



Welcome to Bright Horizons Minneapolis at Gaviidae

What to Expect

At Bright Horizons Minneapolis at Gaviidae, your child will be safe, well cared for, loved, and supported by our skilled teachers. Our carefully crafted back-up care program offers age-appropriate programs to encourage curious, happy, and confident children at every age and stage.

[View our virtual tour!](#)

Our center has been welcoming families since 1999 for their back-up, school vacation, and summer care needs. Throughout the year, we offer virtual family information sessions and workshops, themed program weeks, and many other events for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

If you would like a tour prior to care, we would be more than happy to schedule one at your convenience; our center administrative team can be reached at 612-339-1014 or gaviidae@brighthouse.com.

Health & Safety

At Bright Horizons your child's health, safety, and wellness is our top priority. We continually monitor state and local public health guidelines, consult with our medical experts, and use our considerable experience to guide our practices. We're prepared to respond quickly and adjust those health and safety practices as needed, to ensure children, families, and teachers are protected.

Designed for the well-being of staff, children, and families

- ▶ A daily health check policy that strives to mitigate the spread of illnesses
- ▶ Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, toys, and soft items
- ▶ Strict handwashing and sanitary policies to prevent the spread of illnesses
- ▶ Safety and security procedures designed to keep our families and staff protected
- ▶ Secure entrances to all centers
- ▶ Curriculum that emphasizes healthy practices for children

What to Bring

Enrollment Forms & Health Records

Prior to care, we are required to obtain additional information about your family. Many of the forms are available on our Back-up Care portal: backup.brighthorizons.com/account/login, and will need to be submitted along with your child's health and immunization records.

Meals & Snacks

Children in our care are provided a morning and afternoon snack consisting of a combination of fruit, vegetable, protein or carbohydrate, and milk. Lunch items should be brought in from home, ready to serve, and stored in a bag with ice packs, as needed. *Please note when packing your child's lunch that our center is nut-safe.* In our infant classroom there is a fridge available for bottles; all bottles are to be prepared at home and will be warmed using a bottle warmer.

Items From Home

- ▶ 1-2 sets of seasonally appropriate clothing
- ▶ Diapers and wipes (*as needed*)
- ▶ Favorite toy, book, blanket, etc. to ease the drop-off transition or for rest time
- ▶ Ready-to-eat lunch and bottles (*as needed*)



Center Location

Our center is located in downtown Minneapolis in the Gaviidae Commons on the corner of 6th St and Nicollet Mall.

Once inside Gaviidae Commons you will find a hallway just to the right of Bruegger's Bagels. We are the first door on the right (Suite 135).

Parking: Families can park in the Gaviidae parking ramp. The entrance is on 6th St., just past the skyway and Bruegger's Bagels, on the right. There are two reserved spots for Bright Horizons along the right wall by the elevators. If those are full we can validate 25 minutes of parking in the lot.

Our Staff



Martha, Center Director

I love Bright Horizons because I get to see children learn and grow daily!

In education since: 2004



Cheryl, Health & Safety Director

I love Bright Horizons because I love being part of such high-quality care and education for young children.

In education since: 1993

Our Teaching Staff

Our teachers are the heart of our program — people with the skills, passion, and dedication to make early education their career. They are experienced and dedicated professionals who meet strict certification requirements. Through *Discovery Driven Learning*™, our teaching and learning framework, these talented educators focus on children's unique interests while supporting today's big milestones and tomorrow's success. We support our educators with our own award-winning training, as well as learning opportunities to further advance their careers and skills through training, certificates, and college degrees.

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For *Bright Horizons Back-up Care*™ reservations:

- ▶ **Visit** | backup.brighthorizons.com
- ▶ **Call** | 877.BH.CARES (242-2737)
- ▶ **Download** | Search "Bright Horizons" in the App Store/Google Play to find our Back-Up Care app

