

Natick Early Childhood Network

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November/December 2009 Activities

Registration lottery deadline: Wednesday, October 28, 2009

- Registration is required for all listed programs and will be conducted by lottery on THURSDAY, October 29.
- Requests may be submitted in person, by phone (508) 655-2557, by fax (508) 655-2753, or via U.S. mail (179 Boden Lane, Natick) at any time prior to the lottery deadline.
- Program requests after the lottery will be honored on a space-available basis.

Parent Workshops/Programs

Date/Time	Title	Description
<p>Wednesday November 18 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Toddlers, Tantrums & Meltdowns, Oh My!</p> <p><i>(Complimentary childcare available.)</i></p>	<p><i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> With the travel, family visits and excitement of holiday traditions during the winter season, we may find that our children have more frequent meltdowns and outbursts in the coming weeks. This workshop will help parents and caregivers understand why young children have tantrums. It will explain how to handle tantrums in a variety of settings. It will also look at ways to avoid tantrums in the future. Parents and caregivers will walk away from this workshop with a sense of control. They will no longer feel swept into a child's tantrum, but will have the tools needed to diffuse it. Appropriate for parents and caregivers of children 15 months – 5 years! Facilitated by Jill Vetstein, Social Worker (LICSW) and Developmental Specialist.</p>
<p>Tuesday December 1 7 - 9 pm</p>	<p>Playgroup Facilitators' Training</p>	<p><i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> Interested in becoming more involved with NECN by facilitating an age- or interest-specific playgroup? Come to this training to get a sense of the general format and expectations. Receive a basic playgroup guide. Get activity ideas! Learn new songs and fingerplays for circle time! Trouble-shoot potentially difficult situations. Mandatory development for all volunteer facilitators. A great resource for community playgroup leaders outside NECN! Facilitated by Program Coordinator Judy Dixon.</p>
<p>Thursday December 10 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Talking About Touching</p> <p><i>(Complimentary childcare available.)</i></p>	<p><i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> One-third of all sexual abuse cases involve children under the age of 5 years. Between 80 and 90% of abusers are known, loved and trusted by their victims. (Committee for Children) How can we protect young children against such staggering numbers? Don't miss this workshop designed to help you protect your child from sexual abuse. Program will include a video entitled <i>What Do I Say Now?</i> and a discussion about teaching personal safety rules and touching safety for young children. You will leave with a basic vocabulary to use with your children throughout their growing years. Facilitated by: Judy Dixon, Program Coordinator & T.A.T. Trainer.</p>

Getting to Here from There: Transportation Provided!

No family should miss out on the support, information or fun of NECN activities because they lack transportation. We have a budget to provide transportation via Natick Cab for families who would like to join in our groups, classes or events. Please let the office know if you require this service when you are requesting registration for any of our programs: 508-655-2557.



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Intergenerational Playgroup

Date/Time	Title	Description
<p>Tuesdays November 17 December 15 9:30 – 11 am</p>	<p>Grandparents Playgroup (children birth thru PreK with grandparent or elder caregiver)</p>	<p><i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> Join us as we continue our monthly “chat and play” group just for grandparents with young grandchildren. Meet other grandparents and talk about the joys and challenges of “hands-on grandparenting.” Playgroup will include adult discussion, free play, crafts, snack and circle time with stories and songs. Adult participants must either live in Natick OR care for a child who lives in Natick. New and returning participants are always welcome to register! Facilitated by NECN Program Coordinator Judy Dixon.</p>

Saturday Playgroups

Date/Time	Title	Description
<p>Saturdays November 14 December 12 with music by Ed Morgan 10:30 am - 12 noon</p>	<p><i>In collaboration with Morse Institute Library...</i> Working Parents Playgroup (children birth thru PreK with adult)</p>	<p><i>Held at the Morse Institute Library in the Lebowitz Meeting Hall, Lower Level.</i> Moms and/or Dads, bring your children for a morning of play and activities while you get a chance to check in with other working parents of young children. A snack, craft and musical circle time are included in the program. New and returning participants are always welcome to register! Facilitated by NECN Working Parent and Educator Hayley Sonneborn.</p>
<p>Saturdays November 21 December 19 with music by Fran Friedman 10:30 am – 12 noon</p>	<p><i>In collaboration with Morse Institute Library...</i> Me & My Dad: A Playgroup for Dads (children birth thru PreK with father/male caregiver)</p>	<p><i>Held at the Morse Institute Library in the Lebowitz Meeting Hall, Lower Level.</i> Fathers and children are invited to enjoy this special time set aside just for them. Come to enjoy free play, crafts, stories, musical circle time and morning snack with other Natick dads and kids. New and returning participants are always welcome to register! Facilitated by NECN Parent and Social Worker Meredith Tarr.</p>

Family Event

Date/Time	Title	Description
<p>Saturday November 7 10 am – 12 noon</p>	<p><i>To benefit the MetroWest Interfaith Hospitality Network for Homeless Families</i> Natick Early Childhood Network Community Celebration (families with children birth thru kindergarten; older siblings too!)</p>	<p><i>Held at Salmon Center/Whitney Place, 3 Vision Drive, Natick..</i> Celebrate our new name and the community we are! Join us for this family event featuring Mary Wilson of Pitter Patter Puppets. The performance will consist of developmentally appropriate interactive puppet play activities specifically designed to stimulate language, literacy, sensory awareness, problem solving, self-expression, phonemic awareness, and story creation. We’ll round out the event with community-minded craft activities and a healthy snack. An optional donation of \$5/family will support the MetroWest Interfaith Hospitality Network.</p>

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Parent/Child Groups

One per family, please. New participants for each program preferred.

Date/Time	Title	Description
Tuesdays Dec. 1 – Jan. 26 NO CLASS Dec. 29 11 am – 12:30 pm	Jeepers, Creepers! Playgroup (children 6 – 12 months with caregiver)	<i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> A playgroup opportunity just for pre-walkers with a parent! Come explore the playroom in this 8-session group as your baby is growing more and more independent and interactive. Enjoy parent chats, quiet observation and stimulating activities for your little one. Bring a lunch from home—no peanut/nut products, please. Facilitated by NECN Program Coordinator Judy Dixon.
Wednesdays Nov. 4 – Dec. 23 NO CLASS Nov. 11 9 – 10:30 am	Wonderful Ones Playgroup (children 12 – 18 months with caregiver)	<i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> Enjoy this 7-session playgroup opportunity just for younger “ones” with a grown-up! Playgroup elements will include: free play, circle time with songs and fingerplays, multi-sensory activities and an opportunity to enjoy snack brought from home—no peanut/nut products, please. Facilitated by NECN Parent Volunteers Emily Lawrance and Jill London.
Fridays Nov. 6 – Dec. 18 9:30 – 11 am	Pitter Patter Playgroup (children 18 – 24 months with caregiver)	<i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> Enjoy this 6-session playgroup just for older “ones” with a grown-up! We’ll meet in the gym for some physical play and then move on to the NECN playroom for: a shared snack; free play; multi-sensory activities; and a brief circle time with story, songs and fingerplays. Facilitated by NECN Parent Volunteer Susannah Hann.

Volunteer Opportunities

Time Frame	Role	Description
January/February, March/April and May/June	Playgroup Facilitator	Bring your child and lead a playgroup for other parents with children of similar ages. No experience necessary. Training and support are provided! (See Facilitators’ Training on Thursday, December 1!)
leading up to and on Saturday, November 7	NECN Community Celebration Volunteer	Help us plan and implement our first family event of the new program year. We’ll need help developing crafts and activities, soliciting refreshments and running the event.
leading up to and on Sunday, February 28	Walk Into The Book Event Volunteer	Help us plan and implement this literacy-themed family event in collaboration with Morse Institute Library. Develop and facilitate an activity related to specific piece of children’s literature (to be determined)—a craft, a game, a musical activity, etc. Let your creativity shine!
December – February	Research Volunteer	Make phone calls and/or check websites to verify and update information for the 2009-2010 Resource Guide for Choosing Child Care. Strong telephone skills and attention to detail are a must! Work may be done from home.

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Lottery Registration Form

Phone: (508) 655-2557 Fax: (508) 655-2753

Mail/Walk-In: Natick Family Network,
179 Boden Lane, Natick, MA 01760

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Please provide all requested information.

Parent name (s): _____ Phone number: _____

Child/children registering for these programs:

Name(s): _____ Date(s) of birth: _____

PARENT WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMS

Toddlers, Tantrums & Meltdowns, Oh My! (with child care for ___ child/children?)

Playgroup Facilitators' Training

Talking About Touching (with child care for ___ child/children?)

INTERGENERATIONAL GROUP

Grandparents Playgroup Nov. 17 **and/or** Dec. 15 (Choose one or both!)

SATURDAY PLAYGROUPS

Working Parents Playgroup Nov. 14 **and/or** Dec. 12 (Choose one or both!)

Me & My Dad Playgroup Nov. 21 **and/or** Dec. 19 (Choose one or both!)

FAMILY EVENT

Natick Early Childhood Network Community Celebration

PARENT/CHILD GROUPS

- ***DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONLY ONE PARENT/CHILD GROUP PER SESSION.***
- ***NEW PARTICIPANTS IN EACH PROGRAM TYPE WILL BE PLACED FIRST.***
- ***PLEASE INDICATE A 2nd CHOICE IF YOUR CHILD IS AGE-ELIGIBLE FOR ANOTHER GROUP.***

Jeepers Creepers Playgroup (6 - 12 months)

Wonderful Ones Playgroup (12 - 18 months)

Pitter Patter Playgroup (18 - 24 months)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Your email address, please: _____)

Playgroup Facilitator

NECN Community Celebration Event Volunteer

Walk into the Book Event Volunteer

Resource Guide Research Volunteer

We will make every effort to call you back within 3 working days of our lottery to confirm your registration.

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