



Celebrating Families Right From The Start...

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New Program———RESPITE CARE PROVIDERS NEEDED!!!

The Family Center is pleased to announce the new Respite Care Program. This program is funded through the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin and The Children's Trust Fund and is designed to help in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It will give parents/caregivers a break from some of the stresses involved in caring for their children 24/7. Some families may be referred by an outside agency to receive Respite services or others may self—refer if they feel the need to do so.

That's where YOU come in! We are currently looking for certified or licensed daycare providers to provide care for these families in their time of need. Hours will be limited and scheduled in advance. You will be an intricate part of the scheduling process, as you will need to determine what hours/days will work in your regular business hours. You will never be asked to provide Respite Care if it means you will exceed the number of children for which your business is regulated. At no time, and by no means, would I want you to violate any rules or regulations set forth by the State. This program has been approved by the State licensing office and any questions you or I may have regarding licensing rules

and regulations will be answered by Licensing Chief, Diane Bloecker.

I'm hoping you will take time to think about participating in this new program. As parents and adults, we all know what it's like to be **stressed out** and need a little time away from our children. It doesn't mean that we're bad parents... we just need a break! Isn't it better to take that break **before** we reach the breaking point? And wouldn't you feel good knowing that YOU can help a family by providing them with a few hours of relief... both parent and child? Parents will have time to re-group and return to their child more focused on being a positive parent, and the child will have an opportunity to spend time with other children in a quality daycare setting. You could help provide the best to both worlds!

If you're interested in becoming a Respite Care provider please contact me for more information. This new program is ready to start... are you?

Kathy Wetter
Respite Program Director
608-342-4533 or 608-642-6885

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
COVERING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN - May - August 2007

"I'm Bored" Boredom Busters for the Lazy Days of Summer

Date: Tuesday, May 29th

Time: 5:30-7:00 pm

Location: Legion Park, Platteville

Hot dogs and homemade ice cream will be provided

Rain or Shine! Call The Family Center at 342-4533 to register!

Join The Family Center at Legion Park in Platteville, as we enjoy an evening of summertime fun with stations of activities and games. Yard games, travel games, balloon toss, and much more will all be a part of the fun, as we gear up for summer. Additional guests will be the Platteville Police Department, they will be available to talk about bicycle safety and the Platteville Public Library will be sharing information on summer programs and resources. Don't miss the fun! There will be tons of door prizes and every family will leave with a bag of "Boredom Busters".

Just Me & My Dad

Date: Saturday, May 5th

Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Location: O.E. Gray Early Learning Center, Platteville

Please call 1-800-736-8612 to pre-register by Wednesday, May 2nd

Grab your dad and head for The Family Center, on **Saturday, May 5th** for a fun morning making a special Mother's Day gift. This workshop will be 1 1/2 hours of "**Just Me & My Dad**" time for your toddler and/or preschool age child. You will get to work on a special gift for Mom or Grandma. So forget about shopping for that special Mother's Day gift, you can make one with The Family Center. All supplies will be provided, dress appropriately because you may get a little messy.

On the Move! Beep, Beep, Honk, Honk, Off We Go!

Date: Friday, August 3rd

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Platteville High School Parking Lot

*Our Third Annual
No Registration Required*

It's vehicle day at The Family Center on **Friday, August 3rd** at the Platteville High School parking lot from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. We hope to have over 15 vehicles parked in the High School parking lot for children to see, explore, and "drive". You can hope to see dump trucks, tractors, garbage truck, ambulance, police car, fire truck, semi truck, school bus and more. How exciting to be able to explore these vehicles up close! Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Zoo Safari

Date: Friday, June 8th

Time: car pool 8:30 am,

Main Entrance to Zoo 10:00 am

Location: Henry Vilas Zoo, Madison, WI

If weather is questionable please listen to WGLR 97.7 FM for cancellations. For more information or to pre-register your family please call 342-4533.

We're going on a Safari to explore and discover many different animals at the Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison, Wisconsin. Imagine the excitement as we put on our binoculars and explore our way through the zoo, have a picnic lunch, and play at the park. Admission is free and each family is responsible for their own picnic lunch. You can meet at O.E. Gray Early Learning Center to car pool up to Madison by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 8th or you can meet us at the zoo's main entrance at 10:00 a.m.

Pamper Mom

Date: Tuesday, May 8
Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Place: O.E. Gray Early Learning Center Library, Platteville

Give yourself some TLC by joining us for an evening of fun and relaxation at 'Pamper Mom' night. Enjoy a massage, try out new make-up or hair style, polish your hands or feet and feel fresh and re-energized. Win a door prize too! This event will be facilitated by The Family Center staff with area professionals providing the services. Space is limited, so call 1-800-736-8612 to register. Child care is available upon request.

Time For You!!

Upcoming Dates: May 8th (*"Pamper Mom" activities will take the place of our informal discussions*)

June 12 (*our last meeting for the school year, we'll resume in September*)

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Place: O.E. Gray Early Learning Center, Platteville

Join us for an evening to share ideas, thoughts and concerns as we informally discuss parenting topics. Find your own strengths and discover new ways to meet the challenges of parenting. We meet monthly at The Family Center in Platteville on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Family Center staff accompany the group. Call to register if child care is needed.

Make Note of it...Playgroup Times & Locations

Boscobel Playgroup

Where: Boscobel Public Library
When: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 am
Closed Dates: June 6, July 4

**** NEW ** Potosi Playgroup**

Where: Hickory Hill Park
When: Fridays, 9:30-11:00 am, June 15th-August 17th
Closed Dates: July 6

Platteville Playgroup

Where: Legion Park, (June 14th through August 16th)
When: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am
Closed Dates: July 5
Music Dates: May 31, June 21, July 19, August 16

**** NEW Location** Lancaster Playgroup**

Where: UW Extension Youth & Ag Building (May 8th, 15th, 29th)
 Kids Courtyard (starting June 5th through August 14th)
When: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 am
Closed Dates: May 22, July 3
Music Dates: May 29, June 19, July 17, August 14

Playgroups are drop-in activities with no pre-registration necessary. If the weather is questionable, please listen to WGLR 97.7 FM for cancellations. Fall Playgroup times and hours will resume in Platteville on Thursday, September 13th at O.E. Gray Early Learning Center. Lancaster fall Playgroup hours will be announced at a later date due to construction at the United Methodist Church. For more information about any of our Family Center playgroups, please contact us at 1-800-736-8612.

Baby 'N Me

We invite you to attend our support group, "Baby 'N Me." The Family Center and Southwest Health Center have teamed up to bring you a bimonthly support group for parents and caregivers of babies from 0-12 months of age. We will discuss topics that relate to parenting, infant care, breastfeeding, daily routines, childcare and many more topics of interest.

Baby N' Me will continue to meet on the **first and third Wednesdays** of the month at Southwest Health Center, from 10:30-12:00 pm. There will be no Baby N' Me on Wednesday, July 4th.

Questions can be directed to Kathy Iselin, Family Education Coordinator with The Family Center (342-4533) or Nita Burke, Resource Center Manager with Southwest Health Center (342-5037).

Lending Library

Borrow free from our library of educational toys, equipment, and parenting books. Available during regular hours at The Family Center in Platteville and at Child Care Resource and Referral in Fennimore.

Family Visiting & New Baby Visits

The Family Center offers a friendly visit in your home or place of choice. For issues of bedtime routines, power struggles and other parenting techniques to finding time for yourself, we'll provide encouragement, support, and new ideas. Call the center for more information or to schedule a visit at 1-800-736-8612.

Indoor Fun

It's "Indoor Fun" at The Family Center every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 pm, held in the gym at O.E. Gray Early Learning Center in Platteville. It is a great opportunity to let your little ones run, jump, climb and play on age appropriate play equipment. "Indoor Fun" is an unstructured parent/child time that has opportunities for large motor play that will include optional child-friendly learning centers. Join us at The Family Center for "Indoor Fun." The last "Indoor Fun" until school starts will be June 5th.

****There will be no "Indoor Fun" on May 29th****

Family Center WARM-LINE

This is your link to non-emergency parenting support. The Family Center offers parenting information and support through our Warm-line or just stop in anytime during our regularly scheduled office hours.

Toll Free: 1-800-736-8612

Family Literacy Program

The Family Center has teamed up with The Southwest Wisconsin Technical College to provide the "Family Literacy of Grant County" program. Adult Basic Education instructors work with Family Center staff to provide free on-site adult education along with early childhood education and interactive literacy activities. Services are FREE and activities are provided for children while you participate. Check the calendar in this newsletter for times and locations. For more information, call The Family Center at 1-800-736-8612.

Summer Literacy Hours

Muscoda, Mondays 1:00-7:00 pm at St. John's School (no class June 4th and July 2nd)

Boscobel, Wednesdays 9:00-noon (playgroup at 9:30), Thursdays 1:00-7:00 pm at Boscobel Public Library (no class/playgroup on June 5th and 6th and July 3rd and 4th)

Platteville, Wednesdays 3:00-7:30 pm, Thursdays 11:00-1:00 pm, beginning June 27-August 16 at O.E. Gray Early Learning Center

There will be no Family Literacy the week of July 2nd-6th.

The last day of summer literacy hours will be August 16th.

Notes & Messages

Many of The Family Center's workshops and parenting education programs may qualify for continuing education credit for child care providers. If you are a child care provider and are interested in a particular program contact The Family Center to see if continuing education from the Registry is available.

Family Center Policy on Sick Children

- Please do not bring your child to The Family Center if he/she has had any fever, vomiting or diarrhea within the 12 hours before the activity.
- Please do not bring your child to The Family Center if she/he has symptoms of a cold such as: nose running with yellow or green mucus, coughing or sneezing.
- Ear infections are usually not contagious if your child has been without a fever and on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours.
- ***Thank you for helping to keep the Family Center a healthy place for all of our children.***

REMINDER

Please remember to register in advance for programming and child care by calling The Family Center at 608/342-4533, 608/723-3400 or 1-800-736-8612 Remember: All Family Center programs are FREE of Charge!

Summer Office Hours

The Family Center will be open for office hours Monday-Wednesday 8:00 am-12:00 noon, beginning June 25-August 13. There will be no office hours the week of July 2-6. Regular office hours will resume September 4th.

As usual, the Family Center sites may be closed over the lunch hour or for hospital visits to newborn babies. Please call in advance to make sure someone will be there!

Family Center Closed Dates

May 28, Memorial Day
June 11-June 22 (office only)
July 2-July 6
August 20th - 31st
Fall office hours will resume Sept 4th

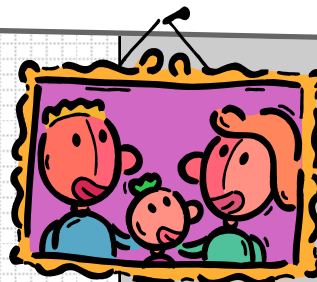
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You Have It? We Need It!



*Kleenex/Tissues
Pens
Snacks-nonperishable
Juice
Paper plates and napkins
Elmers school glue
Paper towels
White multipurpose copy paper
Zip-loc baggies (gallon & sandwich)*

The family Center Board of Directors



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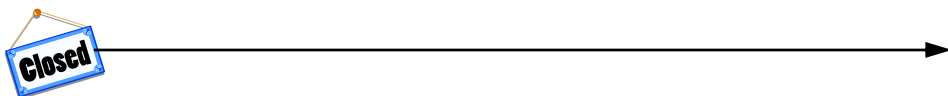


May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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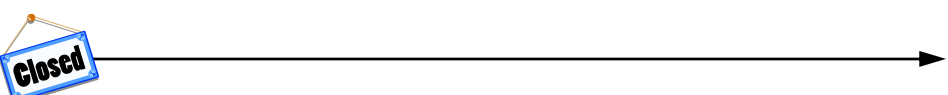
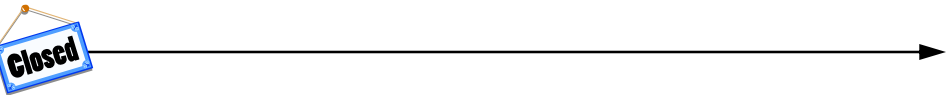
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10	11 Literacy, MS	12 Playgroup, LA Time For You, PV	13 Playgroup, BS Literacy, BS	14 Playgroup, PV Literacy, BS	15 Playgroup, PO	16
Office closed →						
17	18 Literacy, MS	19  Playgroup, LA	20 Playgroup, BS Baby 'N Me Literacy, BS	21  Playgroup, PV Literacy, BS	22 Playgroup, PO	23
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July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9 <i>Literacy, MS</i>	10 <i>Playgroup, LA</i>	11 <i>Playgroup, BS</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i>	12 <i>Playgroup, PV</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i> <i>Literacy, PV</i>	13 <i>Playgroup, PO</i>	14
15	16 <i>Literacy, MS</i>	17  <i>Playgroup, LA</i>	18 <i>Playgroup, BS</i> <i>Baby 'N Me</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i>	19  <i>Playgroup, PV</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i> <i>Literacy, PV</i> <i>Festival on the Square,</i> <i>LA</i>	20 <i>Playgroup, PO</i>	21
22	23 <i>Literacy, MS</i>	24 <i>Playgroup, LA</i>	25 <i>Playgroup, BS</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i>	26 <i>Playgroup, PV</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i> <i>Literacy, PV</i> <i>Party in the Park, PV</i>	27 <i>Playgroup, PO</i>	28
29	30 <i>Literacy, MS</i>	31 <i>Playgroup, LA</i>				

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Playgroup, BS</i> <i>Baby 'N Me</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i> <i>Literacy, PV</i>	2 <i>Playgroup, PV</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i> <i>Literacy, PV</i>	3 <i>Playgroup, PO</i> <i>On the Move, PV</i>	4
5	6 <i>Literacy, MS</i>	7 <i>Playgroup, LA</i>	8 <i>Playgroup, BS</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i>	9 <i>Playgroup, PV</i> <i>Literacy, BS</i> <i>Literacy, PV</i>	10 <i>Playgroup, PO</i>	11
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GENERAL INFORMATION

☞ The Children's Play Room will be open for public use during all of our regular office hours when there are no programs scheduled.

☞ If you no longer wish to be on the newsletter mailing list or are moving, please call and let us know.

☞ We appreciate you pre-registering for programs & childcare. Please call to cancel if you cannot attend.

A Joint Service of These Fine Agencies:



Platteville Thrift Shop



Children's Trust Fund

Grant supported program



Child Abuse
PREVENTION
Fund



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*Don't forget to turn in your used cell phones and empty printer cartridges to
The Family Center for the FundingFactory fundraiser.*



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and Child Care is provided.***

All Family Center programs and activities are free and child care will be provided. During our parenting education classes and workshops, your child will receive excellent care! Be sure to contact us in advance to register for a program and for child care.

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Our Calendar of Events: Check full of great family fun, and opportunities for parents.

Playgroup Times & Locations: Check out page 3.

And Much More! Information on all our regular programs and much more! —LOOK INSIDE!

Check out our New and Improved

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