

Welcome to Family Connections!

~We are a Non-Profit Agency working to support and strengthen families, and child care professionals who endeavor to raise healthy, educated children throughout the tri-county area.~



Helping Families

The goal of Family Connections Resource Center is to strengthen families. Research has found that there are five protective factors that help make a family stronger. Those are Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development, Concrete Support in Times of Need, and Social and Emotional Competence of children.

Our play groups offer both Social and Emotional growth opportunities to children by assisting children to engage and build relationships with one another. Children and parents engage in play together, and have valuable opportunities to help children develop socially and emotionally. Our hope is that parents and caregivers develop social connections as well, which helps you to be more resilient to stress. We also aim to be a resource as you parent your young children, and connect you with community resources that will help you as your family grows.

The schedule during our Tuesday and Wednesday playgroups generally is as follows:

10am-11am- Free play and craft time
11am-11:15am-Circle time! Sing along to your favorite songs
11:15am-11:30am- Snack
11:30am-12pm-Continued free play

We always have our updated calendars with craft ideas posted on our website and our Facebook page:

Website: <http://cccnc.org/>

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/childcarecoordinatingcouncil.3/



How can I help?

We are a non-profit agency that is grant funded. Your donations of time, talent, and treasure are greatly appreciated! The following is a list of frequently used items:

- Paper Towels
- Paper Plates
 - Snacks
 - Soap
 - Napkins
- Hand sanitizer
 - Tissues
- Craft supplies

Parent Leadership

Are you interested in getting more involved? We have a Parent Advisory Committee that meets the first Thursday of every month at 9AM right in the play area. This group gives our agency valuable feedback on resource center activities and programming! We also have parents serve as board members on our agency board. Our Parent Support Groups have designated parent group leaders as well.

Center Rules

To help with the smooth running of the center and to model safe appropriate behavior, we have the following rules posted in the center:

- ★ Use words not actions to tell us your feelings.
- ★ Treat each other kindly with respect.
- ★ Wash hands after using the bathroom.
- ★ Keep hands/ feet to yourself.
- ★ Listen to others that are talking.
- ★ Work together to pick up the toys.
- ★ Use inside voices and gentle hands.
- ★ Use your walking feet.
- ★ Wash hands before you eat.
- ★ Think before you act.



Frequently Asked Questions

- Can we come and play on days where play group isn't available?

Children are invited to play within the play group anytime within the hours of 8am-1pm, Monday- Friday as long as they are accompanied by a parent or other adult supervisor.

- Is the play area cleaned regularly?

The play area and all the toys are disinfected every morning. There is a basket in the play area, and we ask that parents place the toys that children have put in their mouths in the basket to be cleaned.

- What accommodations are offered for young children?

We have a changing table located within the play area so that you can conveniently change your child when needed. We also have a high chair for young children that can be utilized whenever needed as well.

- Where are the bathrooms?

The bathrooms are located towards the front door entrance to the right of the staircase.

- Where can I place my child's belongings while he/she plays?

We have cubby space that is available for the children's belongings. Personal belongings can also be taken into the play area. We ask that you are careful with any food or beverages which may stain our furniture or carpets.

- What are other programs are offered for parents/and or caregivers?

Parent Support Group is for parents with an accompanying children's program. Have adult conversation about raising children while your children enjoy play time! We can help you access other helpful programs, so ask how we can help!

- Can I get feedback on how my child is developing?

Free developmental screenings are offered here every 2nd Wednesday of the month by early intervention specialists from several local agencies. Developmental screenings are an opportunity to get feedback on your child's development. Questions are encouraged! Sign up is on a first come, first serve basis.

- Are there any playgroups that are not at the center?

Wee People Gym Time is a wonderful indoor play opportunity offered at the City Recreational Department Gym at 52 US Oval. This is available from 10AM-12PM on Fridays mid-September through mid- June (with the exception of school vacation days and City School District Snow Days). There is a bounce house, tunnels, balls, and other fun activities for children 5 and under.

