR/ PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Kelly Gates serves as both the Director and Head Teacher for both the preschool and the aftercare program. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology with a concentration in Childhood Development. She is currently pursuing her master's in arts of education at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Ms. Kelly taught preschool in the original Kingdom Care founded in Roanoke, Virginia from 1997-2000. Ms. Kelly taught Pre-Kindergarten at Manassas Christian Academy for two years while transitioning Kingdom Care from Virginia to Maryland from 2002-2002. From 2013-2015, Ms. Kelly took a 2-year break from Preschool to serve as a homeschool instructor for middle school students during school hours while simultaneously continuing the aftercare program in the afternoons. She was able to aid 12 students in progressing from failing to passing middle school with honors over 2 years utilizing a private school curriculum for 6 hours of instruction daily. Ms. Kelly is current Director of Kingdom Care After School Programs, a position she has held for over 25 years during which time she has given educational assistance to students ages five to ten. Her life's goal is to continuously offer educational insight and guidance to children through curriculum utilization and creative play.

STAFF

The preschool staff includes Lead Teacher Ms. Miya Cottoms. She holds her teaching certification for preschool and has been a teacher for over 10 years. She has been on staff for 2 years at Kingdom Care. She will teach the preschool students rotating with Mrs. Kelly and rotate as an after-school teacher.

TEACHER AIDES

Interns on a rotating basis-Kingdom Care is accredited as a Service-Learning Site for educational credits. Each year, college interns will be present, after completing background checks.

ENROLLMENT: ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE ON THE WEBSITE.

There are 2 options for enrollment

1. Option 1

Families can apply for MSDE to cover preschool tuition for 8 am-2:30pm.

Click here for the link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ILkXx613qtwY0rQyEbgYVCEY-gOCkzCr/view?usp=share_link.

Eligibility options- Children whose families speak English as a second language, or children who have an IEP, IFSP, or children whose families meet the Federal Poverty Level income guidelines. See the chart on the application link above. Please call or email for the form if the link does not open on your device.

2. Option 2

Families can enroll and pay tuition privately to cover preschool tuition for 8am-2:30 pm. Tuition is \$331 weekly.

Before & After School care is available. Please visit the before and after school page for information.

NEXT STEP FOR ENROLLMENT-VISIT KINGDOM CARE VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON-MEET THE DIRECTOR

- Families have the option to do a virtual walkthrough followed by a Zoom meeting.
- The virtual walkthrough is on the website at www.KingdomCare.net on the homepage.

- Families can visit on Friday evenings or Sunday afternoon by appointment only. Please call for a time that works best for your family.

EDUCATION:

The curriculum used in our program, Creative Curriculum, can be viewed online at <https://teachingstrategies.com/product/the-creative-curriculum-for-preschool/>