

Our Youngest Guests - **Infants** *(newborns to 12-month-olds)*

2018 Daily Rates for Infants

May 25 – June 9 & September 1 - 8

\$79-\$96 *(depending on package)*

Includes full Morning Program & Evening Playroom facilities.

(One-on-one Evening Parents' Helper fees are paid directly by you—*see attached sheet.*)

June 9 – September 1

\$39

Includes Morning & Evening Playroom facilities (One-on-one Full-time Parents' Helper fees are paid directly by you—*see attached sheet.*)

Rates also include: All meals for child and child's Parents' Helper, cribs, high chairs, child bike seats, etc.

Morning Infant Program plus Evening Parents' Helper*

May 25 to June 9 and September 1 to 8

It's really the Moms and college students, all with lots of early childhood experience who make this program extraordinary. With a ratio of 1 caregiver to every 2 children, you know your child is in good hands. Care and plenty of hands-on activities are available from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily (the program is available from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays) but your child may, of course, enter or leave the program whenever you wish. The daily charge of \$79-\$96 (depending on package) includes the morning program, breakfast, morning snack, lunch, dinner and use of the playroom for after-dinner play. (You pay your Parents' Helper his/her hourly rate directly.)

The play center is overflowing with great stuff for our youngest guests: developmental toys, wonderful books, games, and play equipment, as well as cribs, high chairs, changing area, rocking chairs for nursing mothers, dining area, and serving kitchen.

Breakfast, morning snack, and lunch are provided in the program (unless you prefer to have Family Breakfast, Family Lunch or a Family Picnic Lunch Basket—see attached sheet on Dining and Meals). We will prepare formulas, if you supply your own. Caregivers keep a little journal of your child's daily activities (play, food, diaper changes), that you'll receive when you pick up your child. **NOTE: We do our best to keep caregivers consistent, but due to scheduling issues and days off we are unable to provide the same caregivers every day.**

For the evenings, we'll arrange for a Parents' Helper to care for your child while the two of you have a relaxed, candlelight dinner at the Inn. Your child and Parents' Helper have dinner and use of the playroom from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

** See attached sheet for details on Parents' Helpers and Dining*

Full-time Parents' Helper* and Morning & Evening Playroom

June 9 to September 1

During these dates, we'll make arrangements for you to have your own Parents' Helper who'll provide your child with one-on-one loving care and companionship. Options for "things-to-do" are plentiful. The Playroom (located at the Playhouse) provides your child and Parents' Helper a safe and fun environment for indoor play with extensive developmental and learning toys and activities. Outside, there's a fenced-in playground.

The daily charge of \$39 includes playroom facilities from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily (the playroom is open from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays), and again from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., along with morning snack, lunch and dinner. (You still pay your Parents' Helper his/her hourly rate directly.)

Your Parents' Helpers will care for your child in the evening while the two of you have a relaxed, candlelight dinner at the Inn. Your child and Parents' Helper have dinner at the Playhouse.

** See attached sheet for details on Parents' Helpers and Dining*

Your Parents' Helper

Your Parents' Helpers will meet you at your accommodation at 5:00 p.m. on the day of your arrival. (After that she can meet you at your accommodation, the Inn, the Playhouse, wherever you find it most convenient.) We suggest that as soon as possible after you are settled in, you and your Parents' Helper discuss such things as your infant's eating habits, sleeping hours, favorite games, allergies, medications, any concerns, duty hours, salary, etc. You may not be able to cover all this the first day but please give your Helper as much information about your child as you can.

If you are coming between May 25 to June 9 or September 1 to 8: Your infant will have a morning program Sunday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday. You bring your child to the morning program. In the evenings your Parents' Helper will meet you at a location of your choosing. The center will also open every evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for your infant and Parents' Helper to have dinner and use of the playrooms after dinner. Most families choose to have their child have dinner at the center, but meals can be boxed up and taken back to the accommodation. Your Parents' Helper is responsible for feeding, changing, bathing, entertaining and putting your infant to bed per your instructions. Your Parents' Helper is available until 8:30 p.m. and may be able to stay later into the evening if you would like to go back to the Inn for the evening activity. If she is not able to please ask at the Front Desk and we will do our best to find someone for you for the later evening. We suggest that both you and your Parents' Helper keep track of her hours and compare them at the end of the week.

If you are coming between June 9 to September 1: The Infant/Toddler side of the Playhouse is open Sunday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturday. It is also open every evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for dinner and use of the playrooms after dinner. Breakfast is served at 8:45 a.m., lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. and dinner is at 5:45 p.m. Lunch and dinner are available at the Playhouse for your Parents' Helper. There is a toddler program (and infants are welcome to tag along for the company) that runs Sunday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Your Parents' Helper must accompany your infant to the Playhouse and can stay at the building or tag along with the toddler group, whichever you prefer. Your Parents' Helper is responsible for feeding, changing, bathing, entertaining and putting your child to bed per your instructions. Most families choose to have their Parents' Helper work a split shift from breakfast through adult lunch (approximately 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) and again during the evening (usually from about 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.), sometimes having them stay later so parents can go back to the Inn for the evening activity. If you need someone in the afternoons for naptime your Parents' Helper may be willing to work, but if she is not able to please ask at the Front Desk and we will find someone for you. We suggest that both you and your Parents' Helper keep track of her hours and compare them at the end of the week.

Whatever time of the season you come, you will receive a Parents' Helper Confirmation card in your welcome packet when you check in that will tell you her name, phone number and recommended hourly rate. You may pay your Parents' Helper more than the recommended rate or give her a tip if you wish but we do ask that you pay at least the recommended rate. You pay your Parents' Helper directly and may pay her by cash or check on a daily basis or at the end of your stay. Your Parents' Helper will provide her own transportation back and forth to the Tyler Place. She may not transport your child in a motor vehicle at any time.

We do our best to set up the same person for the whole week but occasionally there are unavoidable conflicts so we may have to substitute someone else in. We will let you know in advance if that is the case. If for any reason you or your child is not comfortable with your Parents' Helper please let us know immediately so we can address the situation. We want this to be the best and most stress-free vacation your family can have.

One-on-One Parents' Helpers

Prior to your arrival, we make arrangements for you to have your own Parents' Helper who will provide individual care for your child. Your Parents' Helper will feed, change, bathe, entertain, put your child down for naps and to bed at night. They will follow your directions, schedules and routines as closely as possible. ***(We do our utmost to arrange the same person for your entire stay, but occasionally a substitute is unavoidable.)*** All Tyler Place Parents' Helpers are carefully chosen for their experience, skills, and love of young children. They are known personally by us or through contacts. In addition, they go through a training program, which covers everything from basic first aid, child development principles and safety procedures, and most are certified in Infant and Child CPR. All Parents' Helpers are highly qualified and most are high school and college students. A limited number of more mature women are also available for very young babies or children with special needs. Your Parents' Helper will discuss your child's routine and any special concerns with you, be safety conscious at all times, and play and interact with your child.

Note: Parents' Helpers are scheduled to meet you at 5:00 p.m. at your accommodation on the day of your arrival. They come ready to work so if you are going to arrive later than that or don't want them to start that early please let us know and we will have them arrive at an hour of your choosing. After the first evening you may have your Parents' Helper meet you at your accommodation, the Inn, the playrooms or wherever else you choose.

Recommended Fees

Your Parents' Helper is paid directly by you, by the hour. Pay factors depend on age and extensiveness of experience. For the care of each additional child, we suggest you add \$1-\$2 to the hourly rates listed below:

Highly Qualified High School Students - carefully selected, good students-high achievers, lively, attentive, conscientious, responsible (your best bet for a lively and active toddler)	\$10.00
College Students – lots of experience and energy	\$11.00
More Mature Women – newborns & special needs.....	\$12.00

Part-time/Evening One-on-One Parents' Helper Care May 25 to June 9 and September 1 to 8

During May, early June and September when your child is participating in the morning program, we'll arrange for a Parents' Helper to care for your child in the evening while the two of you have a relaxed, candlelight dinner at the Inn.

Full-time One-on-One Parents' Helper Care (At hours of your choosing) June 9 to September 1

During this time we make arrangements for you to have your own Parents' Helper who will provide individual care for your child and accompany him/her to playroom activities and meals throughout your entire stay at hours of your choosing. Although hours are flexible to meet your specific needs, most parents prefer a split shift of mornings and evenings. We do ask that you give your Parents' Helper at least 4 hours off each day.

Infants

Dining and Meals

Although we entertain a great many children, we're able to maintain a pleasantly adult atmosphere even in our Dining Rooms because children have their own nearby dining areas, or your Parents' Helper can prepare meals in your accommodation. However, if you would like to have breakfast or lunch with your child or children, we have several options (at no extra charge).

Family Meals

Family Breakfast: Should you wish to have all or an occasional breakfast with your child or children, we have Family Breakfast at the Inn starting at 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. during our entire season.

Family Picnic Lunch Baskets: We also have family picnic lunch baskets available throughout our season to enjoy at your accommodation, on a daytime trip, or for mid-day picnics on the property. Please sign up for your picnic basket the evening before.

Family Lunch: From May 25 to June 16 and again from September 1 to 8, we offer an optional Family Lunch at the Inn.

Meals with Parents' Helpers

At the Playhouse: We offer lunch and dinner at the Playhouse for your child and Parents' Helper. Meals are geared for older infants and toddlers who are eating table food. If your infant is on formula and/or baby food, please plan on providing your own food. (Your child is still welcome to accompany his/her Parents' Helper to the Playhouse for lunch and dinner and after-dinner play.) The Playhouse is open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. each evening.

At your Accommodation: All of the accommodations (with rare exceptions) for families with infants and toddlers have kitchenettes with standardized equipment for simple meals, including a microwave, electric toaster, refrigerator, and a two or three-burner stove. So if you prefer, your Parents' Helper can prepare meals in your accommodation for your child. Martin's Country Store, which is at the end of Old Dock Road carries basics, and is open 7 days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A larger supermarket is located in Swanton, just four miles away.

Reminder: Keep in mind that breakfast and lunch are included in the morning programs.

Children's Menus

Our children's menus include a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, home-baked wholegrain breads and muffins, grilled and baked entrees, pizza, pasta dishes, milk, and 100% fruit juices. Children's menus are kept as low-sugar as possible. There is usually a choice of two entrees, and items like yogurt, cereals, crackers, fruits, etc. are kept on hand. When we're running our morning Infant Programs (from May 25 to June 9, and from September 1 to 8), we have a wide variety of quality cereals, fresh fruit, yogurt, juices, graduated baby foods and finger foods on hand.