

# His Growing Grove Child Care Center

## *"Where Each Child Is A Precious Gift"*



### Facilities Designed Specifically for Children

The beautiful building and playground of His Growing Grove are carefully planned and specifically designed to provide a safe and inviting place for childhood learning adventures. The bright and cheery surroundings create a special children's world that beckons and encourages them to explore and utilize their God-given gifts and natural talents to their fullest potential.

### Quality Educational Programs

Research in early childhood education shows that children enrolled in high quality programs tend to be more successful in school, are more socially and emotionally competent, and demonstrate greater verbal and intellectual development. His Growing Grove recognizes that quality early childhood programs benefit the child, the family and the community.

### Low Child to Teacher Ratios

The single most important determinant of the quality of early childhood education is the amount of attention and positive reinforcement that each child receives from the teachers. His Growing Grove promotes the optimal development of each child with child/teacher ratios that are below the levels required by the State of California.

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### Professional Christian Personnel

His Growing Grove is staffed with professional Christian personnel who have completed special training and education in early childhood development. Staff development is enhanced through ongoing participation in continuing education courses and in-service training.

### Developmentally Appropriate Program

His Growing Grove's approach to learning is developmental. Because we believe that children learn best through play, activities and curriculum goals are carefully matched to the age and capabilities of the children. Educational, social and spiritual concepts are taught through well planned and balanced hands-on learning experiences in both indoor and outdoor settings. A balance of planned activities and free-play is offered at a level appropriate for each age group.

### Continuity of Care

His Growing Grove is one of the few centers in Alameda County that is licensed to provide care for children from infancy through six years. This affords developmental continuity and emotional security for the children by allowing them to remain in a familiar, stable environment until they are ready for primary school.

### Family Friendly

His Growing Grove strives to work in partnership with parents in their child's development, assisting them in providing for the needs of their children. We invite parents to participate in daily activities as well as in several special events throughout the year.



## A Broad Range of Programs

### Tiny Turtles & Toddling Teddy Bears

His Growing Grove has special facilities and increased staffing to provide the extra care and attention that infants and young toddlers require. The low ratios allow our teachers to spend more time with the children to provide security and encourage their growth and development. Our highly qualified staff has specific training in infant/toddler care as well. The Turtle and Bear programs include recreation in our special play yard as well as stroller rides around the church grounds.

### Little Lambs

The Little Lambs program at His Growing Grove is unique because it is specifically designed to gently transition very young children from infant/toddler care to preschool. This program emphasizes essential self help skills, including hygiene, toilet training and developing self control through verbal and coping skills. Low ratios allow teachers to work with the children individually and in small groups.

### Praising Penguins

The Praising Penguin program uses a theme-based, hands-on approach to encourage preschool-aged children to develop the skills and understanding that will enable them to make sense of the world and to succeed in it. This program lays a strong foundation for learning abstract concepts later in life by providing an environment that encourages children to see themselves as capable learners. Our low child to teacher ratio in this program allows for plenty of individual attention and work in small groups. Special emphasis on Kindergarten preparedness is provided for our four-year-olds with work on developing pre-reading and pre-math skills.

### Giant Giraffes

Our Giant Giraffe program is designed to provide extra enrichment for the oldest 24 full-time children in HGG, those who just miss the Kindergarten cut-off date for public school. Our goal is to provide these older children a smooth transition from the preschool environment to Kindergarten, by introducing the children to a more structured environment, tempered with love and plenty of hands-on activities to prompt excitement for learning. Special emphasis is placed on Literacy and Math skills, providing opportunities for children to grow in readiness while still enjoying the advantages of our low child to teacher ratios.

## Statement Of Philosophy and Goals

**H**is Growing Grove Child Care Center - a non-profit ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Hayward - provides all-day care and education for children from infancy through six years of age.

- We believe that each child is a precious gift from God
- The purpose of this program is to provide a Christ-centered supportive, safe and happy place for children's adventures and learning while their parents work
- Our goal is to meet the developmental needs of, and thereby enhance the sense of identity and self worth of, every child
- We strive to be a family strengthening service, providing for the needs of the children as well as their families

For more information,  
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or  
visit our website at  
[www.hisgrowinggrove.com](http://www.hisgrowinggrove.com)



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**Celebrating 20 years of quality child care!**



**Built On a Foundation of  
Christian Love**

**Developmentally Appropriate  
Programs**

**Professional Christian Teachers  
Low Child-to-Teacher Ratios  
Quality Education Programs**

**Convenient Hours**

**6:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Monday through Friday**

**Nutritious Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks**

**Centrally Located**

**at the corner of Redwood Road and  
Grove Way in Castro Valley with easy  
access to Highway 580**

**Fully Licensed by the State of California  
license numbers: 010211775  
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