

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

<p><i>MetroWest Mothers &amp; More</i> www.metrowestmothersandmore.org</p>	<p><b>FREE New Parent/Child Playgroups for Young Children!</b></p>
<p><i>Parents Helping Parents</i> 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><i>Destination Maternity</i> 104 Worcester St, Natick 508-653-1605 www.destinationmaternity.com</p>	<p><b>FREE Mommy and Baby Classes</b></p>
<p><i>Natick Cooperative Playgroup</i> 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><i>Home Depot</i> 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>• Saturday, January 7 ; 9a-12p</li> </ul>
<p><i>Michaels</i> 1395 Worcester Rd, Natick 508-652-8054 www.michaels.com</p>	<p><b>FREE Craft Times</b> (<i>Check Website for More Details</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday &amp; Sunday Crafts</li> <li>• Children 3 &amp; up</li> </ul>
<p><i>Barnes &amp; Noble</i> 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><i>Morse Institute Library</i> 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><i>GymFit</i> 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>W, Th, &amp; Fri- times vary check online or call ahead!</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><i>The Center for Arts, Natick (TCAN)</i> 14 Summer Street, Natick 508-647-0097 www.natickart.org</p>	<p><b>Family Performances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Rudnick &amp; Friends Saturday, January 14th, 11a-12p</li> <li>• Butterworth Marionettes: Carnivale Saturday, January 28th, 11a-12p</li> </ul>
<p><i>Bacon Free Library</i> 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><i>Danforth Museum of Art</i> 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 Jan 19 &amp; Feb 16</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><i>Natick Recreation &amp; Parks Department</i> 179 Boden Lane, Natick 508-647-6530</p>	<p><b>Toddler &amp; Preschool Classes</b> <b>"On My Own" Playgroup</b></p>

## Community Resources

<b>Child Care Resource Center, Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.ccrinc.org">www.ccrinc.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> <a href="mailto:NatickSepac@gmail.com">NatickSepac@gmail.com</a>	Special Education Parent Advisory Committee- dedicated to providing information, recommendations and friendships to families in Natick looking for some connections.
<b>South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)</b> <a href="http://www.smoc.org">www.smoc.org</a> 508-620-2645	Services include: childcare/Head Start, housing assistance, counseling, resource and referral, shelters, among other supportive services.

## 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. Help needed January 26th from 6:45-8:30p
Fundraisers	NECN is currently looking for volunteers to help organize and run a community yard sale and format/organize recipes for a family cookbook.

## NECN Wish List

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

~Anonymous

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

*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.