

CBA Member Spotlight ...

C.A.S.T.L.E.



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***For a Before & After
School Program that
is in High Demand
- Call Joan!***

C.A.S.T.L.E. is a non-profit before and after school program that offers a total learning environment. Founded in the summer of 1991, it was originally located at Jack Jackter Elementary School and began with four students. Over the years the program has grown to 112 children and 34 staff members. It is now located at 396 Halls Hill Road across the street from the elementary and intermediate schools.

The program is in such demand that it now has a very long wait list. Their current location, purchased several years ago, is filled to capacity. Executive Director Joan O'Donnell, her staff, and the non-profit board is looking to expand the facility to meet the needs of the local families. They are in the process of fundraising, seeking grants, and working with the community to fulfill growth requirements.

Children that attend C.A.S.T.L.E. are between preschool through grade 8. They enjoy the facility's open floor plan, homework assistance, crafts, cooking projects, basketball hoops, playscape, reading materials/books, quiet space, and computers. Those that are in the after school program are able to take the school bus from school to C.A.S.T.L.E. Program hours are 6:30 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, all year long. For the convenience of attending children and their families, C.A.S.T.L.E. is also open during school vacation.

The family focused organization is NAEYC and NAA accredited. They are a partner in the Colchester Collaborative For Children. Call for rates and fees.