

# Connections



## Sometimes Its Okay to Be "Just Like Your Mother!"

Parent-to-Parent Column by: Lisa Lacey

Do you remember the first time you heard your mother's (or father's) voice coming out of your mouth? My twin boys are only 2.5, but I feel like I've said "Well, we'll see," to them about 100 times already. Amazingly, the meaning of "we'll see" hasn't changed since 1975: it still means: "no way."

For all the years I spent trying to pretend that I didn't have parents (most of the early 1980s, basically), I am amazed at how much their good parenting helps me every day. One thing that I still remember from days as long ago as the early 1970s, is my mother playing with us. She'd run around outside, do cartwheels, go on the swings. I remember one of my friends saying "I like your Mom. She always plays with you."

She didn't always play with me – a lot of the time she was attending to, what I now know is a Herculean task, keeping everything in our house and lives in perfect working order. But other than when we were sneaking the second half hour of the Brady Bunch while she made dinner, the part that I really remember well is her being with us outside, in the playroom, at the park.

I was at the park with my boys a few weeks ago, and I caught myself checking my email when I should have been running around with them, or at least watching them. And I started to wonder: will there be some sort of fallout for children whose parents are on their Blackberries and iPhones so constantly? Other than the obvious and literal fallout (the poor little boy who fell from the top of a ladder that he had no business climbing, while his mother or babysitter updated her Facebook status or returned a client email), I wonder: is there something that changes in a child who consistently feels like his parent is only giving him half of her attention?

I heard a group of teenagers talking about this at Starbucks a few weeks ago, and I was pretty stunned. They looked to be about 14 – the age at which I was humiliated to have my mother be within 50 feet of me – yet they were saying things like, "My Mom is always on her phone – she barely notices I'm around," and "I can't imagine what I would have turned out like if my parents had, had Blackberries when I was little – they never get off them."

After hearing that conversation, I made a pact with myself. I work full-time, although I am able to be home with my boys on Mondays. Technically, I am supposed to be working from home on those days, and need to be "available." In the past, that meant that I was checking my Blackberry constantly while at the park, Children's Museum, or while my boys ran and played in our yard. I told myself that the smart phone was enabling me to spend more time with them; really, it was just compromising the quality of that time.

For the past several weeks, I have tried to leave my phone in the car on our Monday outings. I do not check my email, text, or return phone calls until their nap time. This has been an epiphany for me. I realized that I have *never*, in two years, gotten an email or text on a Monday that needed to be answered immediately. However, I have gotten many emails that really annoyed me, or stressed me out in a way that had a direct effect on my boys: I was impatient or short with them, and not really "present." And they knew it. My past two Mondays with them have been amazing – I have been able to have fun with them, have been more patient, calmer and happier, and best of all, I have been there for each funny comment, each "look at me, Mommy!" and every minute in between.

Another thing that my mother was right about, and which hasn't changed since 1975? How fast time flies, and how quickly kids grow up. My boys almost don't fit in my lap anymore. And I don't want to waste one more second texting while they still do.

## Natick Early Childhood Network



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## NECN November/December Activities

### Adult/Child Programs (Registration Required)

<p>Mondays; 9:30-11a Nov 14– Dec 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Practicing for Preschool</b> (children 2-4 yrs with an adult)</p>	<p><b>Held at the Cole Center.</b> This 6-week program has a special component for both caregivers and children. Parents will join Jill Vetstein, LICSW who is a parent of 2, in the classroom to discuss preparing yourself and your child for the transition to preschool. In the meantime, children will join Lindsey Tarrant, NECN Program Coordinator in the playroom to experience a preschool-like curriculum. Snack will be provided for children in this class.</p>
<p>Tuesdays; 11:30-1p Nov 8– Dec 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wonderful Ones</b> (children 12-24mo with an adult)</p>	<p><b>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom.</b> Enjoy this 6-session playgroup opportunity just for “ones” with a grown-up! Playgroup elements will include: free play, circle time with songs and fingerplays, multi-sensory activities and time to enjoy a snack brought from home (no peanut/nut products, please). <i>Facilitated by Lindsey Tarrant, NECN Program Coordinator.</i></p>
<p>Wednesdays; 9:30-11a Nov 9– Dec 21 NO CLASS Nov 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Terrific Twos</b> (children 24-36mo with an adult)</p>	<p><b>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom.</b> Enjoy this 6-session playgroup opportunity just for “twos” with a grown-up! This is a great opportunity to connect with others and to discuss the terrible and terrific twos with those who really understand. Playgroup elements will include: free play, circle time with songs and fingerplays, multi-sensory activities and time to enjoy a snack brought from home- no peanut/nut products, please. <i>Facilitated by Hayley Sonneborn, NECN Parent.</i></p>
<p>Wednesdays; 11:30-1p Nov 9– Dec 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jeepers Creepers</b> (children 6-12mo with an adult)</p>	<p><b>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom.</b> A playgroup opportunity just for pre-walkers with a parent! Come explore the playroom in this 6-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 snack from home—no peanut/nut products, please. <i>Facilitated by Shawnee Miranda, NECN Parent and veteran Nanny.</i></p>
<p>Fridays; 10:30-12 Nov 4, Dec 9 &amp; 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mandarin Chat &amp; Play</b> (children birth-PreK with an adult)</p>	<p><b>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom.</b> This 3-session playgroup includes free play, craft, snack, and a circle time facilitated in Mandarin! This is a great group for bi-lingual families! Please do your best to sign in at the door in English with family’s name and child’s name. Enjoy time to enjoy a nut-free snack brought from home. <i>Facilitated by NECN Parent Tien-Yiao Hsu.</i></p>
<p>Tuesdays; 3-4p Nov 15 &amp; Dec 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grandparents are Great!</b> (children birth-PreK with a grandparent)</p>	<p><b>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom.</b> This once a month chat &amp; play is for grandparents who are supporting young families by sharing in the care of young children. Bring your little one to the playroom and enjoy a facilitated playgroup just for you and others like you. 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. Snack provided. <i>Facilitated by Eleanor Brody, M.L.S, and Educator.</i></p>
<p>Fridays; 9:30-11a Nov 4– Dec 16 NO CLASS Nov 11 &amp; 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nuttin’ But Nannies</b> (children birth-K with an adult)</p>	<p><b>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom.</b> Nannies play an important role in a child’s developmental life, so here is a group just for you! Join us for 5 weeks of free play, crafts, and a circle time with stories and songs. Natick nannies will have the opportunity to connect and share the joys and challenges involved when playing a rearing role in someone else’s child’s life. <i>Facilitated by NECN Nanny, Rebecca Brunell.</i></p>

## Saturday Groups (Registration Required)

Saturday; 10:30-12p November 12 & December 3	In Collaboration with Morse Institute Library.... <b>Tots &amp; Tales</b> (children 2-6yrs old with an adult)	<b>Held at the Cole Center (Nov 12) &amp; The Morse Institute Library, Lebowitz Meeting Hall (Dec 3)</b> A wonderful way to share books with your toddler or preschooler! Participants engage in play, story, songs and creative craft activities centered on a book theme. Then, they receive a free copy of the featured book at each of the sessions to connect the experience at home! Facilitated by Judy Dixon, educator and veteran NECN Coordinator.
Saturday; 10:30-12p November 19 & December 10	In Collaboration with Morse Institute Library.... <b>Me &amp; My Dad</b> (children birth-PreK with father/male caregiver)	<b>Held at the Morse Institute Library in the Lebowitz Meeting Hall.</b> 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 Judy Dixon, educator and veteran NECN Coordinator.

## Parent Workshops (Registration Required)

Mondays: 9:30-11a Nov 14 - Dec 19	<b>Practicing for Preschool</b> for parents of 2-4 yrs.*	*See Adult/Child Programs above. This is a 6-week parent workshop running in conjunction with a preschool-like curriculum for your child in our playroom.
Wednesday, November 9th 7:00-8:30p	In Collaboration with The Goddard School of Wayland... <b>Nutrition in the Early Years</b>  (Transportation available Upon Request)	<b>Held at The Goddard School of Wayland.</b> Ever wonder what you should be feeding your child? This parent workshop will present the basics of quality nutrition and give you tips on how to provide an adequate diet for your child. Topics will include: what to feed your child and what your child needs, choosing the best foods, how to encourage healthy habits, vitamins and minerals, and food allergies. Nutrition plays a critical role in the development of a child and we all strive to give our kids the best. Facilitated by Meredith Hendricks RD, LPN, CPT-President of Nufitness, Corp and Clinical Nutritionist at Metrowest Medical Center.
Thursday, December 8th 7:00-8:30p	<b>Toilet Learning: Making the Transition from Diapers to Potty</b> (Childcare & Transportation available Upon Request)	<b>Held at The Cole Center.</b> You already know WHO and WHY. Now come to discuss WHERE, WHEN and HOW! Learn to identify the signs that your child is developmentally ready to begin the transition from diapers to potty. Then learn the difference between "toilet training" techniques and "toilet learning" strategies. Define your role in the process. Gain ideas for motivating your child to use the potty once he/she is ready and discuss common roadblocks to success. Finally, enjoy the opportunity to ask questions and share the joys and challenges of ditching the diapers with other parents who really understand. Ideal for parents with children 1 - 4 years. <i>Facilitated by Judith Dixon, M. Ed.</i>

## Free Play Opportunities (NO Registration Needed)

\* For children w/an adult caregiver, check the calendar for this session's scheduled times.

**Drop In** (NECN Playroom): a free, safe space away from home to play and meet other Natick families.

**Open Gym** (Cole Center Gym): great for practicing gross motor skills and to "shake your sillies" out.

**KiddieKraft** (Classroom across from NECN): offers children an opportunity to experiment with art and craft materials.

**MusicMinute** (NECN Playroom): Join Miss Lindsey for some singing and dancing!

**Japanese Chat & Play** (NECN Playroom): an informal playtime for Japanese speakers.

## Local Children's/Family Opportunities Cont...

<p>MetroWest Mothers &amp; More www.metrowestmothersandmore.org</p>	<p><b>FREE New Parent/Child Playgroups for Young Children!</b></p>
<p>Parents Helping Parents 800-632-8188 www.parentshelpingparents.org</p>	<p><b>FREE Parent Support Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mondays 6- 7:30p in Framingham; childcare available</li> </ul>
<p>Destination Maternity 104 Worcester St, Natick 508-653-1605 www.destinationmaternity.com</p>	<p><b>FREE Mommy and Baby Classes</b></p>
<p>Natick Cooperative Playgroup First Baptist Church, 13 Common Street, Natick www.natickcooperativeplaygroup.com</p>	<p><b>Parent/Child Playgroups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M, T, Th, F 9:30-11:30a</li> </ul>
<p>Home Depot 339 Speen Street, Natick 508-647-9600 www.homedepot.com</p>	<p><b>FREE Kid Workshops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturdays, Nov 5 &amp; Dec 3 ; 9a-12p</li> </ul>
<p>Michaels 1395 Worcester Rd, Natick 508-652-8054 www.michaels.com</p>	<p><b>FREE Craft Times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday &amp; Sunday Crafts</li> <li>• Children 3 &amp; up</li> </ul>
<p>Barnes &amp; Noble 1 Worcester Rd, Framingham 508-628-5567 www.barnesandnoble.com</p>	<p><b>FREE Story Times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pajamarama, Fridays @ 7p</li> <li>• Visit website for more dates</li> </ul>
<p>Morse Institute Library 14 E. Central Street, Natick 508-647-6520 www.morseinstitute.org</p>	<p><b>FREE Learn English Classes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginners/Intermediate Thursdays 6:30-8p</li> <li>• Intermediate Fridays 10:30a-12p</li> </ul> <p><b>FREE Story, Craft, Music &amp; Film Times for 0-10 yrs</b></p>
<p>GymFit 148 E. Central Street, Natick 508-651-3838 www.gymfit.us</p>	<p><b>Open Gym:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesdays 10-11a, Thursdays 10-11a &amp; 3:30-4:30, Fridays 10:30-11:30a</b></li> <li>• 1-5yrs old, \$6 per child</li> </ul> <p><b>Kids Fun Night Out:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturdays, 5-8:30p for children 2-11yrs old, DROP OFF!</li> </ul>
<p>The Center for Arts, Natick (TCAN) 14 Summer Street, Natick 508-647-0097 www.natickarts.org</p>	<p><b>Family Performances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pumpernickel Puppets: Sir George &amp; The Dragon Saturday, November 19th, 11a-12p</li> <li>• Circus Minimus': One-Man Circus in-a-Suitcase Saturday, December 3rd, 11a-12p</li> </ul>
<p>Bacon Free Library 58 Eliot Street, Natick 508-653-6730 www.baconfreelibrary.org</p>	<p><b>FREE Story Times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesdays &amp; Fridays 10a</li> </ul>
<p>Danforth Museum of Art 123 Union Avenue, Framingham 508-620-0050 www.danforthmuseum.org</p>	<p><b>FREE Drop Into Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For children 5-10 with an adult</li> <li>• First Sunday of every month 2-4p</li> </ul> <p><b>Bring Your Baby to the Museum!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-11:30a Thursdays Nov 17 &amp; Dec 15</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday Story Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-Age up to 6yrs, Second Sunday of every month @ 1:30p</li> </ul>
<p>Natick Recreation &amp; Parks Department 179 Boden Lane, Natick 508-647-6530</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spaces still available in the Tues, Wed, Thurs "On My Own" Playgroups at a prorated cost.</b></li> </ul>

## Community Resources

<b>Child Care Resource Center, Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.cercinc.org">www.cercinc.org</a> 617-547-1063	Assistance in locating local childcare, linkage to state financial assistance for childcare.
<b>Criterion-Middlesex Early Intervention</b> <a href="http://www.criterionchild.com/ei_mid.html">www.criterionchild.com/ei_mid.html</a> 508-620-1442	Development evaluations, therapies, and playgroups.
<b>Natick Public Schools</b> <a href="http://www.natickps.org">www.natickps.org</a> 508-647-6500	Serves children with special needs beginning at age 3 and provides transitional support for incoming kindergarteners.
<b>Natick Family Child Care Association</b> <a href="http://natickfamilychildcare.vpweb.com">http://natickfamilychildcare.vpweb.com</a>	Network of family childcare providers, information about availability.
<b>Mass 2-1-1</b> <a href="http://www.mass211.org">www.mass211.org</a> Dial 2-1-1 on Touchtone phone	Free access to health and human services, information and referral.
<b>A Place to Turn</b> <a href="http://www.aplacetoturn-natick.org">www.aplacetoturn-natick.org</a> 508-655-8868	Provides emergency food and clothing.
<b>Natick Service Council</b> <a href="http://www.natickservicecouncil.org">www.natickservicecouncil.org</a> 508-655-1791	Services include: food pantry, thrift shop, eviction prevention, utility aid, crisis counseling, dental and mental health programs, and career development.
<b>Natick Human Services Department</b> <a href="http://natickma.gov/Public_Documents/NatickMA_Human/index">http://natickma.gov/Public_Documents/NatickMA_Human/index</a> 508-647-6519	Information and referral, support accessing services, crisis intervention, family counseling, and emergency financial assistance.
<b>Natick SEPAC</b> <a href="http://www.natickps.org/Districtinfo/sepac/main.cfm">www.natickps.org/Districtinfo/sepac/main.cfm</a> NatickSepac@gmail.com	Special Education Parent Advisory Committee- dedicated to providing information, recommendations and friendships to families in Natick looking for some connections.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Parent/Child Playgroup Facilitators	Involves running a once a week program for 6 weeks and developing an agenda. Materials are provided by NECN. Groups can be multi-age and theme-based.
Childcare for Parent Workshops	Involves 2 hrs of "babysitting" while other parents attend a workshop across the hall. This does not involve changing diapers.
Fundraisers	NECN is currently looking for volunteers to help organize and run a community yard sale and format/organize recipes for a family cookbook.
"Welcome Baby" Bag Deliverers	Involves picking up bags from NECN, taking them to household of new parent and either leaving the bag if no one is home, or introducing yourself to the parent and inform them of NECN.

## NECN Wish List

HP Black & Colored Ink (96 & 97)  
 Colored Laser Copy Paper  
 Office Supply Store Gift Card  
 Craft Store Gift Card  
 6 oz Paper Cups  
 Paper Plates  
 Contact Paper  
 Napkins  
 1 Gallon Jug of Elmer's School Glue  
 Antibacterial Wipes

*"Discover why some of the richest people in the world are not millionaires, they are volunteers."*  
 ~Anonymous

*I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catchers mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.*  
 ~Maya Angelou

\*Monetary donations welcome, checks can be made to ACCEPT Education Collaborative.

# Provider Support

## How Can NECN Help You?

NECN is funded through a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant from the Department of Early Education and Care. As part of our grant, we help provide linkages to professional development opportunities for early education and care providers in Natick.

NECN can offer providers referrals to mental health consultants and other services that may be needed at your location.

As part of the QRIS, licensed early education and care providers are required to meet standards involving community engagement. NECN has multiple volunteer opportunities for providers throughout the year. This results in a mutually beneficial relationship as your organization provides support to us, we help you meet QRIS requirements as well as provide an opportunity to inform the community about your center or family child care.

## Directors Collaborative

The Directors Collaborative is a group of early education and care providers from Framingham and Natick. Our meetings give providers an opportunity to network, share ideas, and resources, as well as gather information about licensure. Meeting locations alternate from Framingham and Natick and are supported by Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham and Natick Early Childhood Network.

**Thursday, November 3rd; 9:00-10:00a**  
**The Cole Center**  
**179 Boden Lane, Natick**

**Tuesday, December 6th; 9:00-10:00a**  
**King Administration Building**  
**454 Water St, Framingham**

## NECN Council

The NECN Council is a group of community organizations, parents, childcare providers, and others dedicated to supporting Natick families. The purpose of the council is to address perceived challenges in accessibility and availability of services through collaboration and measure NECN's progress in meeting objectives. Together we can weave a network of quality opportunities for families in Natick! Please contact our office for upcoming dates: 508-655-2557.

## Professional Qualifications Registry Information

All educators must be registered on EEC's Professional Qualifications Registry (PQ Registry) before they can enroll in any professional trainings or college courses. This includes educators in licensed AND license-exempt programs. Your official PQ Registry number is required on all application forms. To find out more about the PQ Registry, talk to your Director or supervisor, or go to:  
<https://www.eec.state.ma.us/PQRegistry/>.

For EEC's Statewide Training Calendar Visit:  
[www.eec.state.ma.us/ProfessionalDevelopment/WebFindTrainings.aspx](http://www.eec.state.ma.us/ProfessionalDevelopment/WebFindTrainings.aspx)

## Local Professional Development Opportunities

### From COMPASS for Kids

[www.parentingresourceassociates.org](http://www.parentingresourceassociates.org)

*Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders (2 parts)*  
Wednesdays, November 6th & December 7th; 7:00- 9:00p  
The Cottage Children's Center, 197 Union St, Marlborough  
\$25 fee

*Challenging School-Age Temperaments & Behavior*  
Thursday, November 10th; 7:00-9:00p  
Whitney Place, 3 Vision Drive, Natick  
\$25 fee

### *Toddler Biting*

Thursday, December 8th; 7:00-9:00p  
Whitney Place, 3 Vision Drive, Natick  
\$25 fee

### From CCRC, Inc

[www.cccrcinc.org](http://www.cccrcinc.org)

For More Info Contact: Linda Zicko, 617-547-1063 x237

### *Infants & Toddlers: ED223*

Saturdays, November 5th- December 17th; 8:30- 2:30p  
Mass Bay Community College, 19 Flagg Drive, Framingham  
\$50+cost of books (3 credit course)

### *Foundations of Creative Curriculum in Family Child Care*

Saturday, November 19th; 9:30-3:30p  
Waltham Family YMCA, 725 Lexington St, Waltham  
\$25 fee for providers accepting vouchers, \$50 for others

### *Play is Teaching, Play is Learning for Infants & Toddlers*

Mondays, November 7th & 14th; 6:30-9:00p  
Hosmer School, 7 Concord Rd, Watertown  
\$25 fee for providers accepting vouchers, \$50 for others

### *Room to Grow: Improving Infant/Toddler Spaces*

Wednesdays, November 30th & December 7th; 6:30-9:00p  
Westwood High School, 200 Nahatan St, Westwood  
\$25 fee for providers accepting vouchers, \$50 for others

### *What is QRIS & How Do I Get Started?*

Tuesdays, November 1st & 8th; 6:30-9:00p  
Westwood High School, 200 Nahatan St, Westwood  
\$25 fee for providers accepting vouchers, \$50 for others

### From The Early Childhood Professionals Association

[www.tecpa.org](http://www.tecpa.org)

**508-655-3813**

### *Individualized Healthcare Plans for Young Children*

Thursday, November 3rd; 6:30-8:30p (6p light dinner)  
First Baptist Church, 808 High St, Westwood  
\$25 fee

### *Executive Function & Executive Functioning Disorders in Young Children*

Wednesday, November 16; 6:30-8:30p (6p light dinner)  
Morse Institute Library, 14 E. Central St., Natick  
\$25 fee

### *An Overview on Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Wednesday, November 30; 6:30-8:30p (6p light dinner)  
Needham Public Library, 1139 Highland Ave, Needham

# Natick Early Childhood Network



# Registration Form

Phone: (508) 655-2557

(If you leave voicemail, please give all details as requested form below!)

Mail, or drop in envelope on our door:  
Natick Early Childhood Network  
179 Boden Lane, Natick, MA 01760

Registration lottery deadline:  
Tuesday, 11/1/2011

*Please provide all requested information:*

Parent name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver (other than parent) who will bring child(ren) to program: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/children registering for these programs: # of children under 9 yrs in your family \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARENT/CHILD GROUPS

- Due to space limitations you are eligible to participate in only one parent/child group per 2-month program cycle.
- New Participants in each program type will be placed first..

\_\_\_ Nuttin' But Nannies (multi-age)

\_\_\_ Tots & Tales (2-6yrs)

\_\_\_ Jeepers Creepers (6-12mo)

\_\_\_ Me & My Dad (multi-age)

\_\_\_ Wonderful Ones (12-24mo)

\_\_\_ Grandparents are Great! (multi-age)

\_\_\_ Terrific Twos (24-36mo)

\_\_\_ Mandarin Chat & Play (multi-age)

\_\_\_ Practicing for Preschool (2-4yrs)

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

\_\_\_ Nutrition in the Early Years

\_\_\_ Toilet Learning \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children in Childcare

*We will make every effort to call you back within 2 working days of our lottery to confirm your registration.*

*If you are pleased with the programs offered this session, consider donating to support our efforts!  
Checks can be made out to ACCEPT Education Collaborative.*

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### **Get Involved!**

#### **Attention Community Members:**

#### **You are invited to join the NECN Council!**

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Call 508-655-2557 for more information.

#### **Parent Programming Committee**

The Parent Programming Committee or PPC is a group of parents who utilize NECN's services and help the Program Coordinator make decisions about programming to ensure that the services offered are relevant to the needs of Natick families. Learn more about why we do what we do, and become involved in putting together our bi-monthly schedule! For more information contact Lindsey Tarrant, Program Coordinator at 508-655-2557 or [ltarrant@accept.org](mailto:ltarrant@accept.org).

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