Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that Yale will open its sixth affiliated childcare center on campus later this summer. The Nest at Alphabet Academy will be in a newly renovated space in Curtis Hall at the Divinity School and will be licensed to accommodate up to 24 infants and toddlers ages 3 months to 3 years old.

The center's operator, Alphabet Academy — a local, family-owned company with two centers currently operating in Hamden — was selected after assessment and review by a task force for childcare expansion led by Deputy Provost for Faculty Development Frances Rosenbluth and Chief Diversity Officer Deborah Stanley-McAulay. The new center will focus on strong home-school connections, learning through inquiry, outdoor play, and a healthy food program. It will open in August and operate Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Nest is now accepting applications for enrollment, and children of Yale faculty members will be given placement priority. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Director Amy Small at (203) 361-3342. Please go to http://thealphabetacademy.com/thenest for information about the placement process, registration, tuition, and dates of upcoming open houses and deadlines. More information also is available at http://news.yale.edu/2013/06/27/sixth-yale-affiliated-child-care-center-opening.

For additional information on Yale childcare options, you can also visit <u>www.yale.edu/worklife/childcare</u> or call Susan Abramson, manager for WorkLife and Childcare Programs, at (203) 432-8069. A complete listing of other Yale-affiliated and area childcare programs is available online at <u>http://www.yale.edu/hronline/worklife/ccdir.html</u>.

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