



## Member Spotlight – May 26, 2009

**Hanscom Air Force Base School Age Program, near Bedford, MA**  
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The "Clubhouse" is an interactive before and after school program on Hanscom Air Force Base designed for children in grades K-6 to complement the educational system with fun, exciting, and innovative programming. The School Age Program has been designed to encourage growth, socialization, and learning in an environment that is conducive to our children's development. The Clubhouse rooms are designed into "interest areas" incorporating dramatic play, construction, arts & crafts, science, computer, and literacy into the children's daily activities. The Clubhouse is also a Boys & Girls Club Program along with a 4-H extension. In addition to working with BGCA & 4-H curriculum we also have a partnership with the Boston Children's Museum. Our goal is to serve military personnel and civilian employees by providing a caring, positive environment for their children.

Hanscom Air Force Base School Age Program is a Department of Defense (DoD) certified center and has **received accreditation from the National Afterschool Association (NAA)**. As a high quality program we provide a safe nurturing environment while promoting human relationships, individual space, safety, health, nutrition, and activities. Developmentally appropriate activities are tailored to the developmental characteristic needs of the children and youth we serve. Self-selection rather than staff selection is implemented into all daily activities. Schedules allow great flexibility for children. The environment is arranged to accommodate children individually, in small groups, and in large groups.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at Hanscom Air Force Base School Age Program.

To learn more about this program, please visit [www.hanscomyouthprograms.com](http://www.hanscomyouthprograms.com).