

**GRACE IINO CHILDREN'S CENTER NOW
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS**

Grace Iino Children's Center is accepting applications for infants and toddlers. In its 14th year of operation, Grace Iino is licensed by Community Care Licensing and conveniently located in Downtown Los Angeles on 3rd Street between Los Angeles and San Pedro.

The combination of the nurturing staff and spacious facility allows Grace Iino to care for up to 48 children between the ages of 6 weeks to 3 years old. It provides a safe and trusting environment that offers working parents a sense of comfort and peace of mind that their child is being well taken care of.

Grace Iino practices Primary Infant Toddler Care, or "responsive care," which promotes a strong bond between the child and teacher by responding to their needs in a caring and loving way. The staff consists of 12 employees, including 9 credentialed teachers, who attend trainings in child development and Pediatric CPR/First Aid.

Grace Iino also takes deep pride in their Toddler Plus program, a unique developmental preschool readiness program. Our oldest toddlers spend morning hours in a separate group of older toddlers practicing hands-on learning activities that will prepare them for preschool.

Grace Iino provides a high quality breakfast, lunch and snack each day for an optional additional fee. We also provide an additional late afternoon snack for infants and a daily food activity for toddlers after 5pm.

Grace Iino's hours of operation are 7am to 6pm weekdays and is located on 3rd Street near Los Angeles Street. Effective 7/1/16, childcare fees are \$1,300/month for infants and \$1,150/month for toddlers. Part time rates are available in the first month only. The fee for the optional meal plan is \$125 per month for children over 12 months old. Tours are offered by appointment only.

Effective 7/1/16, Grace Iino Children's Center will be operated by Child Development Consortium of Los Angeles (CDCLA). For more info, contact Rocio Hernandez, Grace Iino Director at (213) 617-8596 rhernandez@ltsc.org or rocio.hernandez@cdcla.org.

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Grace Iino Children's Center Tuition Fees

Full time rates:

Infants (6 weeks to 18 months)	\$1,300 per month
Toddlers (18 months to 3 years)	\$1,150 per month

Rates effective 7/1/16. Fees subject to change. Part time rates are available for the first month only upon request as a way for parents and child to become acclimated to the Center. Rates in the first and last month are prorated on a weekly basis.

Optional Meal Plan: Parents can choose to whether or not to purchase meals or bring their own meals for children over 12 months old. The meal plan will be an additional \$125 per month which includes breakfast, lunch and snack. Menus are available on request.

Grace Iino Child Care Center Wait List and Tours

Waiting list: There is no application fee to be on the Waiting List. We encourage anyone interested to submit an online Wait List/Interest List Application. Spaces are not guaranteed. If you submit an application, we ask that you keep in contact with us with your continued interest. If you are pregnant, contact us after the baby is born to update your application by giving us the baby's name and birthdate, and any updates to your expected start date.

Tour Appointments: We offer tours by appointment only Monday-Friday between 9 am and 4 pm for prospective families who have submitted an application. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a tour. We are happy to give tours before or after the baby is born.

Directions: We are located on 3rd Street between San Pedro and Los Angeles Streets on the southwestern edge of Little Tokyo and south of City Hall. 3rd Street is a one-way street heading West.

Parking: There is metered street parking on 3rd Street, Los Angeles and San Pedro Streets. Once enrolled, there is a 15-minute free parking zone in front of the Center for drop off and pick up.

Entering the building: When you arrive at our building, we are at the far west end of the building. You will see a green gate with a sign above that says Grace Iino Child Care Center. Press the buzzer at the security gate. We will then unlock the gate and doors to the center. Enter the green door on the right side and go straight back and through the second door. The Grace Iino office is the glass door to the right of the entrance.

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Quotes from Grace Iino Parents

“All three of our daughters attended Grace Iino Children’s Center in downtown Los Angeles. Because we were working professionals we placed each of our children at Grace Iino when they turned 6 weeks, which made us a little wary and nervous. Nevertheless all our fears were put aside after seeing the professional and compassionate care our children received while at Grace Iino. I highly recommend Grace Iino as an excellent choice for day care for young infants and toddlers.” --**B. Onodera**

“Raising a family downtown poses several challenges as well as benefits. Having a licensed day care in walking distance was definitely a benefit. The girls were stimulated by the vast array of toys, games and books. Grace Iino also had a wonderful and safe outdoor area that was well supervised. The meals and snacks were nutritious and the staff showed genuine patience and understanding to each child. I was especially appreciative of the strict hand washing policy and cleanliness of the Center.” --**J. Brasel**

“Grace Iino Childcare was a Godsend. As a first time mom, going back to work full time was a challenge and leaving my newborn with others was an even greater challenge. But the staff at Grace Iino made mine and daughter's transition much easier. They were responsive to my daughter's needs and bonded well with her. I'm also a stickler for cleanliness and never found this to be an issue.” --**S. Yoshimizu**

“The daycare providers really love the children and are extremely patient as well. I know this because my stubborn 3-month at the time hated the bottle...After the first week at Grace Iino, she was taking the bottle like a champ and had a smile on her face each morning we dropped her off.” --**W. Lin**

“My two boys did very well under the Primary Care model. They both came to love their respective caregivers, and I felt great peace of mind knowing that they were under the care of people who understood their individual preferences, leanings, and needs.” --**S. Sy & E. Olson**

“Grace Iino Children’s Center is a caring, nurturing environment and a great stepping stone for preparing toddlers for preschool. Our kids were potty trained there - the caregivers made it so easy for us.” --**L. Ito & S. Wong**

“I work in Little Tokyo, so dropping off my two-year-old son to Grace Iino each morning is definitely a positive for my family. It’s awesome that it’s just two blocks away.” --**C. Hanami**

“Our two year old daughter has thrived under the loving care of the all the Grace Iino staff. They have many great activities, evidenced by the many pieces of art she brings home. I can't say enough good things about this little gem of a childcare center.” --**A. Trounson**

“Today is the last day for my child. I remember those days my son started to come here. He could not sleep at naptime and cried a lot. You gave him hugs and held him all the time. Now he loves being here and learns so many things. I can't thank you enough.” --**N. Kajiwara**

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) from New Parents

Q: WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR WHEN SEARCHING FOR QUALITY CHILDCARE FOR MY NEW BABY?

A: Whether your infant or toddler will be cared for by a family member, friend, a licensed home care provider or a childcare center, finding high-quality childcare is one of the most important decisions that working parents will make in their child's young life. If you are considering center-based licensed childcare, first visit a Center, and meet the Director.

Ask about their philosophy, policies and procedures.

Find out if the teaching staff have Early Childhood Education units, teaching permits from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and are Pediatric CPR/First Aid certified.

See what kinds of toys and activities are in the Center and incorporated in the daily curriculum.

Are teachers responding to children's needs? Do the children look happy and well taken care of?

Q: DO YOU ACCEPT BABIES WEARING CLOTH DIAPERS AT YOUR CENTER?

A: Yes. While disposable diapers may be more convenient, we definitely support parents who prefer to use cloth diapers. We request that you bring an airtight closable bag to store the soiled diapers and diapers must be taken home daily. A Ziploc bag large enough to hold one day's worth of diapers will be sufficient. We ask that you bring a supply of disposable diapers to keep in your child's storage bin, in case we don't have enough to make it through the day. We do not charge an extra fee for cloth diapers.

Q: HOW DO MEALS WORK? DO YOU CHARGE FOR MEALS?

A: For infants under 12 months old, parents need to bring either breastmilk (fresh or frozen), formula or food for your baby. Once your child turns one years old, you have the option to purchase our meal plan for an additional \$125 per month. You are welcome to bring food for your child, but everything needs to be clearly labeled with your child's name. Our food vendor brings breakfast, lunch and snack and can accommodate most dietary restrictions with a doctor's note (if for medical reasons) or a note from the parent (if for other reasons). We find that often toddlers want to eat what the other children are eating, but you are welcome to bring prepared food for your toddler, as long as it is healthy.

Q: WHERE DO I PARK TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP MY CHILD?

A: Grace Iino Children's Center, operated by Child Development Consortium of Los Angeles is located at the West end of the building. There is a separate security gate entrance with a green gate. Parents can park on 3rd Street in 15-minute free parking spaces for drop off and pick up. There is also metered parking on 3rd Street, Los Angeles Street and San Pedro Street.

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