



# Early Times

Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church

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Part of the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia

*The Vision of the Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church is: All infants and toddlers with a developmental need are identified, supported, accepted, included and valued in their family and community.*

## A Note from the Director

Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans on May 14 and our Annual ITC Family Picnic had to be cancelled for the first time. We were expecting record numbers, so everyone was sorely disappointed. But Early Intervention Month (MAY) comes around **every year, so we hope you'll be able to join us in 2012.**

I am still looking for a few more parents to join the FFICC. Do you want to learn more about ITC Fairfax-Falls Church, as well as ITC at the state level? Would you like to meet other key stakeholders who care about Fairfax County's very young children? Do you enjoy policy and procedure and sharing your perspective as a parent in ITC? Then please consider becoming a member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Interagency Coordinating Council (FFICC). This group of representatives from various local government agencies, non-profits and the school system, meets approximately 5-6 times per year, for two hours, at the Government Center, to share information. To learn more about the FFICC, please contact me. Wishing your family a wonderful summer season!

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## ITCFF's PURPOSE

The Infant & Toddler Connection of Fairfax-Falls Church provides early intervention supports and services to infants and toddlers from birth to age three who are not developing as expected or who have a medical condition that can delay normal development. Early intervention supports and services focus on increasing the child's participation in family and community activities that are important to the family. In addition, supports and services focus on helping parents and other caregivers know how to find ways to help the child learn during everyday activities. These supports and services are available for all eligible children and their families regardless of the family's ability to pay.

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## Safe Kids Fairfax County Offers Summer Safety Tips

Parents and caregivers should keep these tips in mind so safety stays a top priority this summer:

- ◆ Actively supervise your child when engaging in summertime activities, such as swimming and playing on playgrounds and backyards.
- ◆ **Use the appropriate safety gear for your child's activities, such as a helmet for wheeled sports and sporting activities, a car seat or booster seat as appropriate, and a life jacket for open water swimming and boating.**
- ◆ Role model proper safety behavior. Children are more likely to follow safety rules when they see their parents doing so.
- ◆ An inflatable pool needs to be surrounded by a fence, just like any other pool, and parents need to empty these pools when not in use.
- ◆ Make sure your home playground is safe. Keep 12 inches of safe surfacing, such as mulch, shredded rubber or fine sand, extending at least six feet in all directions around the equipment.
- ◆ Keep children away from the grill area while preheating and cooking, and while the grill is cooling.
- ◆ Remove potential poisons from your yard, including poisonous plants, pesticides & pool chemicals.
- ◆ Walk all the way around a parked vehicle to check for children before entering a car and starting the motor.
- ◆ **Don't let children play in driveways, streets, parking lots or unfenced yards adjacent to busy streets.**
- ◆ **Apply sunscreen rated SPF 15 or higher to your child's exposed skin 15 to 30 minutes before going out, and reapply frequently.**
- ◆ Make sure your child drinks plenty of water. A child who seems tired or achy should rest in the **shade or go inside for a while. Get immediate medical help any time a child's skin is hot to the touch (with or without perspiration), if a child has a seizure, or if they become disoriented in hot weather.**

For more information about summer safety, call 703-776-3259 or visit [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).

# Summer Fun Close to Home

## WATER PARKS

Our Special Harbor Sprayground – The fully accessible complex features Chesapeake Bay-themed attractions, a beach area with soft bubblers, computerized water maze and dumping crab basket, all in a zero water-depth area.

FREE ADMISSION

Lee District Park & Recreation Center  
6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia 703-922-9841

The Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole – Slides, flumes, sprays, showers, floatables, interactive play features with a Western theme and Tenderfoot Pond for toddlers.

ADMISSION FEE

Lake Fairfax Park 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive,  
Reston 703-471-5414



\*\*\* New Carousel at Frying Pan Park too!

## SPECIAL PARKS

Clemyjontri Park with the new Liberty Swing, a swing for children who use wheelchairs. The two-acre park is fully accessible and features a carousel. FEE FOR CAROUSEL  
6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean 703-388-2807

Burke Lake Park featuring a carousel, mini-train and ice cream parlor, along with wooded playground.

FEE FOR CAROUSEL & TRAIN

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station 703-323-6601

## WAGON RIDES FEE FOR RIDES

Frying Pan Farm Park, Herndon 703-437-9101

Riverbend Park, Great Falls 703-759-9018

Sully Historic Site, Chantilly 703-437-1794

Huntley Meadows Park, Alexandria 703-768-2525

Laurel Hill/Hidden Pond Nature Center., Springfield  
703-451-9588

## CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT—Songs, Music, Puppets, Magic and more ...

FREE Saturday Mornings 10-11am, June 11-August 20

Burke Lake Park – 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

Lake Fairfax Park – 1400 Lake Fairfax Park, Reston

E.C. Lawrence Park – 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly

Mason District Park – 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale

FREE Wednesday Mornings 10-11 a.m., June 8-August 17

Frying Pan Farm Park – 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

For a complete listing of all Fairfax County park performances and events, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

## **Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods**

Family friendly performances Tuesdays through Saturdays at 10 and 11:15 a.m., June 28-August 13

Tickets are required for everyone 3 & older, \$8 for both shows. For a complete listing of performances, go to

[http://www.wolftrap.org/Education/Childrens\\_Theatre-in-the-Woods.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Education/Childrens_Theatre-in-the-Woods.aspx).

Theatre in the Woods is behind Filene Center at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA

## Websites You Can Use

**CELL** The Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL) has released three new CELLcasts for parents (audio/video versions of CELL practice guides for viewing online or downloading to an iPod/Mp3 player) (1) Baby's First Picture Books (look at picture books with your infant); (2) My Turn, Your Turn (help your toddler develop turn-taking skills); and (3) Wacky Word Games (have language fun with your preschooler). [http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/ta\\_cellcasts1.php](http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/ta_cellcasts1.php)

Also new from CELL are CELLpops, which are interactive web versions of CELL mini-posters that parents can use in their homes. Two are now available: Meals and Snacks and Bath Time Fun give parents fun ways to incorporate opportunities for early literacy learning into routine meal times and bath time. [http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/ta\\_cell\\_pop1.php](http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/ta_cell_pop1.php)

**NICHCY** This section of the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities' new website addresses the developmental needs of babies and toddlers with disabilities or delays (up to the 3rd birthday). Here, you can connect with an overview of early intervention, how to have a child evaluated free of charge to see if there's a disability or delay involved, parent participation, how to write the services plan

for a child, effective practices in early intervention, and planning for a child's transition from early intervention to preschool. <http://www.nichcy.org/babies> Also from NICHCY—Making children's transition out of early intervention smooth. Visit the Transition to Preschool page for guidance on how to smooth the path ahead for each child and family.

<http://nichcy.org/babies/transition>

**NECTAC** National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center supported by the U.S. Department of Education's [Office of Special Education Programs](http://www.nectac.org) (OSEP). NECTAC serves Part C-Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities Programs and Part B-Section 619 Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities in all 50 states and 10 jurisdictions to improve service systems and outcomes for children and families. This fact sheet provides a brief overview of the Part C program and quick facts from the research on early brain development, the importance of intervening early, the benefits of early intervention, and current unmet needs.

[http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/eifactsheet\\_2pg.pdf](http://www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/eifactsheet_2pg.pdf)

Also from NECTAC - Transition from Part C resources:

<http://www.nectac.org/topics/transition/transition.asp>

June 2011

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Every Friday Night, June through August 7:30pm  
 Movies Under the Stars FREE  
 David R. Pinn Community Center, 10225 Zion Drive, Fairfax  
 Gather your family and join us every Friday night for a fun-filled evening as we watch movies outside under the stars! Rain or Shine. For a complete listing of movies, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/news/ni2011/mutspcc.htm>.

Saturday, June 25 8:30-11:00am  
 An Exclusive Invitation for Families FREE  
**with Special Needs to the opening of "Cars 2"**, presented by Waddell Group  
**AMC Tyson's Corner 1, Route 7/Route 123, McLean**  
 In addition to the movie, there will be coffee, an introduction to financial planning for families and information from resource providers. Seating is limited and online RSVP by June 22 is required. Go to [www.waddellgroup.net](http://www.waddellgroup.net) for more information.

Upcoming Workshops/Events

Saturday, June 25 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Safety Seat Saturday – Free Safety Seat inspections conducted by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department**  
 Fairfax County Public Safety Center  
 10550 Page Avenue, Fairfax  
 Sheriff's deputies trained and certified in child safety seat inspection will help parents and caregivers ensure that a child fits securely in the safety seat and that the safety seat fits securely in the vehicle seat. Bring your vehicle and safety seat(s). Bring your child, too...if he or she is available!



Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 2-30 (No class: June 16)  
 Drop-in 9:30-11 a.m. Reston Comm. Center Hunters Woods  
 Tuesdays & Fridays, July 5-Aug. 23  
 Drop-in 9:30-11 a.m. Reston CC Lake Anne  
**Tot Time** (Infant-3 years old) is an unstructured, drop-in play group that encourages parents to socialize with one another while their children become acquainted. Toys, games, books, and music are provided.



Saturday, July 2 & Saturday, August 6 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
 Open Playtime in the Activity Room FREE  
 Sherwood Center

3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax Ages 1-6  
 Come enjoy playtime with your friends! The new Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center offers open playtime in a state of the art activity room. Bring your kids and enjoy the variety of toys we have to play with at the center. Parent supervision is required. Space is limited. First come, first served.



Saturday, July 16 12-5 p.m.  
 7th Annual POAC-NoVA Picnic BBQ FREE  
 Knights of Columbus Edward Douglas White (EDW) Hall, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington  
 Tons of fun for the whole family! This event is open to anyone in the autism community. Bring your family, your favorite therapists. Rain or Shine. Contact [bbq@poac-nova.org](mailto:bbq@poac-nova.org) to RSVP and for potluck info.



Monday-Wednesday, July 18-20  
 Shining Stars 8th Annual Early Childhood Conference  
**"Shining Stars: Charting the Future for Today's Children"**  
 The Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA  
 This statewide conference will focus on evidence-based practices that facilitate the social & emotional development of infants, toddlers & preschoolers in inclusive settings. For more information and to register for the conference, go to [www.ttaonline.org](http://www.ttaonline.org) and click on Region 4.



Sunday, July 31 1-7 p.m.  
 5th Annual Autism Society Watermine/ Make-A-Splash Water Safety Event FREE  
 Lake Fairfax Watermine, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston  
**Sign up on the Autism Society of NoVA's website** [www.asnv.org](http://www.asnv.org). Pavilion F is reserved, with reps from Therapeutic Recreation, Adapted Aquatics, Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund and information from the Red Cross Water Safety Program.



## CCT Charitable Fund Award

Commonwealth Community Trust (CCT) announces the 2011 Charitable Fund Award providing Virginia residents living with a disability a maximum award of \$250 for equipment, medication or services. Applicants must meet the Social Security Administration's definition of disabled and the federal poverty guidelines. CCT's Charitable Fund Award is paid directly to the vendor for items and services such as hearing aids, dental work, breathing medications, therapy services and wheelchair repair.

**The CCT Charitable Fund Award application, due by August 1, must be completed by the beneficiary's advocate, a professional staff person working for a public or nonprofit organization (such as your Service Coordinator).** The CCT Charitable Fund Award application is available at: [http://www.commonwealthcommunitytrust.org/index\\_assets/cct-charitable-fund.pdf](http://www.commonwealthcommunitytrust.org/index_assets/cct-charitable-fund.pdf). For questions regarding the Awards program, contact [lhessberg@commonwealthcommunitytrust.org](mailto:lhessberg@commonwealthcommunitytrust.org).

- **Cancellation Policy** Occasionally appointments may be cancelled by you or your interventionist. When this happens, cancellations are not typically made up because interventionists do not have blocks of time available for rescheduling missed appointments. Families should continue to utilize the strategies for everyday activities presented during previous visits. If you need to cancel an appointment, please contact your interventionist directly, or contact ITC at 703-246-7121.
- **Cancellations Due to Illness:** If your child or a family member is sick, please call to cancel your visit as soon as you can. Appointments should be cancelled if the child is not feeling well enough to participate in the visit, or if any of the following conditions are present:
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| ■ Fever of 100 degrees during the last 24 hours          | ■ Diarrhea   | ■ Mouth sores |
| ■ Two or more vomiting episodes during the last 24 hours | ■ Unexplained rash with fever or behavioral changes                              |               |
| ■ Other communicable diseases                            | ■ Conjunctivitis (Pink eye) up until 24 hours after treatment has been initiated |               |
- **No-Shows:** Families are expected to cancel their appointments early enough that the interventionist would be able to schedule another family for that time period. If two consecutive appointments are missed without previous cancellation, or if appointments are frequently missed, the Service Coordinator will be notified and intervention sessions will be suspended. The Service Coordinator will contact the family to determine the barriers to service delivery and may schedule an IFSP review to identify and solve any problems.



 To request this information in an alternate format, call ITC-FCC, 703-246-7180, TTY 711. Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations call ITC-FCC, 703-246-7180, TTY 711. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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Address Correction Requested