

Mansfield Family Resource Guide



Highlights

- *List of available services*
- *Enrichment activities for children*
- *Advertisements from local businesses*

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WELCOME!



We designed the *Mansfield Family Resource Guide* to help busy, overworked parents find high-quality resources for their children in Mansfield.

If you have recently relocated to the area or have just become a parent, we hope that you will utilize this booklet to learn about all of the programs, activities and opportunities for families in Mansfield.

Whether your child is in diapers, or ready to head off to school, there are a variety of programs available to suit his or her interests. As a parent, you are encouraged to get involved too! Parenting workshops and adult education classes are offered by Mansfield Advocates for Children with convenient evening hours on a regular basis.

We hope that you will find the services that appeal to your family within our town. The organizations and businesses listed in the *Mansfield Family Resource Guide* have served our community for years and are part of what makes Mansfield such a wonderful town.

Make an investment in your child's future... get involved today! MAC meets the first Wednesday of each month at the town hall, new members are always welcome.

Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC)
2009 Mansfield Family Resource Guide Committee
Sandra Baxter, Jim Greene, Jessica Higham and Becky Lehmann



Sandy Baxter, School Readiness Coordinator
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From the Mayor...



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June 18, 2009

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to the parents and guardians of Mansfield and to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC).

The Town of Mansfield is proud of its commitment to diversity and our ability to provide quality education and recreational activities to all of our residents.

The Mansfield Family Resource Guide is a wonderful source for parents, and showcases the best our town has to offer. As you read these pages, imagine how you and your family can enjoy a better quality of life by becoming involved in our special and unique community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth C. Paterson'.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

From the Superintendent...



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May 2009

Dear Community Members,

As the Superintendent of Schools, I am pleased to endorse this publication of family resources in Mansfield. Families now have access to one booklet that can give them assistance in locating resources within our town.

The Mansfield Public Schools works closely with families in the community to provide a high quality educational program for our children. For more information about the Mansfield Public Schools, please log onto our website at www.mansfieldct.org/mboe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Frederick A. Baruzzi'.

Frederick A. Baruzzi

Emergency/Hotlines

9-1-1 Police, fire, ambulance.	Help-Line 860-524-1182 <i>Adult suicide prevention, crisis intervention information, referrals and support.</i>
2-1-1 Infoline 2-1-1– or (V/TDD) 800-203-1234 <i>24 hour information and referral to health and human services in CT; Crisis intervention; Suicide Prevention for children.</i> www.211infoline.org	MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) 203-234-6521
Access Agency 860-450-7400	Mansfield Human Services 860-429-3315
Alcohol Hotline 800-252-6465 <i>Referrals</i>	Mansfield Police Department Resident State Trooper 860-429-6024
CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Preven) 800-342-AIDS (2437) or 800-243-7889 (TDD) or 800-344-7432 (En Español) <i>Gives health information for diseases, treatment guidelines and publications.</i> www.cdc.gov	National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 800-843-5678 www.missingkids.com
Child Find of America 800-426-5678 <i>Missing children location department, counseling for parents.</i> 800-292-9688 <i>Mediation only.</i>	Natchaug Hospital 860-423-4531 or 800-426-7792
Child Help National (Child Abuse Hotline) 800-422-4453 www.childhelp.org	National Suicide Prevention 800-273-8255
Domestic Violence Hotline 888-774-2900 <i>24 hour hotline</i>	Parents Anonymous 800-CHILDREN 9244-5373) <i>Free and confidential services for parents who want help changing the way they interact with their children.</i> www.parentsanonymous.com
Eastern Highlands Health District 860-429-3325	Poison Control 800-222-1222
Mansfield Fire Company 860-429-5290	State Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-842-2288 or 800-624-5518 (TDD) <i>For children under age 18; Report suspected cases of abuse/neglect/abandonment—to make anonymous referral.</i> www.CT.GOV/DCF
Eagleville Fire Dept. 1 860-429-2050	Thursday's Child Youth Advocacy Hotline 800-872-5437 <i>Kids with problems may call for help. Ages up to 18.</i>
Eagleville Fire Dept. 2 860-429-0035	

Childcare/Preschool

Selecting Childcare and Preschool for Your Child

Introduction

Selecting childcare and preschool education is a very important decision involving the well being and education of your child. The information offered in this section is intended to make that process easier for you. Please read the information provided carefully and give yourself plenty of time to do research and visit the programs you are interested in. Be informed. Remember that you are the first and most important educator that your child will ever have!

Here are some helpful resources:

- To find out about available child care spaces in Connecticut, call INFOLINE Child Care Services at 211 or 1-800-505-1000 from anywhere in CT or for online resources—
www.211infoline.org Information is updated monthly.
- To find out if your provider has had any reports filed on him/her in the past year, contact the Connecticut State
- Department of Public Health at 800-282-6063. *We highly recommend that you use only licensed child care providers.*

Information about funding for childcare and school readiness slots is available at:

- Care 4 Kids Program at 888-214-KIDS (5437) - Care for Kids helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for child care costs. This program is sponsored by the State of Connecticut's Department of Social Services (DSS).
- School Readiness Program in Mansfield—Call Sandra Baxter, School Readiness Coordinator for Mansfield at 860-429-3338. School Readiness is a state funded early care and education program that provides spaces to Mansfield families with 3 and 4 year olds.

Childcare/Preschool

Definitions

Licensed Center Based Child Care Programs:

Center based programs are licensed by the CT Dept. of Public Health. These full or part day programs include schools, child care programs, before/after school programs and drop-in centers. Child care centers accommodate 13 or more children, one or more days per week.

Licensed centers must comply with state guidelines as developed by the Department of Health at all times.

Licensed Home Child Care Programs:

A home child care provider is licensed by the CT Dept. of Public Health to care for non-related children in his/her home. A provider may care for up to 6 full-time children, plus an additional 3 before and after school children. The total number of children includes the provider's own children, up to the age of 12. The provider may have no more than two children under the age of two years unless there is an assistant who is approved by the Dept. of Public Health. The home child care program must comply with state guidelines as developed by the Dept. of Public Health at all times.

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation:

Early childhood programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) have voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study, invited external professional review to verify compliance with the criteria for High-Quality Early Childhood Programs, and have been found to be in substantial compliance with the criteria. A copy of the criteria can be obtained from NAEYC's Academy by calling 1-800-424-2460.

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Childcare/Preschool

Four Steps to Selecting a Child Care Provider

1. Interview Caregivers

Call first and ask:

- ◇ *Are there any openings for my child(ren)?*
- ◇ *What are the program hours and location?*
- ◇ *How much does the care cost (is financial assistance available)?*
- ◇ *How many children are in your care?*
- ◇ *What age group do you serve?*
- ◇ *Do you provide transportation?*
- ◇ *Do you provide meals (breakfast, snack, lunch, dinner)?*
- ◇ *Do you have a license, accreditation, or other certificates (first aid/CPR)?*
- ◇ *What does your daily schedule look like?*
- ◇ *Do you follow a curriculum and/or what activities do you do with the children?*
- ◇ *Are you involved with other programs in town such as the library, recreation department, etc.?*
- ◇ *May I come and visit your program?*
- ◇ *Do the children play inside and outside every day (weather permitting)?*
- ◇ *Is there time for an adult to read to children each day?*

At first visit, look for:

- ◇ *Responsive, nurturing, warm interactions between caregiver and children.*
- ◇ *Children who are happily involved in daily activities and comfortable with their caregiver.*
- ◇ *A clean, safe and healthy indoor and outdoor area and environment (especially napping, eating and toileting areas). Are these areas pleasant, quiet and comfortable?*
- ◇ *Do caregivers get down on the floor and play with children?*
- ◇ *A variety of toys and learning materials such as books, puzzles, blocks, and climbing equipment that your child will find interesting, which will safely contribute to their growth and development.*
- ◇ *Are educational activities well balanced with free playtime?*
- ◇ *Is there sand, wood chips or rubber under outside play areas?*
- ◇ *Is there plenty of shade in the outside play areas?*

Childcare/Preschool

At first visit, ask:

- ◇ *May I visit anytime?*
- ◇ *How do you handle discipline (timeouts, distraction, praise, etc.)?*
- ◇ *What do you do if a child is sick?*
- ◇ *What do you do in case of an emergency?*
- ◇ *What training have you had in working with children?*
- ◇ *Are all of the children and staff required to be immunized?*
- ◇ *May I see a copy of your license or other certification?*
- ◇ *Do you have a substitute or back-up caregiver?*
- ◇ *May I have a list of parents (current and former) who have used your care? (Call at least three or more!)*
- ◇ *Where do children nap?*
- ◇ *Is there stability in staffing or frequent turnover?*
- ◇ *Does the staff/child ratio match legal requirements?*
- ◇ *Do you have a plan for transitioning children in and out of your program?*

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Parents wishing to visit and receive more information should call 487-0062

Childcare/Preschool

2. Check References

Ask other parents:

- ◇ *Was the caregiver reliable on a daily basis?*
- ◇ *How did the caregiver discipline your child(ren)?*
- ◇ *Did your child enjoy the child care experience?*
- ◇ *How did the caregiver respond to you as a parent?*
- ◇ *Was the caregiver respectful of your values or culture?*
- ◇ *Ask the local childcare resource and referral program (dial 211) or licensing office (dial 860-509-8045):*
- ◇ *Is there a record of complaints about the child care provider I am considering and how do I find out about it?*
- ◇ *What regulations should child care providers meet in my area?*

3. Make the Decision for Quality Care

From what you heard and saw, ask yourself:

- ◇ *Which child care should I choose so that my child(ren) will be happy and grow?*
- ◇ *Which caregiver can meet the special needs of my child(ren)?*
- ◇ *Are the caregiver's values compatible with my family's values?*
- ◇ *Is the child care available and affordable according to my family's needs and resources?*
- ◇ *Do I feel good about my decision?*

4. Stay Involved

Ask yourself:

- ◇ *How can I arrange my schedule so that I can:*
- ◇ *Talk to my caregiver every day?*
- ◇ *Talk to my child every day about how the day went?*
- ◇ *Visit and observe my child at in care at different times of the day?*
- ◇ *Be involved in my child's activities?*
- ◇ *How can I work with my caregiver to resolve issues and concerns that may arise?*
- ◇ *How do I keep informed about my child's growth and development while in child care?*
- ◇ *How can I promote good working conditions for my child care provider?*
- ◇ *How can I help, such as with fundraisers and volunteering?*
- ◇ *How can I network with other parents?*



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Childcare Centers/Preschool

*Community Children's Center, 797 Mansfield City Road
Lisa Dahn, Director, 456-7171
18 months—5 years

*Mansfield Discovery Depot, 50 Depot Road
Mary Jane Newman, Director, 487-0062
www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/discovery_depot/index.php
6 weeks—Kindergarten

Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program
At Goodwin, Southeast and Vinton Schools
Dr. Rachel Leclerc, Director, 429-3353
3 and 4 year olds

Mt. Hope Montessori School, 48 Bassetts Bridge Road
Kathleen Krider, Director, 423-1070
www.mthopemontessori.com
2 years and 9 months—6years

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Karen Drazen, Head of School, 456-1031
www.ogms.org
2 years and 9 months—12 years

*University of Connecticut Child Development Laboratories
843 Bolton Road
Anne Bladen, Director, 486-2865
childlabs@uconn.edu
6 weeks—5years

*Willow House Preschool and Early Learning Center
1208 Stafford Road
Susan Daley, Director, 429-5240
6 weeks—12 years

<p>*signifies National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation © signifies Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) Certification</p>
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Childcare Centers/Preschool

The Mansfield Parks & Recreation After School Program
10 South Eagleville Road
Bill Callahan, Director, 423-3015 ext. 107
Grades K—5

Mansfield After School Program (M.A.S.P.)
321 Hunting Lodge Road—Goodwin Elementary School
Bev Seiler, 429-8476
Before and After School Care, Grades K-5 in district only

School-Age Child Care Programs of Northeast, CT, Inc. (SACCNE)
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Jean Bell, 455-0545
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ABC Childcare, 30 Old Kent Road Lisa Beebe, Owner	423-3447 6 weeks—middle school
Come Play with Me Daycare, 385 Storrs Road Suzanne Charron, Owner	423-4125 3 months—12 years
Little People's Home Child Care, 15 Higgins Highway Pamela Correll, Owner	450-0501 3 months—middle school
Circle of Friends, 65 Circle Drive Linda Cunningham, Owner	933-8150 2 months—4th grade
Green Dragon Daycare, 87 Bassetts Bridge Road Diane Dorfer, Owner	423-8305 2 years—4th grade
Forever Friends Day Care, 32 Puddin Lane Vincentia Fricano, Owner	456-1176 6 months—PreK
Home Care, 1 Hickory Lane Beth Galvin, Owner	429-0352 6 weeks—Kindergarten
Old Schoolhouse Home Child Care, 23 Old School House Road Mary Hodgins, Owner,	429-7095 12 months—grade 5
Kare-A-Lot Daycare, 10 Ridge Road Karri Prandy, Owner	487-3925 6 weeks—12 years
Kathy's Daycare, 25 Stearns Road Kathy Stearns, Owner	423-4618 3 months—9 years

Summer Camps

Camp Mansfield 10 South Eagleville Rd Bill Callahan, Director 429-3015 ext. 107 www.mansfieldct.org <i>Summer day camp for children ages 3.5-15 years</i>	Holiday Hill 41 Chaffeeville Road Dudley Hamlin, Director 423-1375 www.holidayrecreation.com <i>Summer day camp for children ages 3.5-14 years</i>	Community School of the Arts Topher Logan, Director 486-1073 www.csa.uconn.edu <i>Building community, creativity, & confidence through hands-on music, visual arts, & theater instruction.</i>
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Mansfield Public Schools

Mansfield Board of Education

www.mansfieldct.org

Central Office, 4 South Eagleville Road 429-3350
Frederick Baruzzi, Superintendent of Schools

Mansfield Early Childhood Assistance Program 429-3353
4 South Eagleville Road
Preschool Program
Dr. Rachel Leclerc, Director of Special Education And Student Support Services

Annie Vinton School, 306 Stafford Road 423-3086
Preschool to Grade 4
James Palmer, Principal

Dorothy C. Goodwin School, 321 Hunting Lodge Road 429-4630
Preschool to Grade 4
Debra Adamczyk, Principal

Southeast Elementary School, 134 Warrenville Road 423-1611
Preschool to Grade 4
Norma Fisher-Doiron, Principal

Mansfield Middle School, 205 Spring Hill Road 429-9341
Grades 5 to 8
Jeff Cryan, Principal

Regional School District #19

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Edwin O. Smith High School, 1235 Storrs Road 487-0877
Grades 9 to 12
Louis F. DeLoreto, Principal

E. O. Smith High School at the Depot Campus 487-2260
85 Depot Road
Grades 9 to 12—A Big Picture School
Brad Martin, Director

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Birth to Three Services

If your baby or toddler is not developing as expected, help is available through Connecticut's Birth to Three System

Babies have a lot to learn

******9-12 months******

Pulls to a stand
Picks up small objects
Waves "bye-bye"

******12-15 months******

Comes when called by name
Drinks from a cup
Takes turns rolling a ball

******15-18 months******

Looks at picture books
Tries to talk and repeat words
Walks without help

******18-24 months******

Carries objects while walking
Uses 2 or 3 word sentences
Follows simple directions

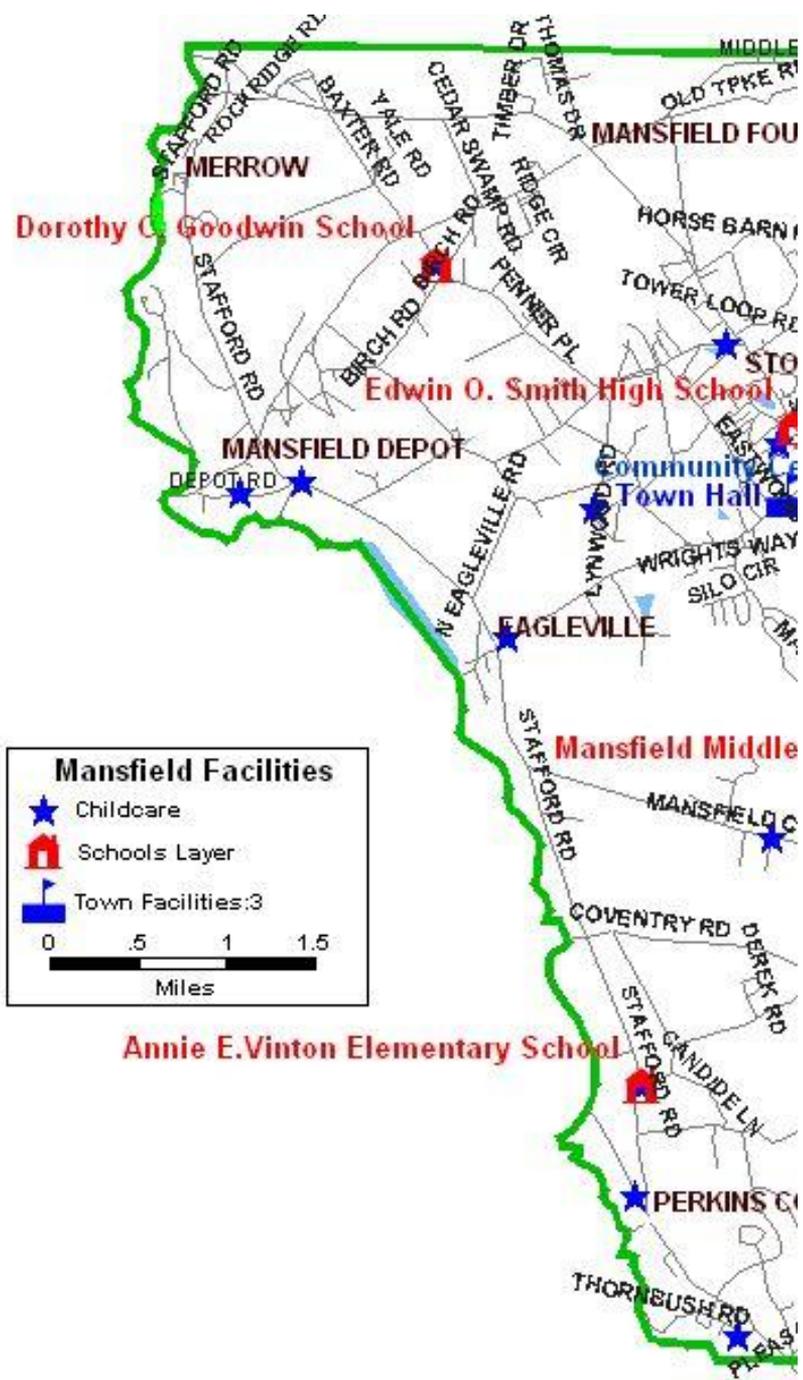
******24-30 months******

Runs well with few falls
Holds a crayon & scribbles
Turns door knob
Can eat without help

******30-36 months******

Helps with getting dressed
Walks up & down stairs
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Kathleen Krider, Director
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School
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Sister Elaine Moorcroft, Principal
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Annual Events

For more information check
Family Fun in Mansfield or call
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April

CT 4-H Goat Day @ UConn
(486-4127)

January

Grades K-12 String Fling concert
(487-0877; 429-9341)

Annual Light the Lodge
Powwow @ UConn (486-3313)

February

Friends of the Mansfield Library
Book Sale (423-2501)

UConn Dairy Club Show @
UConn (486-2023; 486-2413)

Winter Fun Day @ the
Community Center (429-3015)

E. CT Draft Horse Assoc. Plow
Match (429-8434)

Annual Father/Daughter
Valentine's Dance (429-3015)

Annual Kids' Flea Market
(429-3015)

CT 4-H Sheep Project @ UConn
(486-4127)

May

Treblemakers Children's Choir
performance (486-1073)

March

Spring Country Dance @
Mansfield Middle School
(429-9341)

Hershey Track and Field Meet
(429-3015)

Memorial Day Parade
(429-3302)

Intercollegiate Horse Show @
UConn (486-3377)

Goodwin Elementary School
PTO Fun Fair (429-6316)

Annual Youth Triathlon
(429-3015)

Southeast Elementary School
Tag Sale & Fundraiser
(423-1611)

Pre-School Fun Fair (423-2501;
429-3338)

Annual Events

May cont.

Vinton Elementary School PTA
Fun Fair (423-3086)

Mansfield Middle School band,
orchestra and choral concerts
(429-9341)

E.O. Smith High School band,
orchestra and choral concerts
(487-0877)

June

Friends of the Mansfield Library
Book Sale (423-2501)

CT Trails Day hikes (429-3015)

July

Family concerts @ Community
Center (429-3015)

Mansfield Bike Tour (Tour de
Mansfield) (429-3015)

August

Canine/K-9 Olympics @ UConn
Depot Campus (486-4800)

September

Know Your Towns Fair
(429-3015)

Echo Grange Fair (423-8993)

September cont.

Festival on the Green
(429-3015; 429-2740)

Southeast Elementary School
Fall Carnival (423-1611)

October

Walktober events (429-3015)

UConn Cornucopia Fest &
Horticulture Show (486-2413)

UConn Annual Homecoming
Parade (486-3423)

Fall Country Dance @ MMS
(429-9341)

UConn Little International
Livestock Show (486-2413)

Halloween Party @ Community
Center (429-3015)

November

UConn Intercollegiate Horse
Show (486-2413)

CT Children's Bookfair
(486-5027)

December

Nutcracker performances
(429-3015)

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*Classes for children, teens and adults in
acting, theater, music, cartooning and
voice*

[www.eastconn.org/CapitolTheaterArts/
index.htm](http://www.eastconn.org/CapitolTheaterArts/index.htm)

Mansfield Academy of Dance

871 Stafford Rd, Storrs, 477-0200

*Classes from young children to adults in
jazz, tap, ballet, ballroom, swing, Latin
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www.mansfieldacademyofdance.com

Community School of the Arts
3 Witryol Place, Storrs, 486-1073

Topher Logan, Director

*Experiences to students of all ages in the
performing and visual arts*

www.csa.uconn.edu

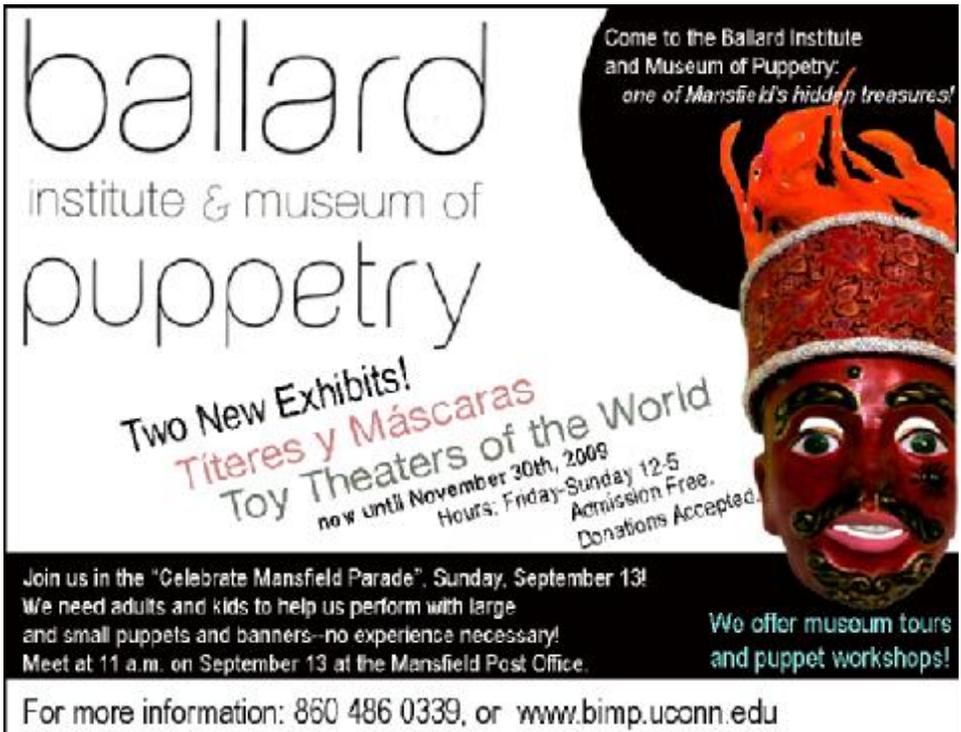
Jorgenson Center for the Performing
Arts

2132 Hillside Road, Storrs, 486-4226

Rodney Rock, Director

*Live performances in theater, dance, and
music for adults and children.*

www.Jorgensen.uconn.edu



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We need adults and kids to help us perform with large
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Experience the nature, the history

parcs & preserves

- 1. Commonfields**  

Access from Bassett's Bridge Road. Parking area, trail, interpretive information, signs and bird blind will be installed by 2008.
- 2. Coney Rock Preserve**  

Access from Chatsville Road (Town land) or Woodland Road (Joshua's Trust land). Trails climb through old pastures reverting to forest. Cliff on top offers views of Mansfield Hollow State Park.
- 3. Dunhamtown Forest**  

Access from White Oak Road. Loop trails and connecting trails to Dunham Pond Road and Max Felix Drive wind through mature forest. Managed as a demonstration forest.
- 4. Eagleville Preserve**   

Access from Eagleville Dam through State land. Loop trail along scenic band of Willamantic River and through old pastures reverting to forest.
- 5. Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve**  

Access from behind Mansfield Historical Society on Pile 195. Forested trails lead to cliff views across the Fenton River Valley and Mansfield Hollow State Park. Nipmuck Trail connects to adjacent State land.
- 6. Merrow Meadow Park**   

Access from Marrow Road. Loop trail through meadows, wetlands and forest. Part of trail paved for handicapped access. Canoe launch along the Willamantic River.
- 7. Mt. Hope Park**   

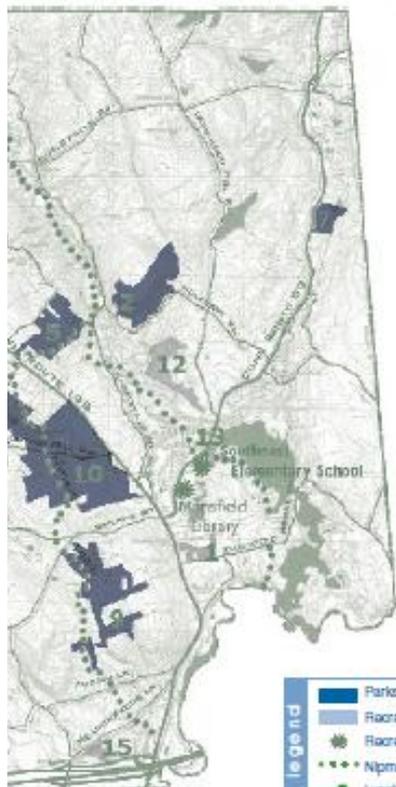
Access from Pile 89. Loop trail through meadows and woodlands leading to a pond and the Mt. Hope River.
- 8. River Park**   

Access from Plains Road. Willamantic River Greenway trail leads to Lynch Landing and Mansfield Depot. Handicapped accessible canoe launch, multi-use recreation field, and interpretive information will be installed by 2008.
- 9. Sawmill Brook Preserve**  

Access from Joshua's Trust's Wolf Rock Preserve parking area on Crane Hill Road. Follow the Nipmuck Trail past Wolf Rock, then along Sawmill Brook's wooded valley to Puddin Lane.



the fun...the parks of mansfield



parks & preserves continued

10. Schoolhouse Brook Park

Access from Clover Mill Road and Mansfield Middle School. Nineteen trails, including part of the Nipmuck Trail, through mature forests. Views of colonial mill sites. Park includes Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area.

11. Shelter Falls Park

Access from Birch Road. Watertail and scenic rock formations along Cedar Swamp Brook. Connecting trails to UConn lands and adjacent DEP land.

recreation areas

12. Lions Club Memorial Park

Rt. 89, Warrenville Road

13. Southeast Park

Rt. 89, Warrenville Road

14. Spring Hill Fields

Spring Hill Road

15. Sunny Acres Park

Meadowbrook Road

scenic trails

Lynch Landing

Access from Depot Road to Willimantic River.

Nipmuck Trail

Regional trail with access at several road crossings.

legend	Parks & Preserves	Baseball/Softball	Picnicking	X-C Skiing
	Recreation Areas	Canoeing	Playground	Handicapped Accessibility <small>(Selected parks only call ahead)</small>
	Recreation Centers	Fishing	Soccer	
	Nipmuck Trail	Hiking	Swimming	
	Lynch Landing			



Recreation

Mansfield Parks & Recreation
429-3015

Mansfield's park and recreation department and Mansfield Community Center. A multitude of children's programs and activities are offered year round in addition to fitness center, gymnasium and pool.

www.ansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/index.php

UConn Athletics

The official website of UConn athletics. Find schedules for all men's and women's events.

www.uconnhuskies.com

UConn Animal Trail

Self guided tour of UCONN's animal Science program. Meet the animals and try the UCONN Dairy Bar Ice Cream.

www.cag.uconn.edu/ansci/bartours.htm

Mansfield Hollow State Park

860-928-6121

Biking, hiking, boating, picnicking, cross-country skiing, fishing, etc.

www.ct.gov/dep

Bakerwoods

487-1276

Enjoy the outdoors and nature; farm animals, trails, fishing, and picnicking

www.visitbakerwoodsfarm.com

4-H

875-3331

Youth programs designed to make a difference in the community.

www.4-H.uconn.edu

Boy Scouts

860-860-6669 Ext 246

www.ctrivers.org/openrosters/

Girl Scouts

429-7808

Through our diverse range of fun, horizon-stretching experiences, girls of all ages and backgrounds gain the confidence, character and courage they need to reach their fullest potential.

kimike623@yahoo.com

Aquatics

429-3015

From Parent/Infant classes to swimming and skill proficiency.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/catalog/2009_fall/aquatics.pdf

Little League Baseball

428-7738

Provides organized baseball and softball programs for ages 7-14 and includes spring, fall and clinic programs.

dianectoutdoors@charter.net

Basketball

429-3015

Comprehensive program for boys and girls in grades K-8 features skill development, sportsmanship, and team participation.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/catalog/2009_fall/youth.pdf

Soccer

860-463-6893

The primary youth soccer organization in town, from initial skills development to recreational play.

www.wamunited.com

Youth Tennis

429-3015

Skills, strokes and games to introduce children ages 5-13 to tennis.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/

Recreation

Tri-Town Youth Football and Cheerleading

429-4730

Provides organized football and cheerleading for youth ages 6-15.

Northeast Youth Hockey

429-0678

Offers learn-to-skate and hockey programs at UCONN from beginner to experienced.

www.northeastyouthhockey.org

Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum

486-2712

Offers lessons for ages 4 and up at various times throughout the year plus free skating periods.

www.uconnhuskies.com/facilities/freitas-ice-forum.html

Valari's Martial Arts of North Windham

456-8020

Training students of all ages and ability levels, and offering a variety of programs and events which allow the whole family an opportunity to become involved.

www.villarisofnorthwindham.com

Swift Waters Kung Fu Academy

423-9917

We are a family oriented facility, dedicated to promoting the overall well being of our students inside and outside of the classroom.

www.swiftwaters.net

Frog Bridge Gymnastics

423-3348

Offers coaching and classes for all levels.

www.frogbridgegymnastics.com

Patti Dunne's School of Gymnastics

860-228-1004
Our school offers a variety of programs carefully designed for different age groups. Our aim is to bring the best out in all students by meeting their individual needs and interests.

www.dunnegymnastics.com

Tri-Town Gymnastics

860-871-1964

Growth through participation is our main objective.

www.tritowngym.com

Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.

429-9023

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www.joshuaslandtrust.org

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Name	Town	Ages	Fenced	Bathrooms	Stroller Access	Infant Swing	Picnic Table	Misc. Info.	Address
Goodwin School	Mansfield	5+	partially	no	yes	no	no	no access during school	321 Hunting Lodge Road, Storrs, CT 06268
Southeast School	Mansfield	5+	partially	no	yes	no	no	no access during school, nice paved surface to ride bikes, tricycles	134 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Vinton School	Mansfield	5+	partially	no	yes	no	no	no access during school	306 Stafford Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area	Mansfield	5+	partially	in-season	yes	yes	yes	\$2 parking fee in season, used by camps so may be busy, beach, swimming and fishing in pond, large hill near playground so watch youngsters closely	Clover Mill Road, Mansfield Center, Ct 06250
Sunny Acres Park	Mansfield	3+	partially	no	yes	yes	no	basketball court	Meadowbrook Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Mansfield Library	Mansfield	3+	partially	in library	yes	yes	yes	Adjacent to library, best suited for 1-6 years, picnic table under shade tree	54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Columbia Rec. Park	Columbia	2+	no	portapotty	yes	yes	yes	used by camps so may be busy	Hennequin Road, Columbia, CT 06237
Colchester Recreation Complex	Colchester	1+	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	water spray park, used by camps so may be busy	215 Old Hebron Road, Colchester, CT 06415
Lauter Park	Willimantic	1+	partially	in-season	yes	yes	yes	water spray park, beach at river used by camps so may be busy	625 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT 06226
Patriots Park	Coventry	2+	no	in-season	yes	yes	yes	beach, lake near playscape so keep close eye on youngsters, parking fee in summer	124 Lake Street, Coventry, CT 06238
Memorial Park	Ashford	2+	no	portapotty	yes	yes	yes	basketball, volleyball, sandbox	80 Pombev Road, Ashford, CT 06278

Museums

The Ballard Institute and
Museum of Puppetry
486-4605

*Collection includes, along with
the Ballard puppets,
hundreds of puppets donated by
puppeteers and organizations
who wish to see the art of
puppetry preserved, studied and
expanded.*

www.bimp.uconn.edu

Mansfield Historical Society
and Museum

429-6575

*Collection is comprised of over
7,000 artifacts—including some
3,000 photographs, furniture,
decorative arts, costumes, tools,
and materials relating to local
industries and agriculture.*

www.mansfieldct-history.org

Husky Heritage Sports Museum
486-2240

*Dedicated to the history of
UConn's winning teams.*

[www.uconnhuskies.com/trads/
museum.html](http://www.uconnhuskies.com/trads/museum.html)

The William Benton Museum
of Art
486-1705

*Rotating exhibitions on campus
at UConn.*

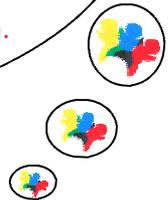
www.thebenton.org

The CT State Museum of
Natural History & CT
Archaeology Center
486-4460

*Museum's goal is to tell a story
that integrates Connecticut's
natural history with its cultural
history.*

www.mnh.uconn.edu

Do you know of a program or service in
Mansfield that should be included in the
Mansfield Family Resource Guide? If so,
please contact Jessica Higham at
429-9549 or jjohigham@gmail.com with
your suggestions. We'll do our best to
include it in the next year's publication.



Community Resources

Birth to Three Services
McLaughlin & Associates
423-5399

If your baby or toddler is not developing as expected, help is available through Connecticut's Birth to Three System.

Chamber of Commerce
423-6389
Promoting local businesses by promoting the Chamber's "Shop Local" campaign.

www.windhamchamber.com

Channel 13
A Town of Mansfield community forum for local information about events and announcements.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/current/events/add_form.php

Channel 14
Charter Communications CTV14 is Mansfield's public access channel which is found on Channel 14 in the basic cable lineup.

www.mansfield.htnp.com/arts_entertainment/public_access_tv/ctv14_listings.html

Eastern Highlands Health District
429-3325

Whether your question or concern is regarding septic or well issues, food safety, emergency preparedness, or health promotion topics, we have answers!

www.ehhd.org

Family Fun in Mansfield
423-5807

A calendar for Mansfield families published 3 times per year.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/current/events/family_fun_calendar.pdf

Fee Waiver Ordinance
429-3315

Provides for a reduction in the fee(s) paid for designated Town services for residents who meet specific income guidelines.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/social_services/fee_waiver_brochure.pdf

Human Services
429-3315

A wide array of services to address the social and behavioral health needs of children, youth, adults, seniors, and families.

www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/social_services/index.php

www.iparentnetwork.org

A virtual town square where parents can come together to meet other parents in our local area of Mansfield, Ashford & Willington.

The Keys to Great Caregiving
203-207-3267

Fun and learning with your baby or toddler.

www.thekeys.uconn.edu

Community Resources

La Leche League of Willimantic
River Valley
423-5090 860-228-5015
*Dedicated to providing education,
information, support, and
encouragement to women who
want to breastfeed.*
[www.llusa.org/CT/
WebWillimanticRVCT.html](http://www.llusa.org/CT/WebWillimanticRVCT.html)

Mansfield Country
429-3015
Agricultural products and services.
[www.mansfieldct.org/town/
departments/recreation/
agriculture/ag_brochure.pdf](http://www.mansfieldct.org/town/departments/recreation/agriculture/ag_brochure.pdf)

MOMS Club of Coventry/
Mansfield
*A support group for stay-at-home
moms.*
www.themomsclubcm.tripod.com

Mansfield Public Library
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young children with story hours,
toddler time and much more.*
www.biblio.org/mansfield

Ride Share
*Helping cut our gasoline and
vehicle costs, reduces congestion
on the roads, helps reduce air
pollution and provides an
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town residents.*
[www.mansfieldct.org/town/
current/public_works/rideshare/](http://www.mansfieldct.org/town/current/public_works/rideshare/)

State Education Resource Center
800-842-8678
*SERC provides professional
development and information
dissemination in the latest research
and best practices to educators,
service providers, and families
throughout the state, as well as job
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and training within schools,
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www.ctserc.org

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parking lot & 2nd Sat., Dec.-April, 3
-5 PM, Library, Buchanan
Auditorium*
www.storrsfarmers.org

Town Website
*Official town website with
information for schools, town
council, etc.*
www.mansfieldct.org

Windham Regional Transit District
456-2223
*Local public transit system. In
addition to Storrs-Willimantic bus
route also coordinates Dial-A-Ride.*
www.wrttd.net

Youth Service Bureau
429-3317
*Social work, therapy, grief support,
mentoring.*
ysb@mansfieldct.org

Health Care

HUSKY State Health
Insurance for Kids & Family
1-877-CT-HUSKY or
1-877-284-8759

HUSKY Plan, PO Box 280747
East Hartford, CT 06108
Apply: 800-656-6684
TDD/TYY: 800-842-4524
www.huskyhealth.com

WIC (Women Infants
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months regardless of how
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breastfeeding women up to
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their 5th birthday.*

www.hartford.gov/health

Windham Hospital
456-9116

www.windhamhospital.org

Generations Family Health
Center
450-7471

www.genhealth.org

*Mansfield Family Practice
487-0002

www.mansfieldfamilypractice.com

*Storrs Family Medicine
429-9321

Mansfield Obstetrics &
Gynecology Associates
450-7227

**Mansfield Pediatrics
423-2960

**Dr. Fran Storch,
Naturopath Doctor
423-2759

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Naturopath Doctor
450-1020

Holistic Health
Practitioners of
Northeastern Connecticut
www.hhpnc.org

Allen M. Goldstein,
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429-6111

www.allenmgoldsteinoptometrist.com

Cider Mill Eye Care
456-1729

Family Dentistry
456-2906

Dr. Karen E. Calef DMD
Orthodontist
456-3718

www.smilesbykaren.com

Ralph Kroopnick DDS
429-0079

Mansfield Pediatric
Dentistry
423-5437

www.mansfieldpediatricdentistry.com

**Dr. Maya Paulose DMD,
FAGD
429-0230

[www.willynet.com.brinkster.net/
maya/](http://www.willynet.com.brinkster.net/maya/)

Rostyslav Stepanenko
DDS
429-8282

Storrs Family Dentistry
429-6406

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Orthodontist
429-9379

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Wellness
429-8280

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Mansfield Advocates For Children

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We are always looking for more voices to represent the needs of young children and families in Mansfield.

Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC) is made up of many volunteers who represent advocacy groups, and / or individuals who care deeply about the healthy growth and development of young children in Mansfield.

MAC meets on the first Wednesday of every month. If you would like to become a member of the Mansfield Advocates for Children or would like to know more about our work, please call Sandy Baxter 860-429-3338 or email at: baxtersp@mansfieldct.org.



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