



# 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

Dear Families of ITC,

In May, the Governor recognized the importance of our services and declared Early Intervention Awareness month. We are proud of the work we do to support the families in Fairfax County. One of our newer initiatives is the



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addition of Family Resource Liaisons for each of our regions. These three “moms who have been there” are here for you! They have put together amazing opportunities for you to make connections with other families, build your support network and provide a safe, comfortable environment for your children to play. Please make it a point to join them this summer. The line-up of options is spelled out on the next page of this newsletter. Post Page 2 on your refrigerator!

As always, feel free to contact me if you have a comment or concern about the services you are receiving at ITC.

Enjoy the summer!  
Allan Phillips, Director ITC  
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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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**CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION**

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

**EARLY INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's children are among our Commonwealth's most valuable, precious, and vulnerable citizens, and they require proper care and attention; and

**WHEREAS**, some children are born with developmental delays and disabilities, and it is crucial that these children receive immediate intervention treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia offers early intervention services for the more than 16,000 infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities throughout the Commonwealth, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, partnerships between state agencies, physicians, and other private care providers, and families with children with disabilities, help ensure the continuation of early intervention services that enhance development, and promote the health and well-being of Virginia's children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that Virginia's citizens know about early intervention services available to infants and toddlers born with developmental delays and disabilities, so families may take advantage of every opportunity to provide for the health and well-being of their children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize May 2015 as **EARLY INTERVENTION AWARENESS MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



*Terence R. McAuliffe*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean M. Thomas*  
Secretary of the Commonwealth



## SUMMER HAPPENINGS at ITC!

### A time to socialize & play just for ITC Families

Venga a disfrutar de una hora de socialización con niños de ITC y sus familias. No necesitamos confirmación, pero comuníquense con su coordinadora para más información.

#### STORYTIMES:

**Lorton:** 6/8, 7/13, 8/10 10-11am - Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton  
**Springfield:** 6/15, 7/27, 8/17 10-11am - Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield  
**Great Falls:** 6/22, 7/22, 8/24 10:30am - Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls  
**Falls Church:** 6/24 10:30am - Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church  
**Oakton:** 7/8, 7/29, 8/5, 8/17 10:30am - Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton  
**Herndon:** 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21 10:30am - Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon  
**Annandale:** 7/15 10:30am - George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale  
**Falls Church:** 8/26 10:30am - Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church

In some cases, space is limited. Please contact Family Resource Liaisons to RSVP:  
 Tracey Edman, Annandale [tracey.phillipsedman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:tracey.phillipsedman@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-538-7454  
 Silvia Zaleta Meza, South County [silvia.zaletameza@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:silvia.zaletameza@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-704-6491  
 Allison Fantauzzi, Chantilly & Fairfax [allison.fantauzzi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:allison.fantauzzi@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-246-5316



#### PLAYGROUPS:

**L'il Giggles Wednesday Playgroup:** 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26 10:30-11:30am  
 ITC Annandale, 7611 Little River Turnpike (Heritage Center, East Wing, 2nd Floor), Annandale  
 For information or to RSVP, contact Adelina Fuente at [adelina.fuente@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:adelina.fuente@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-531-4665.

**Terrific Thursday Playgroup:** 6/11, 6/25 10-11am  
 ITC South County, 8350 Richmond Hwy, Ste. 515, Alexandria  
 For information or to RSVP, contact Silvia Zaleta-Meza at [silvia.zaletameza@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:silvia.zaletameza@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-704-6491

**Friday Community Coffee & Playgroup:** 6/12—Churchill Road Park, 7098 Thrasher Place, McLean; 6/26—Lakeside Park, 5236 Pommeroy Drive, Fairfax; 7/17—Southview Community Park, 2620 Reston Parkway, Herndon; 7/31—Chalet Woods, 14912 Cranoke Street, Centreville; 8/14—Wolf Trails Park, 9328 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna; 8/28—Cobbdale Park, 3600 Burrows Avenue, Fairfax All Friday groups begin at 9am.  
 For information or to RSVP, contact Allison Fantauzzi at [allison.fantauzzi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:allison.fantauzzi@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-246-5316

**Alternative Nutrition Group:** 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19 10-11:30am  
 ITC South County, 8350 Richmond Hwy, Ste. 515, Alexandria  
 Meet other families who love and care for a child who receives feedings through any type of tube  
 For complete information contact Sarah Cook, Family Counselor at 571-244-3436 or [Sarah.Cook@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Sarah.Cook@fairfaxcounty.gov)



#### OTHER GROUPS:

**Dad's Pizza Night:** 6/3, 7/1, 8/5 6-7:30pm - ITC Fairfax, 3750 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax  
 For Dads in the ITC program and Dads of grads of ITC.  
 For complete information contact Allan Phillips at [allan.phillips@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:allan.phillips@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-246-7170

**Mom's Group:** 6/2, 7/7, 8/4 6-8:30pm - ITC Fairfax, 3750 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax  
 For Moms of infants and toddlers who are medically fragile.  
 For complete information contact Kathleen Gilliam, LCSW 703-246-7138 or [Kathleen.Gilliam@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Gilliam@fairfaxcounty.gov)



#### SATURDAY STROLLS:

Lace up your sneakers and load up your strollers and come out with the whole family! Meet other ITC families for a beautiful summer stroll on low impact walking trails. Snacks provided by MOM's Organic Market. All strolls begin at 9am.

6/6—Huntsman Park, 9150 Dorothy Lane, Springfield  
 6/20—Brown's Chapel Park/Lake Newport Walking Trail, 1686 Browns Chapel Road, Reston  
 7/11—Thaiss Park, 3417 Pickett Road, Fairfax  
 7/25—McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean  
 8/8—Cub Run Park, 4360 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly  
 8/22—Bready Park/W&OD Trail, 814 Ferndale Ave, Herndon

For information or to RSVP, contact Allison Fantauzzi at [allison.fantauzzi@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:allison.fantauzzi@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-246-5316



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**The Arc of Virginia's 2015 State Convention August 10-12**

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront  
 5700 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach  
 We are excited to announce that Torrie Dunlap, CEO of Kids Included Together, will be our Key-note Speaker. Come hear her powerful message of inclusion. Share ideas, gain fresh perspectives, network and discover more about "A Life Like Yours"! The 2015 State Convention will feature sessions on a range of topics, including: Navigating the Service System, Early Intervention, Public Policy Advocacy, and much more. Visit The Arc of Virginia's website for the latest details and to register: <http://www.thearcova.org/news-events/2015-state-convention/>



**Upcoming Workshops/Events**

**FCPS Summer of Success Workshops, FREE Resources & Lunch**

**Friday, June 12 10am-2pm**  
 FCPS Parent Resource Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance I - Room 100, Dunn Loring  
 Play and social skills strategies to help your child. For complete info. and to register, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/resources/events/index.shtml#social>



**Disney Pixar's "Inside Out" FREE Private Screening for Families with Special Needs Saturday, June 20 8:30-11:00am**

AMC Tyson's Corner I, Routes 7 & 123, McLean  
 In addition to the sensory-friendly movie, there will be an introduction to financial planning and additional resources. Seating is limited, online RSVP by 6/18 at [www.waddellgroup.net](http://www.waddellgroup.net)



**Special Education Roundtable FREE Tuesday, July 14 7:00-8:30pm**

Private Home, Fairfax Station  
 Learn, Network, Grow  
 Roundtables are facilitated by Tia Marsili, educational consultant & mother to two children with special needs. RSVP to Heather 703-621-7129 or [heather@dsanv.org](mailto:heather@dsanv.org)



**POAC-NoVA 11th Annual Picnic BBQ FREE July 18 12:00-5:00pm**

Knights of Columbus EDW Hall, 5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington  
 Tons of fun for the whole family and open to anyone in the autism community. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert for potluck and bathing suits for the pool and your old therapy toys for a toy swap. Go to [www.poac-nova.org](http://www.poac-nova.org) for complete information and RSVP with your numbers to [bbq@poac-nova.org](mailto:bbq@poac-nova.org).



**PEATC wants to partner with YOU!**

**Parents as Collaborative Leaders: Improving Outcomes for Children with Disabilities**

A program to support Military families, Foster/Kinship Care families, and Spanish-speaking families of children with disabilities in becoming active leaders in their community! Interested in learning new skills to improve life and supports for your child as well as other families in your area? Participate in a FREE 3-day training, during the months of July and August. Includes meals, materials and mileage reimbursement. For complete details, see: [http://www.peatc.org/newsmanager/news\\_article.cgi?news\\_id=676&no\\_popup=0](http://www.peatc.org/newsmanager/news_article.cgi?news_id=676&no_popup=0) For additional information, please contact PEATC at (800) 869-6782 or [partners@peatc.org](mailto:partners@peatc.org).

## Congratulations ITC Staff!



TERRY GILMARTIN

Terry has taken into her ITC caseload, especially challenging family situations and has assured that these families have access to services that their children need. She is also a mentor to her peers and an asset to the assessment teams by sharing positive reinforcement strategies, learning styles, and ideas to motivate team and family members.

On May 21st, ITC Service Coordinators **Terry Gilmartin and Sarah Yang** were presented with **2015 Community Services Board Honors Awards**. They received these awards because of their achievements to “promote, reinforce, and exemplify the CSB vision and mission.” We are so pleased to have them as part of our team. Congratulations Terry & Sarah!

Sarah always strives to provide quality early intervention services to families with children with developmental concerns. As a person of Korean descent, she understands the needs of minority population in our community and reaches out to her colleagues and clients to raise cultural sensitivity and awareness. She has developed a Korean parents group in ITC to bridge the cultural and educational gap between the families she serves and the professionals at her work place. The group has been a huge success and thanks to her initiative, the group will continue to expand.

SARAH YANG



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