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Wear BLUE April 5!



Northwest Connection

FAMILY RESOURCES

April/May/June 2019

Why Play Matters

Think back to your childhood and consider what you remember enjoying most about the play experiences you had... You might be thinking about things like, being outside, playing with the neighbors, being in nature, being messy, having freedom to explore... We often ask this question in trainings and get many answers similar to these and not yet has anyone answered doing flashcards or sitting at calendar time. Instead the answers revolve around play!

Play provides children with the opportunity to learn in a natural and engaging way. The more engaged a child is, the more learning that occurs. Through their play, children build self-esteem, become curious about the world around them, develop peer relationships, learn to problem solve, allows for the use of imagination, develop motor skills (just to name a few), all while increasing their knowledge about math, literacy, and science too!



Play and learning are not separate activities but rather they are one and the same. When children are playing, they are learning. Adults can support a child's development by providing them with open ended materials that promote creativity and engagement.

Consider the learning environment you provide to children each day. Do children have at least 50 minutes of uninterrupted free play time? Children need at least this amount of time to get engaged in their play and explore the environment around them. Do the materials in the environment encourage children to engage with their peers?

Think of the many playful ways children can develop literacy and language skills

- Consider adding menus for a pretend restaurant with pencils and notepads to take orders on
- Think of the many playful ways children can develop math and reasoning skills
- Consider adding paper grocery bags and food boxes with prices, along with play cash registers or calculators to create a grocery store.

Think of the many playful ways children can develop motor skills

- Consider using blocks to create a balance beam or walkway for children to move across in the block area

With thoughtfully prepared environments, filled with developmentally appropriate materials, when you allow for play, you'll find learning!

Source: 4-C FOCUS Newsletter - March 9, 2019



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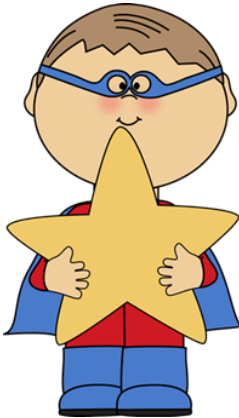
All Families Welcome

Hayward 4K Activity

Every Child Needs a Hero!

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
5:00pm - 6:00pm

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15896 W. 3rd Street, Hayward

Come join us to celebrate Week of the Young Child and
National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.
Families will be making something every super hero needs!

This activity is **FREE** for **ALL** families.

Please call 715 634-2299 by Thursday, April 11 to register.

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Hayward Community School District



Story Time is held at the Sherman &
Ruth Weiss Community Library every
Tuesday morning starting at 10:15am.

Come join us for Story Time
and an activity!

Just a reminder:

reading builds listening, memory,
and vocabulary skills.



Play Room
Open:



Our playroom is open for families. So come
and visit our playroom, bring a friend, and
have a fun time with your children!!

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.
Please call 715-634-2299 or stop in to see if
the room is available.





April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Story Time 10:15 Children's Book Day 	3	4	5 Stories with Friends 10am	6
7	8 Playroom Open Mon.-Fri. Call or Stop in for availability	9 Story Time 10:15 am	10 	11	12 Office Closed	13
14	15 Open Play	16 Story Time 10:15 am 4K Event Every Child Needs a Hero! 5-6pm	17	18	19 Office Closed Good Friday	20
21  Happy Easter!	22 Open Play 	23 Story Time 10:15 am	24	25	26 Stories with Friends 10am	27
28	29 Open Play	30 Story Time 10:15am				

Family Fun Night

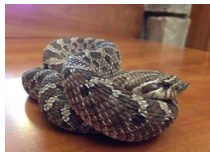
Reptiles and Amphibians, Oh My!

Hayward 4K Activity

Who: All families are invited to this free event.

When: Tuesday, May 14 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: NCFR 15896 W 3rd Street, Hayward



Come and see the reptiles and amphibians of Wisconsin and meet the naturalist from the Cable Natural History Museum. A fun and educational evening to see them up close and even touch them!

To register or for more information, please call (715) 634-2299.

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Car Seat Program

4 STEPS FOR KIDS



Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time. To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements. Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

For more car seat information please call:

Northwest Connection Family Resources
(715) 634-2299 ask for Jessie.

SIDS & SBS Prevention Course



This is a very important topic for all parents, grandparents, child care providers, foster parents, babysitters and the community. This course

will cover prevention methods for both Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)


Anyone caring for a child under the age of 5 is encouraged to attend this training because every child deserves to grow up happy and safe! Classes are held one Thursday evening every other month from 6:00-9:00pm. See calendars for exact dates. There is a \$20.00 fee for this class and Registry hours are available.

Please register prior to the class by calling
(715) 634-2299 or (800) 733-KIDS



May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 May Day 	2	3	4
5	6 Playroom Open Mon.-Fri. Call or Stop in for availability	7 Story Time 10:15 am	8	9	10 Stories with Friends 10am	11
12 	13 Open Play	14 Story Time 10:15 am 4K Event Cable Museum Reptiles & Amphibians 5-6pm	15 Straw Hat day 	16	17	18
19	20 Open Play	21 Story Time 10:15am Parent Café 5-7pm	22	23 Lucky Penny Day 	24 Stories with Friends 10am	25
26	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28 Story Time 10:15am	29	30	31	

Remember the 5 Strengths

1 Helping Kids Understand Feelings

A thumb's up is a way we show emotions.

2 Parenting as Children Grow

You are your child's first and most important teacher.

3 Connecting with Others

Like your middle finger, you shouldn't stand alone.

4 Building Inner Strength

Your fourth finger represents a commitment to caring for yourself.

5 Knowing How to Find Help

Last, but not least, ask for the help you need.

Five for Families.org

Learn the 5 Strengths that keep families strong.

Helping Kids Understand Feelings

Showing your kids how to express and handle emotions.

Parenting as Children Grow

Learning skills to support your child's growth.

Connecting with Others

Building a network of people who care about you and your family.

Building Inner Strength

Staying flexible and calm during times of stress.

Knowing How to Find Help

Seeking support and accepting help in times of need.

To learn how to build on your family's strengths, visit:

Five for Families.org

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Family Foundations Home

Visiting Program:

Participants of this program will benefit from weekly visits and support from a Home Visitor throughout your pregnancy and will continue until your child is three years old. Together as a team, you and the Home Visitor, will create an individualized plan for your child's development. This will include ways to help your child learn using family interactions, daily routines, and common household materials.

Please call Katie or Shannon
715-634-2299
for more information.



Summer Reading Program

A Universe of Stories

Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library

Registration starts: June 3, 2019

Program Dates: June 13, 10am

June 20, 10am

June 27, 10am

July 11, 10am



Special Grand Finale for Summer Programming
will be August 13.



June 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Rocky Road Day 	3 Playroom Open Mon.-Fri. Call or Stop in for availability	4 Story Time 10:15 am	5	6	7 	8
9	10 Open Play	11 Story Time 10:15 am Family Fun Night BUBBLES 5-6pm	12	13 A Universe of Stories 10 am Sherman & Ruth Weiss Library	14 Stories with Friends 10am	15
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Office Hours
Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00 pm

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



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