

NEIGHBORS' CHOICE AWARDS

Porter County

# Growing Kids is there when you need them

Growing Kids has been providing early childhood education and child-care for ages 6-weeks-old through after school age for more than 20 years.

Growing Kids is open when you need them, Monday through Friday from early in the morning until 11:30 p.m. The facility offers spring, summer and winter camps, before- and after-school care, even one free Saturday of childcare a month.

"We love the flexible hours, and the Saturday Night Care is an excellent bonus," says one parent.

Another parent adds, "There are no centers that compare with the quality of care at Growing Kids. The teachers do an excellent job providing the kids with a safe, comforting and stimulating environment. The variety of learning activities and play in Main Street and the playground is outstanding. We also love the class parties and the holiday celebrations."

Parents appreciate the care and quality of Growing Kids teachers, stating, "I am so pleased with my



child's performance while attending Growing Kids. I am amazed at what they have learned so far. The teachers and staff are so caring. The staff goes above and beyond their

job description. I feel as if the staff is a part of my own personal family." Post-Tribune readers honored Growing Kids by selecting it as "Best Day Care Center" for the 2016

Neighbors' Choice Award. Owner Mike Garatoni says, "We're honored to have received this award. We're glad we have been able to provide a much needed

service in the Valparaiso and Chesterton communities." For more information, visit [GrowingKids.com](http://GrowingKids.com) or call 574-970-7500.

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Michael Anton is the past president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana and past president of the Duneland Education Foundation. Jim Anton is a past president of the Duneland Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on the board of

directors of the Duneland YMCA and is president of the Northwest Indiana Insurance Agents Association. Both are past presidents of the Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club. Anton Insurance has two locations: 155 S. Calumet Road, Chesterton, 219-926-8681; and 2600 Roosevelt Road, Suite 2007, Valparaiso, 219-465-6530. You can find them on the web at [antoninsurance.com](http://antoninsurance.com).



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