

Carver's Continuum of Lifelong Learning

Carver seeks to become Port Chester's first community learning center, and is committed to "Building Brighter Futures" through service, education and empowerment of families at all stages of life. We recognize the unique learning needs at each of five developmental learning benchmarks and will strive to proactively meet those needs with purposeful and engaging programming. Our programs will be guided by research and best practices, and will be strongly influenced by the voices of our clients. We intend to be highly responsive to the needs and interests of our community, and will prioritize their satisfaction in all facets of our work.

Developmental Learning Benchmarks:



Infants and Toddlers
(Birth to 3)



School-Aged Children
(Ages 4-10)



Tweens & Teens
(Ages 11-19)



Adults
(Ages 20-55)



Seniors
(55 +)

At Carver We Will:

Recognize Every Member of Our Community as a Learner

Honor All Learners' Interests, Readiness and Abilities

Design Learning Experiences Responsive to Each Stage of Development

Use Research to Inform Practice

Identify Exemplary Facilitators and Maximize Efficacy through Intensive Support and Supervision

Solicit Community Input & Feedback Concerning Learning

Assessing Community Needs:

In keeping with our commitment to honor client voice, Carver must conduct a needs assessment to solicit specific feedback around future learning offerings. This should include: focus groups, surveys, user testing, social listening, onsite analytics, and comment boxes. *The logic model that follows is designed to identify current programs and future possibilities and does not assume the outcomes of an organizational needs assessment.



Infants and Toddlers (Birth-3)

Our youngest learners grow and develop at a faster rate than during any other life stage. They have a natural curiosity about the world and are entirely dependent upon adults to maintain their sense of security. Learning occurs through exploration of self and the environment while parents serve as excellent learning companions.

As Is, 2018-2019: Carver Center provides for the following:	To Be: We envision adding a host of programming for this age group, which may include*:
Onsite Head Start, through a Lease Agreement with WestCop Summer Camp for 4 Year-Olds Partnership with 5 Steps to Five* Swim Lessons Integrated Activities with our Seniors* Mindfulness Supports to PreK*	Pre-Birth Classes for Expectant Parents Carver Kids Art, Music & Movement Classes Saturday Story Hour Series Facilitated Play Groups Parent-to-Parent Support Events (Speaker & Coffee)
*Indicates programs initiated last year	



School-Age Children (Ages 4-10)

At the onset (ages 4-6) these learners are imaginative and motivated by curiosity. While egocentric, they require strong relationships with trusted adults. They love to manipulate objects, draw and enjoy stories. Later on (ages 7-10) they become more objective. They crave concrete information and begin to demonstrate independence with simple tasks. They learn by asking questions and love artistic outlets for expression.

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Afterschool Program at ELC, JFK, Edison Summer Camp for 4-13 Year-Olds Saturday Programming: Academic Academy*, Arts & Crafts*, Coding, Chess* Swim Lessons Mindfulness Counseling Center Invention Convention* Spelling Bee* Carver Classic Basketball Tourney* Ballet* Makerspace, Jr.* *Indicates New Programs	Young Readers' Book Clubs Children's Choir Young Chefs Series Mini Math Counts, Geography Bees Little Artists' Studio Yoga Young Writers' Workshop



Tweens & Teens (Ages 11-19)

Adolescence is a time when a desire for social acceptance and a preoccupation with self is dominant. These learners successfully build on prior learning and begin to experience abstract thinking. They use logic and reasoning to make sense of the world around them and are increasingly reliant on peers. Authentic learning is critical, as are the development of trusting relationships with adults.

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<p style="text-align: center;"> Afterschool Program at PCMS Saturday Programming (Recreation & Tutoring) Teen Center Lounge Young Men & Women's Leadership Training Coordinated Volunteer Opportunities SAT Preparation College Tours Music Production/Recording Open Swim Basketball Programming Summer Camp/ Summer Employment Counseling Center & Mindfulness Programming Makerspace* Robotics Team* Carver Scholars Programming* Podcasting* Ballet* </p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Indicates New Programs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Culinary Series with Cafe Math Counts, Chess League Oratory & TEDex Events Open Artists' Studio Yoga & Meditation Study Skills Guided Apprenticeships/Internships Event Organization: Tournaments, Days of Service </p>



Adults (Ages 20-54)

In the earliest stages (ages 20-40) these learners are autonomous, self-directed and intrinsically motivated for success. They make decisions about personal, occupational, and social roles and use personal experiences to enhance their learning. As they are often raising families and building their careers, they benefit from problem-centered challenges and have a sense of immediacy for application of new knowledge. As they age (ages 40-54) a well-developed sense of self emerges and they find themselves reexamining goals and values. They are particularly eager for intellectual challenge and the benefit of learning with others.

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<p> Citizenship Classes English Language Instruction Computer Literacy Programs Fitness Center Aquatics Counseling Center Mindfulness, Stress Management, Yoga Series* Women's Leadership Series* Interactive Parenting Series* Job Training Collaboration with Community Resource Center*: Domestic Services*, Construction Training*, Hospitality Certification* *Indicates New Programs </p>	<p> Resume Development Workshops Guided Job Search & Interview Supports Life Coaching Dance & Meditative Practice Financial Literacy Series & Entrepreneurship Art & Music Cultural Events Recreational Programs and Leagues </p>



Seniors (55+)

Opportunities for the senior learner are limitless. While physiological changes occur, the demands of raising children and climbing the career ladder may have also shifted for the young senior. They want to increase knowledge and share what they know with others. Keeping abreast of how the world is changing aids in the way they perceive themselves. Seniors tend to enjoy environments that combine social activity with exposure to experiences and information. As with learners at all stages, seniors want learning to be positive, personally fulfilling and ongoing.

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Citizenship Classes Computer Literacy Programs Fitness Center Aquatics Senior Breakfasts Counseling Center Grocery Delivery to Homebound Seniors Senior Network (x4)* Intergenerational Learning Programs with 4 Year-Olds* Mindfulness*	Dance, Yoga & Meditative Practice Art & Music Cultural Events Open Artists' Studio Chess, Checkers, Bridge, Dominos Leagues Current Events Roundtables Community Service Days Speaker & Coffee Series Grandparents as Parents Programs
*Indicates New Programs	