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of Southwest Wisconsin

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Regionalization of CCR&R Services in Wisconsin

Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin is one of the many agencies represented by the Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA). SFTA was created in 2007 with a merger of the Wisconsin Child Care Resource & Referral Network, the Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project and a statewide network of Family Resource Centers.

SFTA's mission is to support groups that promote quality early care, resources and education to enrich the lives of children and strengthen families.



*Julie Statz
Executive Director*

For more information, please visit:
www.supportingfamilies.together.org

In an effort to maintain high quality Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) services across Wisconsin, CCR&R agencies and SFTA are moving toward a more efficient and effective system of service delivery related to serving families, child care providers and communities. We're moving to a regional model that will create stronger collaborations between CCR&R's within eight geographic regions and streamline services to reduce duplication and increase community impacts. Specific implementation issues are being worked on throughout the state. As we work toward these goals, please know that every county and Tribe in Wisconsin will still receive CCR&R services. As processes and procedure are finalized/approved, we will continue to keep all partners, colleagues, and stakeholders informed of our progress.

Family Connections will be a "partner site" in our geographic region in the Southwestern part of the state. Our agency will work together with Family Resources of La Crosse. We will provide services to families, providers and employers in a 9 county region that includes: Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, and Vernon Counties. In 2010, the "hub" office in La Crosse will begin processing referrals for the entire region. Both sites, Family Connections in Lancaster and Family Resources in La Crosse, will work to provide the best local services for child care programs and communities.

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The Partner Connection

A New Resource: Answers to Health Questions



Southwest Health Center in Platteville is proud to provide its communities and patients alike valuable free service — answers to questions and up-to-date health information. The Health Resource Center, located just inside the Health Center's main entrance, offers the services of a large medical library as well as online health resources to help with researching medical terms and conditions. The Resource Center also provides a comfortable children's corner with books and activities to help families connect, which is especially helpful when a loved one is in the hospital.

The Resource Center is open 7 days a week, from 8:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Contact us via email or phone at: library@southwesthealth.org or (608) 342-5037.

H1N1 Virus

H1N1 is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This virus is spreading from person-to-person worldwide, probably in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something - such as a surface or object - with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. The symptoms of 2009 H1N1 flu virus in people include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Severe illnesses and death has occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus, your best defense is PREVENTION.

Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick.

Family Connection's Policy on Sick Children

Please do not bring your child to the center or any programming if...

- he/she has had any fever, vomiting or diarrhea within 12 hours before the activity.
- he/she 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 Family Connections a healthy place for all of our children.

Family Connections will be closed and programming will not occur if the school district that the programming is in cancels due to the weather. Please listen to 97.7 FM or 107.1 FM for cancellations due to the weather or call 1-800-267-1018 or 723-3400

Car Seat Safety Checkups

Is your car seat protecting your child? Have your child's car seat checked, for free, by a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. Please call 1-800-267-1018 to set up an appointment.

Playgroups and Support Groups

Family Programming

Playgroups, a time for interactive fun, that offers children the opportunity to experience both structured and unstructured play. Come join the fun!!!
No registration required.



Lancaster Playgroup

Where: Family Connections, 1015 S. Madison St. Lancaster
When: Tuesdays, 9:30 — 11:00 am
Music Dates: Oct 20th, Nov 17th, Dec 15th
Closed Dates: Dec 22nd and Dec 29th (Holiday Break)

Platteville Playgroup

Where: United Methodist Church, Main Level, 1065 Lancaster St. Platteville
When: Thursdays, 9:30 — 11:00
Music Dates: Oct 22nd, Nov 19th, and Dec 17th
Closed Dates: Nov 26th (Thanksgiving), Dec 24th and Dec 31st (Holiday Break)

Support Groups

Time For You!

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.

When: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Lancaster Dates: 10/13, 12/8

(Family Connections, Lancaster)

Platteville Dates: 11/10

(United Methodist Church, Platteville, Main Level)



****Please call by the Monday prior to programming to register and for FREE childcare 723-3400 or 1-800-267-1018.****



Fun With Food

Vegetables a "Treemendous" Gift!

Join us with your preschooler and/or toddler for an exciting morning of fun and **interactive activities, story, song, and a healthy snack** that your child gets to make themselves. This workshop will be offered in both Platteville and Lancaster.

Platteville: Wednesday, December 2nd 10 -11 am
Platteville United Methodist Church
(side entrance, main level)

Lancaster: Friday, December 4th 10 -11am
Family Connections, Lancaster

*****Must call to register: 608-723-3400**

Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.)

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The P.A.C. is active in fundraising, volunteering, programming, marketing, and "Helping Hands".

We are actively looking for more P.A.C. members, if you're interested in being on P.A.C. or volunteering in any way please call Julie at 723-3400.

S.P.I.N. (Supporting Parents in Need)

Are you having trouble dealing with a child's poor behavior, negative attitude, or lack of cooperation? Would you benefit from knowing that you are not alone when facing these trying situations? If your answer is "Yes" to one or all of these questions come and join Family Connections' newest support group, S.P.I.N. (Supporting Parents In Need). Come share your concerns and ideas about how to deal with a variety of everyday situations and how you may benefit from talking to other parents facing the same types of challenges. Go back to the basics of listening and communication... you'll be surprised at the support you'll gain from fellow parents!

S.P.I.N. is ideal for families facing difficult challenges and circumstances...

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Platteville United Methodist Church 9/29, 11/24

Platteville United Methodist Church
(please use side entrance)

Lancaster Family Connections 10/27, 12/15

(Family Connections, in Lancaster)
Bring a Friend!

*****Light meal of pizza will be provided for families*****

Please call to register

Free Childcare Available!

732-3400 or 1-800-267-1018

Workshops and Classes

Family Fun

Autumn At Vesperman's Farm

Enjoy some family fun with the beauty of the season at Vesperman's Farm in Lancaster. We'll carve pumpkins, after a hayride to the pumpkin patch, wander through corn mazes*, roast marshmallows and hot dogs over a campfire, create a family scarecrow and enjoy many animals at the petting farm.

Items to bring:

- Pumpkin carving tools
- Picnic lunch or hot dogs and marshmallows to roast
- Clothing for your scarecrow: old pants, shirt, hat, gloves, etc... (one scarecrow per family please)

*There is a charge for the large corn maze: Adults \$6.50, children (6-11) \$4.50.

Children 5 or under are FREE!

A smaller maze is available for children ages 3-5 for free.

Date: Saturday, October 3rd, 2009

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: Vesperman Farm
8149 Stage Rd. Lancaster

Please register by Wednesday, September 30th by calling
608-723-3400 or 1-800-267-1018.



There will be a book signing of the book **Susie Lumpy Bothams: New and Improved**, along with the author **Cheryl (Unthum) Martin** to meet!

Come on out and join the FUN!

Make it a whole day of fun and attend the Lancaster Harvest Festival Parade that afternoon!

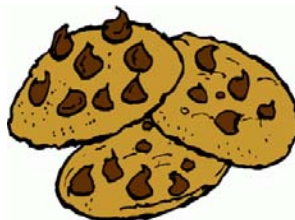
Annual Gingerbread House Decorating

What a great way to start a new holiday tradition. Children as young as three can help and enjoy decorating a gingerbread house.

Preparation of the gingerbread and icing is required ahead of time. Recipes will be e-mailed in advance. A variety of candies and foods will be provided for decorating your house.

** Must register by Wednesday, December 10th, 1-800-267-1018 or 723-3400*

Monday, December 14th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
at the Grant County Youth and Ag. Building, North Room.



Homemade Holidays

Come join Family Connections for a cookie exchange plus much more.

Come with 2 dozen cookies to exchange with others. Email us your recipes a week prior to this event and we will create a complete recipe book. Bring the kids too because we will be doing some interactive crafts that you will make which could make great gifts for grandma, grandpa, spouses, or whomever you have in mind. Everybody will be leaving with two dozen different cookies, a cookie recipe book, gifts, and a special door prize. Don't miss this event. Please register early so you don't miss out!

Where: Platteville United Methodist Church

When: Thursday, November 19, 2009,
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Register By: Thursday, November 5th 723-3400

Email your recipe to

connections@familyconnectionsswwi.org

Parents and Providers

Parenting Apart

Are you concerned about the potential negative impact of raising your children as a single parent, separation or divorce on your children's healthy development? Do you need help in finding answers? If so, **Parenting Apart** may help you find the answers you're looking for, as well as assist you with some parenting strategies in helping your children and yourself cope through this difficult time. Family Connections is offering **Parenting Apart**, a 6 week class that will provide opportunities to learn effective ways to help you parent through different states of single parenthood, separation, divorce or blended family issues. Topics discussed will include what's best for your children, communication, quality of relationships, schedules, and care giving responsibilities.

Please come and join us as we explore and discuss the issues of parenting apart.

Classes will be held at the **United Methodist Church** in Platteville on the following dates:

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4th 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thank You

Family Connections would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to all that helped contribute to our **2009 Annual Giving Campaign**. We are very fortunate to work in a community that gives back to its families and children. Without your support we would not be able to continue the high level of service and care that we give to families in Southwestern Wisconsin.

(Donations Received as of September 10, 2009)

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Babysitting Workshop

Students ages 10-17 who are interested in learning babysitting skills should come to this workshop! The class will include information on first aid, safety, child development and ideas for fun activities to do while babysitting.

\$5.00 fee for cost of book.

Make checks payable to **Family Connections**

Register by October 21st, as enrollment will be limited!

Where: Platteville United Methodist Church

When: Saturday, October 24th, 8:30–2:30p.m.

Call 608-723-3400 or 1-800-267-1018 to register.

Registration is limited.

****You will need to bring a sack lunch****

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a volunteer based program that looks to lend a "helping hand" to families in time of need. Every family experiences times of crisis and hardships, as well as the joy of new babies or moving into a new home. Helping Hands would like to offer families meals to help get them through these times. If you are interested in volunteering or know of a family that would benefit please call :

Christi Dalton-Lancaster Rep.

608-379-1383

or

Hannah Coder-Platteville Rep.

608-434-3818

Workshops and Continuing Education

Provider Classes/Workshops

Contact your county's U.W. Extension Family Living Agent for workshops and continuing ed opportunities!

Grant Co: Bev Doll - 723-2125

Crawford Co: Jane Schaaf - 326-0227

Richland Co: Peggy Olive -647-6148

Richland Co: Karen Ehle-Traastad -637-5276

Iowa Co: Ruth Schriefer - 935-0391

Lafayette Co: Mary Knellwolf 776-4820

Child Care Start Up Classes:

Fundamentals of Family Child Care

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Where: Family Connections Office, Lancaster
8:30 am - 4:30 pm Call to register: 1-800-267-1018

Infant and Toddler Care

October 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th & 27th
6:00-9:00 pm

Where: SW Tech, Fennimore
Please call Family Connections for more info and to register: 1-800-267-1018

Shaken Baby Syndrome & SIDS Training

Date: October 27

Time: 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Where: SW Tech, Fennimore

Cost: \$22

Registry Labels Available

Space Limited!! Call by October 23 to

Register 1-800-267-1018 or 608-723-3400



Upcoming Conferences

Lands End Early Childhood Conference

October 17th, 2009

Lands End Backup Center, Dodgeville

5 continuing Ed Hours Available

Registration form included

WECA Conference

October 22-24, 2009

Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

To register call: 608-240-9880 or email

weca@wecanaeyc.org

CPR Training

Grant Co. Health Dept. - Lancaster

October 19, 2009. 5:45-9:00 pm

To register call: 723-6416

Upland Hills Health, - Dodgeville

October 20th, 3:00—5:30 pm

December 8th, 6:00—8:30 pm

To register call: 930-8000

Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital

November 19th, 6:00—9:30 pm

Register by November 12 at 357-2135

Cost is \$42

SW Technical College:

Call for class dates at:

1-800-362-3322



Richland County Workshop "Easy to Love, Difficult to Discipline"

With Peggy Olive

When: October 20, 6:30—8:00pm

Where: U.W. Richland. Pippin Conference Center, Melvill Hall. Hwy 14 West.

Richland Center, WI 53581

Call to register: 608-647-6148

LaCrosse Workshop for Childcare Providers

When: October 10th

Where: Gunderson Luthern, Rasmus Center

Topic: "Making Intergenerational Connections for Families"

To Register and for more information

Please call Jennifer Peterson

1-800-362-9567 Ext. 53258

Provider Support & News

Grant County Provider Support Group P.A.C.T.

(Providers Actively Connecting Through Teaming)

Please mark your calendar.

October 8, 2009

Where: Family Connections Office- Lancaster

When: 6:30-8:30 pm

Provider Workroom Night!

November 12, 2009

Where: Grant County Social Services

When: 6:30 -8:30 pm.

Topic: "Eat This, Not That"- speaker Leslie Clachrie

To register for either events,

call Kristin at 608-732-2089

or email dkbmshelliam@msn.com

"TOYS"

Support Group- Lafayette Co.

All meetings are held in Darlington

Contact Mary Jo Erikson at 608-776-4319

or Carol Barnard at 608-776-4285

*Continuing education certificates available

Licensors' Chat

U.W. Richland, HWY 14 West, Richland Center

October 14, 2009 6:00—8:00 pm

Pippin Conference Center, Melvill Hall

Viroqua—WTC Campus

Date: TBA

Call to register: 1-800-267-1018

Come meet a childcare licensor from the
Department of Children and Families.

Information covered will be changes and
clarifications in the rules and regulations for
licensed programs. This is your chance to come
with questions.

Director's Support Group

If you are interested in getting together with
other group center directors to see how things
are handled in other centers and share ideas,
then take this opportunity to network with
others in the same business.

When: 2nd Thurs of each month.

Place: Unique Café, Boscobel

Contact: Debby Lynch at 647-5239 for times.

Substitutes Needed

If you, or someone you know would be
interested in substituting at area regulated
daycares, call us for more information and to
be put on a

"Call List"! 1-800-267-1018

****Vehicle Alarm Requirements****

The new law defines a child care vehicle as "a vehicle
that has a seating capacity of 6 or more passengers in
addition to the driver, that is owned or leased by the
child care provider, and that is used to transport
children to and from the child care provider." A child
safety alarm is defined as "an alarm system that
prompts the driver of a child care vehicle to inspect
the child care vehicle for children before exiting the
child care vehicle. Check with your local automotive or
bus companies on ordering and installation. The
www.dcf.wisconsin.gov website also offers several
alarm system sites that can be ordered.

Family Resource Centers

Call your nearest Family Resource Center for
wonderful programs, workshops, and activities.

Find out how their resources can help you!!!

Celebrating Families Right From The Start...

Grant Co: 1-800-736-8612

Crawford Co: 1-800-241-9276

Iowa Co: (608) 935-7300

Vernon Co: (608) 637-7450

****PROVIDERS****

We are always looking for certified and licensed
providers to help with Respite Care.

Please call our Respite Coordinator, Kathy
Wetter, for details 608-723-3400.

Last year Family Connections was able to place 61
children in Respite Care helping 30 families!

Calendar of Events

October 2009

Saturday	10/3	Autumn at Vesperman's Farm
Monday	10/5	CLOSED/Staff Dev.
Tuesday	10/6	Playgroup (L)
Wednesday	10/7	Parenting Apart (P)
Thursday	10/8	Playgroup (P)
Saturday	10/10	Fund. of Family Child Care(L)
Monday	10/12	Infant & Toddler Class (SWTC)
Tuesday	10/13	Playgroup (L) Time for You (L) Infant & Toddler Class (SWTC)
Wednesday	10/14	Parenting Apart (P)
Thursday	10/15	Playgroup (P)
Saturday	10/17	Lands End E.C. Conference
Monday	10/19	Infant & Toddler Class (SWTC)
Tuesday	10/20	Playgroup (L)(Music) Infant & Toddler Class (SWTC)
Wednesday	10/21	Parenting Apart (P)
Thursday	10/22	Playgroup (P)(Music)
Saturday	10/24	Babysitting W.S. (P)
Monday	10/26	Infant & Toddler Class (SWTC)
Tuesday	10/27	Playgroup (L) SPIN (L) SBS/Sids Training (SWTC)
Wednesday	10/28	Parenting Apart (P)
Thursday	10/29	Playgroup (P)

November 2009

Monday	11/2	CLOSED/Staff Dev.
Tuesday	11/3	Playgroup (L)
Wednesday	11/4	Parenting Apart (P)
Thursday	11/5	Playgroup (P)
Tuesday	11/10	Playgroup (L) Time for You (P)
Thursday	11/12	Playgroup (P)
Tuesday	11/17	Playgroup (L) (Music)
Thursday	11/19	Playgroup (P)(Music) Homemade Holidays
Tuesday	11/24	Playgroup (L) SPIN (P)
Thursday	11/26	Thanksgiving — CLOSED No Playgroup

December 2009

Tuesday	12/1	Playgroup (L)
Wednesday	12/2	Fun with Food (P)
Thursday	12/3	Playgroup (P)
Friday	12/4	Fun with Food (L)
Monday	12/7	CLOSED/Staff Dev.
Tuesday	12/8	Playgroup (L) Time for You (L)
Thursday	12/10	Playgroup (P)
Monday	12/14	Gingerbread House Decorating (Youth & Ag Building L)
Tuesday	12/15	Playgroup (L)(Music) SPIN (L)
Thursday	12/17	Playgroup (P)(Music)

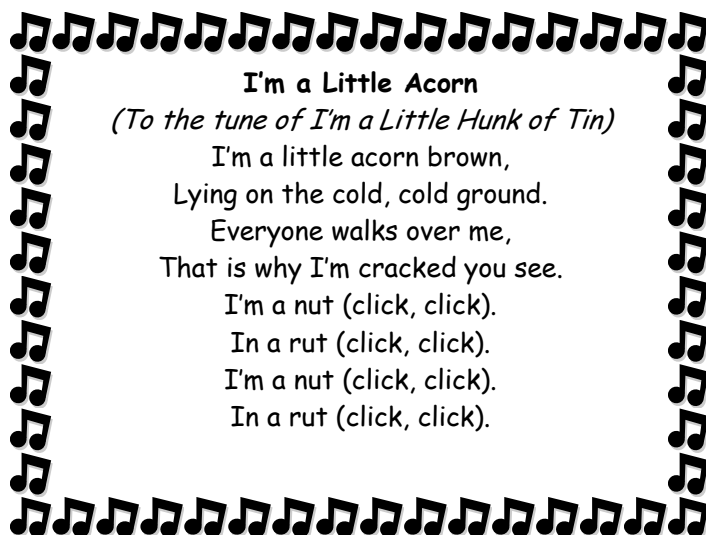
**Monday 12/21/09 thru Friday 1/1/10
CLOSED For Holiday Break**

P: Platteville L: Lancaster

Respite Care

Respite Care is available for any family that needs relief from the day to day stressors of Parenting. If you or someone you know could use respite care please call Family Connections at 1-800-267-1018 or 608-723-3400.

Music



Family/Provider Activities

Fall/Holiday Fun

Recipes

Edible Indian Corn *Ingredients:* Mini marshmallows, butter, puffed corn cereal, raisins, papaya, cranberries, apricots, colorful fruit rollups, popsicle sticks. *Directions:* In a large pot, melt 4 tablespoons of butter and 4 cups of mini marshmallows over low heat (5 minutes). Remove the mixture from stove and stir in 5 cups of puffed cereal and 1 1/3 cups diced dried fruit (raisins, papaya, cranberries, apricots). Allow the mixture to cool for about 10 minutes. Using buttered hands, shape each treat by pressing 1/3 cup of the mixture around a popsicle stick. Add fruit leather husks to the bottom of the ear, slightly moistening them to help them stick if needed. Makes 15 treats. Enjoy!

Pumpkin Fry Bread: *Ingredients:* 2 cups flour, 1 cup milk, 1 tablespoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt. *Directions:* Sift flour, salt and baking powder then add milk and more flour to make dough stiff. Roll out onto floured bread board and cut into 4x4 squares with a slit in the center. Fry in hot cooking oil until golden brown. Drain on plate with paper towels. *Then:* Add the following ingredients shown above to make Pumpkin Fry Bread. 2 cups fresh pumpkin, or 1 16oz can pumpkin, 1 tablespoon milk or water, 3/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla. *Directions:* Drop into hot cooking oil and brown both sides. Serve hot with butter or powdered sugar.

Activities/Crafts

Feather Math: *Materials:* Manila folder, red, blue, yellow, green, purple, and orange construction paper, scissors, glue. *Procedures:* 1. Cut two feathers from each sheet of construction paper. 2. Glue one feather of each color inside the manila folder. 3. Ask the children to match the other feathers to those glued in the folder. *Developmental Bonus:* One-to-one correspondence & color matching

Jolly Round Santa: What you will need: 12 by 18 inch sheet of flesh paper, 12 by 18 inch white paper, assorted colored paper, 9 by 12 inch red paper, scissors, paste. Use a pie plate as a pattern and trace and cut out a circle of flesh paper for the face. The beard is half of a white circle with slits cut half way up and curled with a pencil. Santa's features are pieces of cut colored paper. His hair and mustache are made from the remaining white paper. Add a big red cap with a cotton ball on the top.

Activities/Crafts

Go take a hike/scavenger hunt: What you will need: comfortable shoes, a list of items to find (Family Connections has a nice fall one or make your own), a bag for collection, some water, and a snack. Go for a hike at a state/local park. Find your treasures. A nice way to preserve them is to place them on a piece of paper and put clear contact paper over the top. Another version of this is if you own a GPS is to go Geo-caching. Kids really love finding the hidden treasure along the way. To find local Geo-caching sites visit www.geocaching.com, then search the town of your choice.

Pleated Turkey: What you will need: 9 x 12 inch brown paper, 12 x 18 inch orange paper, assorted colored paper, crayons, paper cement, scissors, 12 x 18 inch black paper. Cut an oval from a 9 x 12 inch sheet of brown paper. Do this by rounding the corners of the paper. Pleat a 12 x 18 inch sheet of orange paper, decorate this pleated fan with crayon to show feather markings. Now glue this to the oval body. Next, cut out a turkey head, wattle, feet and additional feathers from the assorted construction paper. Add these to the turkey construction. Now add crayon highlights or other cut out paper work to the turkey picture.

Wreath Montage: What you will need: old magazines, scissors, paste, 12 by 18 inch red or green paper. Sketch with pencil the largest circle you can make on the colored paper. Draw a smaller circle within to complete your wreath. Thumb through magazines and cut out the most colorful ads you can find. Cut these into pieces any shape, but no larger than one inch in size, younger children can tear. Now start pasting the magazine cutouts within the wreath sketch. Overlap the pieces, so the montage becomes a colorful composition.

Build a Mini Kitchen out of Empty Boxes: What you will need: boxes of all sizes (ask at an appliance store), save recyclables too, contact paper, brownie pan, plastic piping, CDs, black electrical tape, and other miscellaneous items to make it more real. Cover the boxes with white contact paper to disguise the cardboard. Cut a hole in the top of one box and drop a brownie pan in for the sink. For a faucet, connect plastic piping with an elbow joint. To make an oven door, cut three sides of one box, then fold down the bottom edge. Use blank CD's or the undersides of CD's that you don't listen to anymore for the burners; put down black tape in an X shape for the grates. Poke holes with a screwdriver, then attach cabinet pulls, secured with a washer, for the knobs. Have fun while your little one cooks you up something yummy.



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Family Connections

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Family Connections Wish List

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| -Napkins | -Toilet paper |
| -Paper plates | -Paper cups |
| -Paper towels | -Garbage Bags |
| -Wal-Mart Gift Cards | -Baby Wipes |
| -Clorox wipes | -Hand soap (pump) |
| -Juice and nonperishable snacks | |
| -Cleaning supplies | -Hand sanitizer |

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