

CHILDREN UNLIMITED
2023-2024 CONTRACT AND STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING

Once this contract is signed, it is in force until two weeks' written notice of change or dissolution is given. In the event of dissolution, payment for the two weeks is required, regardless of the child's attendance at Children Unlimited during the notice period. Children Unlimited reserves the right to terminate this contract with 5 days' notice should it be determined that commitments and responsibilities on behalf of any child are not being met by the parent/guardian, or if the Director deems that, for any reason, the continuation of care and education is not in the best interest of the child, family, or Children Unlimited. Children Unlimited is entitled to change any of the terms in this contract, including but not limited to tuition rates, by providing the parent(s)/guardian(s) with 30 days' written notice of such changes.

I have read and understand the Children Unlimited Tuition Policy, including, but not limited to, the following (the complete 2023-2024 Children Unlimited Tuition Policy is attached):

- Once my contract is signed, weekly tuition remains unchanged, regardless of the child's attendance, sickness, holidays, weather emergencies, etc.
- Changes in contracted hours can be made only if Children Unlimited has availability based upon regulated ratios, group sizes, and staffing **and** the duration of the change period is four weeks or more. Contracted hours cannot be changed on a weekly basis or "traded."
- Extra time may be limited. Extra time must be requested **at least one week in advance** and, if granted, is pre-paid, non-refundable, and billed at the drop-in rate.
- If my child is dropped off/picked up before/after my agreed upon contracted time, a fee of \$5.00 for the first five minutes and \$1.00 per minute thereafter will be assessed. These fees will be assessed per child. If I have an emergency and will be late for pick up, I will notify Children Unlimited immediately. Standard late fees will be assessed.

MY CHILD WILL ATTEND CHILDREN UNLIMITED'S EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM THE FOLLOWING DAYS/HOURS, BEGINNING ON _____:

Monday: _____ AM - _____ PM

Tuesday: _____ AM - _____ PM

Wednesday: _____ AM - _____ PM

Thursday: _____ AM - _____ PM

Friday: _____ AM - _____ PM

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS/WEEK = _____

WEEKLY TUITION PER THE 2023-2024 TUITION RATE SCHEDULE.....\$ _____

IF APPLICABLE, ACT 166 FUNDING (\$99.05, **COMPLETE PAGE 2**).....\$ (_____)

IF APPLICABLE, CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.....\$ (_____)

SUBTOTAL.....\$ _____

IF APPLICABLE, 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT.....\$ (_____)
 (APPLIED TO OLDER CHILD'S TUITION AFTER ACT 166 FUNDING & CCFAP)

TOTAL WEEKLY FAMILY PAYMENT FOR CHILD.....\$ _____

I HAVE RECEIVED, READ CAREFULLY, AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION, POLICIES, AND OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN MY CHILDREN UNLIMITED FAMILY HANDBOOK, INCLUDING THIS CONTRACT, TUITION POLICY, AND HEALTH INFORMATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. I ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY STATED HEREIN, FINANCIAL AND OTHERWISE, FOR THE DURATION OF THIS CONTRACT. I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF APPLICABLE, TUITION FOR THE 10 HOURS/WEEK OF PUBLICLY-FUNDED PRESCHOOL WILL BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO CU BY MY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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PUBLICLY-FUNDED PRESCHOOL

Children Unlimited is prequalified to partner with the State of Vermont to provide publicly-funded preschool under Act 166. The Act provides for 10 hours of preschool education over a 35-week period for all 3, 4, and 5 year old children not yet enrolled in kindergarten. At CU, ACT preschool will begin on Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day), and end on Friday, May 24, 2024 (38 weeks). The total amount paid per child to CU by the school district for 2023-2024 is \$3,764, or \$99.05/week for 38 weeks (\$99.15 for the final week). The Act 166 funds are paid directly to CU by the school districts. Parents are not responsible for payment of these funds and, therefore, the amount is deducted from total tuition on the family's CU Contract.

Children Unlimited has entered agreements with a number of school districts to provide publicly funded preschool in the 2023-2024 school year. In order to access these funds for your child:

- Your child must turn 3 prior to September 1, 2023.
- Your child must be registered with the school district in which you reside.
- You must tell the school district that your child will attend CU.

Please note:

- School districts are mandated to pay only for those children residing within their boundaries and who are registered. If your family moves during the school year, both CU and the parent/guardian must notify the school district. You must register your child with the new school district in order to access Act 166 funds.
- CU is required to regularly report attendance information to the school districts. If a child is not consistently attending ACT preschool 10 hours/week, the district may discontinue funding for that child due to excessive absences.
- If Act 166 funding is discontinued for a child for any reason, the parent/guardian will be responsible for payment of all monies due to CU for services rendered.

Once this contract is signed, it is in force until May 24, 2024 or until two weeks' written notice is given. Children Unlimited reserves the right to terminate this contract with 5 days' notice should it be determined that commitments and responsibilities on behalf of any child are not being met by the parent or guardian, or if the Director deems that, for any reason, the continuation of care is not in the best interest of the child, family, or Children Unlimited. Children Unlimited is entitled to change any of the terms in this contract, including but not limited to tuition rates, by providing the parent(s)/guardian(s) with 30 days' written notice of such changes.

I understand that in order to receive public funds through Act 166:

- My child must be 3 years old prior to my school district's cutoff date (September 1, 2023). _____ (initials)
- I must register my child with the school district in which I reside. _____ (initials)
- I must notify the school district that my child will attend CU. _____ (initials)
- I must notify the school district and CU if I relocate to a different school district. _____ (initials)

Additionally, I understand that:

- Children Unlimited will receive tuition for Act 166 preschool directly from the school district in which I reside. Therefore, the total amount of \$3,764 will be deducted from the total tuition due on this contract in the amount of \$99.05 for 38 weeks (\$99.15 for the final week) beginning September 4, 2023 and ending May 24, 2024.
- I will be responsible for any and all monies due to CU if the school district discontinues public funding for my child for any reason, including, but not limited to, excessive absence and/or relocation.
- I will be responsible for any tuition related to contracted hours over and above the 10 hours/week.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____