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2016-2017 CHILD CARE
YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties

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YMCA CHILD CARE

With so many demands on today's families, parents need all the support they can get. That's why child care at the Y is about more than looking after kids. It's about nurturing their development by providing a safe place to learn foundational skills, develop trusting relationships and build self-reliance through the Y's values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and health.

The Y is dedicated to enhancing the spirit, mind, and body of all youth in a positive Christian environment through quality programs, services and facilities. Upon that foundation, children, parents and staff are considered to be the three components of our programs.



Income Based Assistance Programs

Y Child Care Services have assistance available through the United Way and the Y's Partner of Youth Annual Campaign fund, for the Early Learning and School Age Learning Center Programs. Families can qualify based on family size, household monthly income and other assistance that the family receives. Income must be verified by families. To be considered your child must be enrolled in one of our child care programs. For more information on income based programs, call 701.364.4115, talk to your site director, or visit www.ymcacassclay.org/childcare.

Accreditation - Our Assurance of Quality Care

All Y Learning Centers are currently accredited or working towards this distinction. Sites denoted with the '(A)' symbol have been accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children, National After School Association or Council on Accreditation.

Quality Staff

In our centers, lead and assistant teachers have a two to four year degree in Early Childhood Education (or related field), or a CDA and practical experience working with young children. School age leaders have experience and coursework in working with youth. All staff receive ongoing training and attend monthly staff meetings. We work on behavior guidance, child development and curriculum. All staff must be certified in First Aid and CPR. All of our drivers receive transportation training to assure your child is transported safely.

Fees & Tuition

A registration fee must accompany your enrollment form. The registration fee is non-refundable. A late fee will be charged for tuition payments not paid in full by the due date. For rates and tuition dates, please visit us online or contact a site director.

Field Trips & Special Guests

Monthly educational field trips and special guest visits from our community is another way we are intentional in extending your child's learning experiences. They are a great opportunity to build relationships with the community and make connections to real life experiences. We transport by school bus and families are invited to join us on our field trips.

Volunteer Opportunities

Another great way to get involved is through volunteering opportunities. Families are welcome to volunteer on field trips, at family events and other year round center activities.

Weather Closings

During times of inclement weather we use the following communication methods to inform families of program closures: access our website at www.ymcacassclay.org, call our storm line at 701.364.4159 or download our mobile app!

Daily Communication

We encourage an open line of communication between the family and the center, including daily conversations with classroom teachers. A newsletter describing center activities, events, announcements, items of interest and parenting tips will be sent home regularly.

Daily Experiences

We believe in constructive, purposeful play. Each day your child will experience a combination of teacher guided activities as well as free time to explore their learning centers. We value a daily schedule that is both flexible and predictable for each child. Schedules are posted in advance, including field trips and special events, on the Parent Information board at each site.

Outdoor play is also a vital part of our daily experiences and curriculum. Outdoor play is important for both your child's health and well-being. Our classrooms go outside daily, weather permitting. All children will go outside so please ensure they have the proper clothing for the season.

Healthy Mind, Healthy Bodies

A child's learning and development continues through meal time. We strive to make each well-balanced meal and snack a healthy social experience. We incorporate a family style meal where children can serve themselves. All of our meals are prepared either on-site or are catered in.

Our nutrition program includes educational activities that promote proper nutrition and meet the ND Department of Health and USDA requirements. We also follow the Healthy Eating Standards put forth by the National Y. These standards include a fruit/vegetable at every meal, water or milk as the beverage choice, 30 to 60 minutes of physical activity per day and a limit of 15 minutes of screen time per day (screen time is limited to educational viewing only). Menus are posted in advance on the Parent Information board at each site.

Behavior Guidance

We believe guidance should be positive and approached in a fair and caring manner consistent with the developmental needs of individual children. Clear behavior limits are set and modeled and reasons for the guidelines are explained. We encourage children to develop self-control and to handle conflicts in peaceful, effective and acceptable ways that protect the safety of both children and staff.

Early Learning Ages 6wks - 5

Session: Year Round
Registration Open Year Round - Contact your desired site for openings and peak registration times.



Child Care in the Y's Early Learning Centers implement a combination of research-based curriculum and educational enrichment programs. We use the Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos and preschoolers. This curriculum blends teacher-guided activities with play-based exploration.

Using the Get Set for School Curriculum by Handwriting Without Tears, your child will receive hands-on experiences and will de-

velop early writing, literacy, and math skills. They will learn letter, shape and color recognition. The curriculum also focuses on the use of writing tools, body awareness, language development, and socialization skills. This program is used by most area schools, so there is a good bridge built to school. Conferences are held twice a year in the fall and spring. This is a great time to actively get involved in your child's development and learning goals.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE HOURS CONTACT

Fercho Branch (A) | 400 1st Ave S, Fargo
 Toddler Care - 24-36 Months 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Early Childhood Care - Ages 3 and Up Monday - Friday
 Before/After Kindergarten & Summer Care

Kari Berube, Director
 701.364.4128
berube@ymcacassclay.org

Schlossman Branch (A) | 4243 19th Ave S, Fargo
 Early Childhood Care - Ages 3 and Up 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Before/After Kindergarten & Summer Care Monday - Friday

Stephanie Grow, Director
 701.356.1444
stephanie.grow@ymcacassclay.org

South Center (A) | 4225 38th St S, Fargo
 Infant/Toddler Care - Ages Six Weeks - 2 Years 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Early Childhood Care - Ages 3 and Up Monday - Friday

Kristin Nelson, Director
 701.551.5181
kristin.nelson@ymcacassclay.org

West Fargo Center | 1042 14th Ave E, West Fargo
 Infant/Toddler Care - Ages Six Weeks - 2 Years 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Early Childhood Care - Ages 3 and Up Monday - Friday

Ann Mueller, Director
 701.551.5101
ann.mueller@ymcacassclay.org

Calvary Center (A) | 4575 45th St S, Fargo
 Infant/Toddler Care - Ages Six Weeks - 2 Years 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Early Childhood Care - Ages 3 and Up Monday - Friday

Katie Peterson, Director
 701.281.4960
katie.peterson@ymcacassclay.org

Care available on-site through 5th grade. See School Age pages for curriculum details.



PLAYFUL & BRIGHT

I LIKE PLAYING AND READING BOOKS in my classroom. I like my teachers, they make me happy!

Boston,
 Early Learning Center
 Participant, Schlossman

Daily Schedule

8:30 am	Children have a choice to explore in the learning centers and enjoy breakfast.	10:30 am	Energize: Children will experience large motor activities to exercise and move their bodies. During outdoor activities they will focus on participation, recreational skills and cooperative play.
8:45 am	Power Up: Interactive large group experience will engage the brain and will focus on language and literacy activities from our Get Set for School Curriculum.	11:15 am	Lunch
9:00 am	Plug In: Children will focus their energy on reading and writing from our Get Set for School Curriculum. They will also express their creativity through open-ended creative art. Children are also free to explore in a variety of learning centers such as dramatic play, creative art, sand and water, discovery, library, blocks, toys and games, music and movement.	12:00 pm	Rest
		2:30 pm	Snack
		3:00 pm	Energize
		3:30 pm	Power Up
		3:45 pm	Plug In
		5:00 pm	Choice Time
		6:00 pm	Centers Close

Each classroom's schedule will vary. Our infant and toddler programs base their schedules off of individual feeding and napping schedules.

Preschool Ages 3-5

Session: September 2016 - May 2017
Registration Opens: February 2016

Preschool at the Y is fun! It's a half-day educational experience intended to give children ages 3-5 skills that will help them build a foundation for school readiness. Using the same Get Set for School Curriculum as the Early Learning Centers, your child will receive hands-on experiences and will develop early writing, literacy, and math skills. They will learn letter, shape and color recognition. The curriculum also focuses on the use of writing tools, body awareness, language development, and socialization skills. This program is used by most area schools, so there is a good bridge built to school. Y preschool strives to serve the whole child, providing stimulating and positive experiences to enhance social, physical and mental development. We place a great deal of emphasis on the child's self esteem.

Children must be three years old and fully potty-trained by September 1st the year you plan on enrolling your child into the program.

WHERE CARE MEETS OPPORTUNITY



FUN & ENGAGING

I play with my friends and read stories and draw!

Kensie,
Kindergarten Readiness
Participant, Schlossman

Kindergarten Readiness Preschool

Schlossman Y
4243 19th Ave S, Fargo 701.356.1444

West Fargo ELC
1042 14th Ave E, W Fargo 701.356.0341

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS	TIME
Mon, Wed & Fri	9:00 am - Noon
Tues & Thurs	9:00 am - Noon
Monday - Friday	9:00 am - Noon

Daily Schedule

8:50 am	Children have a choice to explore in the learning centers and enjoy breakfast.
9:15 am	Power Up: Children will interact in large group experiences to engage the hear, including morning greeting, calendar, weather, Get Set for School: Language & Literacy.
9:30 am	Plug In: Children will join in on small group activities to focus the energy, including creative arts and Get Set for School Readiness: Reading, Writing, Numbers and Counting
10:30 am	Energize: Children will experience large motor activities to exercise and move their bodies. During outdoor activities they will focus on participation, recreational skills and cooperative play.
11:00 am	Read Aloud
11:15 am	Lunch
11:45 am	Power Up
12:00 pm	Dismissal

Lunch

Lunch is included in Kindergarten Readiness tuition. It is presented in a family style manner intended to make meal time a pleasant social experience that is positive and enjoyable. Children are offered all of the foods on our menu and are encouraged, but not required, to try them.

Play Loft

All Kindergarten Readiness classes use the Play Loft as part of our curriculum. The Play Loft is a bright colorful space where children build important development skills and heighten their sense of wonder and discovery in a free form, fun-filled farm-themed setting. The loft is equipped with slides, climbing equipment, mats, and areas to run.

KinderKamp Preschool

Snacks

A snack list will be sent home each month listing the date for each child to bring snacks. Birthdays are celebrated as one of the child's snack days. Snack suggestions are listed in the KinderKamp Parent Guide which is distributed at the beginning of the school year.

Swimming

Have your child wear his/her swimsuit under play clothes on swim days. Please send underwear in the plastic bag provided and leave them in the basket for your child's group. Towels will be provided by the Y.

Kids' Gym

All KinderKamp classes are scheduled to go to the Kid's Gym on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Kids' Gym is a bright, colorful space packed with equipment, parachutes, dozens of hoops, balls, cones and even obstacle courses. It is a safe place for all kids! We focus on participation, recreational skills and cooperative play in the Kids' Gym.



Fercho Y
400 1st Ave S, Fargo 701.364.4123

Mon, Wed & Fri 9:00 - 11:30 am

Tues & Thurs 9:00 - 11:30 am

Mon, Wed & Fri 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Tues & Thurs 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Daily Schedule

9:30 am/ 1:00 pm	Circle Time: Children will engage and talk about about weekly themes, calendar, weather, birthdays, finger-plays, songs, letter and number activities.
10:00 am/ 1:30 pm	Snack Time: Water is also provided. In addition, children will experience cooking and tasting activities.
10:15 am/ 1:45 pm	Activity Time: Children will enjoy small group activities such as art projects, circle games, movement activities, readiness games, etc. Creative Art (M,T,W), Kids' Gym (T,W), Show & Tell (M,T), Swimming/Xerzone/Large Muscle Activities (TH,F)
11:15 am/ 2:45 pm	Story Time: Quality literature is shared through story boards, big books, and picture books.
11:25 am/ 2:55 pm	Review Time: Children dress for dismissal, talk about their day and plan for the next day.
11:30 am/ 3:00 pm	Dismissal

Questions? Contact Tania Erickson, Early Learning Director at 218.359.2331 or erickson@ymcacassclay.org
www.ymcacassclay.org/preschool

School Age Grades K-8

Summer Session: June - August 2016

Registration Opens: March 2016

School Year Session: September 2016 - May 2017

Registration Opens: June 2016

PLAY LAUGH LEARN



The goal of the School Age Program is to support the Y's mission of building strong kids, strong families and strong communities by offering a unique before and after school program and summer programming. The programs help to build children physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially, while offering a safe, positive and enriching experiences for all youth.

The Y program offers a variety of activities specifically planned to supplement what the children are learning in their school day. Activities include homework club, science, arts and humanities, character development, music, dramatic play, conflict resolution, literacy, math, social skills, physical fitness, and social studies. We align our curriculum with state standards in math, reading and science. The site coordinators work closely with school administration to enhance what the children are learning in the classroom. Homework assistance is provided daily.

Lunch is included during the summer months and on school out days. During the summer, we also offer swim lessons, baseball and field trips.

YMCA SITES

HOURS: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Fercho (A) (S)

400 1st Ave S, Fargo
701.364.4132

Schlossman (A) (S)

4243 19th Ave S, Fargo
701.356.1455

Calvary (A) (S)

4575 45th St S, Fargo
701.281.4960

South (A) (S)

4225 38th St S, Fargo
701.232.9360

West Fargo (S)

1042 14th Ave E, West Fargo
701.356.0341

FARGO SCHOOL SITES

HOURS: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Horace Mann Elementary (21)

1025 3rd St N | 701.371.7291

Jefferson Elementary (S) (21)

1701 4th Ave S | 701.412.8970

Madison Elementary (S) (21)

1040 N 29th St | 701.446.5154

McKinley Elementary* (S) (21)

2930 N 8th St | 701.219.3668

Oak Grove Elementary

2720 32nd Ave S | 701.371.7829

Roosevelt Elementary* (S)

1026 10th St N | 701.371.6277

WEST FARGO SCHOOL SITES

HOURS: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Aurora Elementary (S)

3420 9th St W | 701.412.8971

Eastwood Elementary (S) (21)

500 10th Ave E | 701.729.7268

Freedom Elementary (S)

401 26th Ave E | 701.371.5701

Harwood Elementary*

110 Freeland Dr, Harwood | 701.491.0150

Horace Elementary*

110 3rd Ave N, Horace | 701.729.7266

Independence Elementary (S)

3700 54th St S, Fargo | 701.429.4593

L.E. Berger Elementary (S)

631 4th Ave E | 701.729.7265

Legacy Elementary (S)

5150 9th St S | 701.412.1790

Osgood Kindergarten Center (S)

5550 44th Ave S, Fargo | 701.371.2920

South Elementary

117 6th Ave. W | 701.361.5914

Westside Elementary (S)

945 7th Ave W | 701.729.7267

MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE LEARNING CENTER

HOURS: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Schlossman YMCA* (S)

4243 19th Ave S, Fargo | 701.412.1909

BARNESVILLE ELEMENTARY

HOURS: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

310 5th St SE, Barnesville | 701.412.5341

DILWORTH

HOURS: 6:45 am - 6:00 pm (S)

406 NE 3rd St, Dilworth | 701.799.2948

Site is legally unlicensed.

MOORHEAD SCHOOL SITES

HOURS: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Sites are legally unlicensed.

Ellen Hopkins Elementary (S)

2020 11th St S | 701.367.5459

Robert Asp Elementary (S)

910 11th St N | 701.367.4832

SG Reinertsen (S)

1201 40th Ave S | 701.367.1397

> program at Probstfield Center for Education
for summer - 2410 14th St S, Moorhead

Probstfield Center for Education (S)

2410 14th St S | 701.238.0499

(A) Accredited (see back panel)

(S) Summer program held at this site

(21) 21st Century site

*Sites do not have a morning program

» Please call the center you are interested in for current availability and to schedule a tour.

We build children physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially, while offering a safe, positive and enriching experience.

Daily Schedule

2:45pm Welcome, snack, and attendance

3:00pm Health and Wellness: Children participate in physical fitness and nutrition education activities.

3:45pm Academic support: Homework help is offered daily

4:15pm Enrichment (academic and social): This is broken into two sessions of time. Activities include but not limited to - arts education, math & literacy, leadership development, global learning, service learning, nutrition, STEM and 21st century skills.

5:45pm Closing Activities

6:00pm Centers Close

*For a full-day summer schedule, visit us online.

DISCOVERING THEMSELVES

I like reading time, playing games in the gym and being outside with my friends!

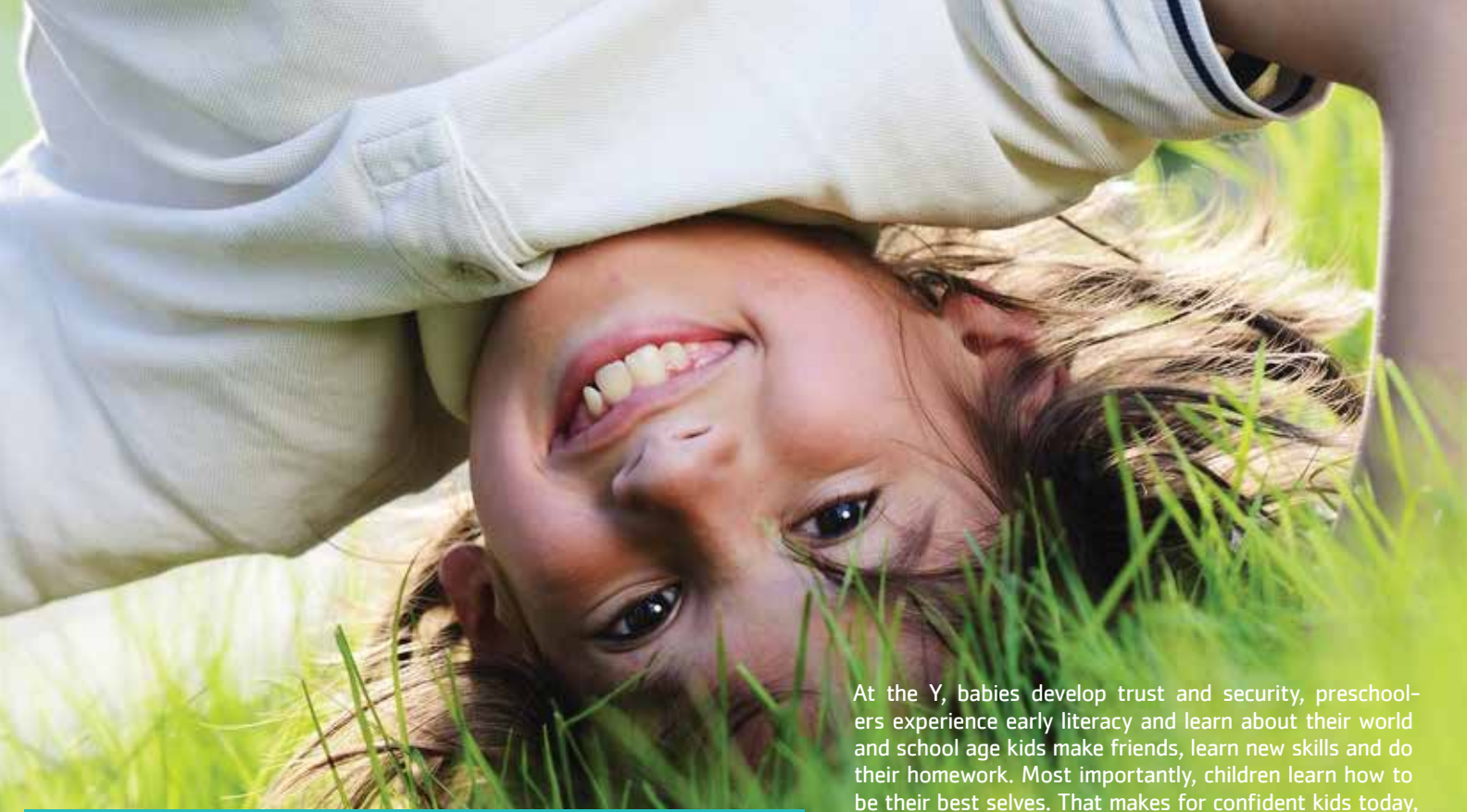
Aiden
School Age Participant, Freedom



Questions? Contact Shannon Lang, School Age Learning Director at 218.359.2323 or lang@ymcacassclay.org

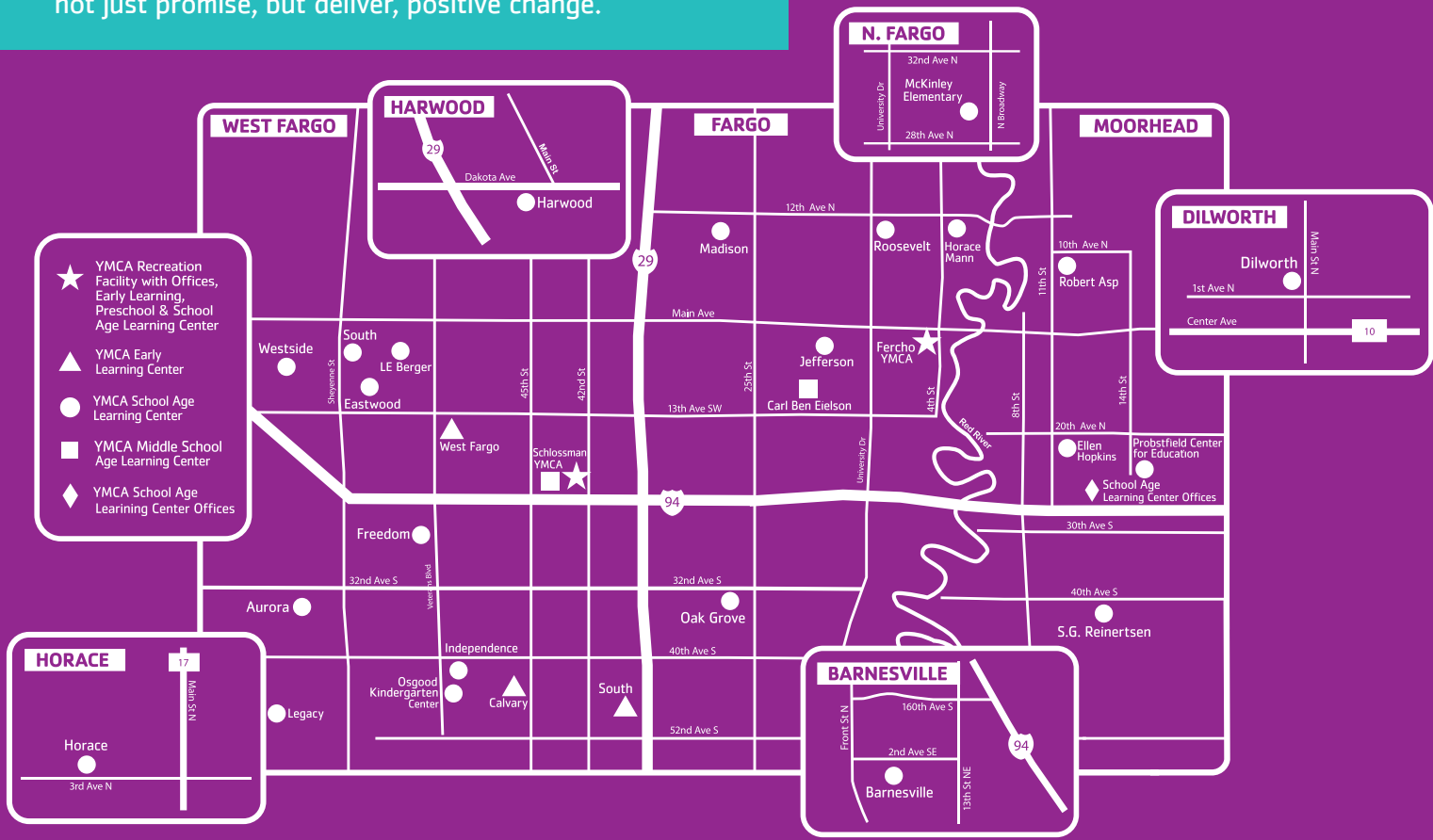


www.ymcacassclay.org/schoolage



At the Y, babies develop trust and security, preschoolers experience early literacy and learn about their world and school age kids make friends, learn new skills and do their homework. Most importantly, children learn how to be their best selves. That makes for confident kids today, and contributing and engaged adults tomorrow.

Y child care is in 30 sites across Cass and Clay counties. We have the presence and partnerships to not just promise, but deliver, positive change.



Children in Y Learning Centers receive member rates on Y programs like swimming lessons, summer camp and more! Y membership is not required to enroll in Y child care.