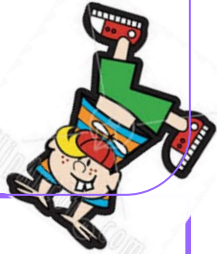




Milton Early Childhood Alliance

Serving Milton's Families with Children



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Our Upcoming Events and Activities...FREE to all

Serving families with children birth to 8 years old.

We are here to help!

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Skip and Hop Co-op Play Group—This is a drop-in play group meeting every Thursday morning (from now until May 1st) at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the First Congregational Church, 495 Canton Ave., Milton. This is a terrific opportunity to meet new friends and have some fun. For parents and caregivers *with* their children ages newborn to six years old. Plan visits around your schedule. This play group will be closed on holidays or during inclement weather should Milton's schools close or delay their opening. There is a one-time registration form to complete upon your arrival the first time.

Kindergarten: Your Child's Next Big Step—This is a parent education workshop being held on February 5th at 7:00 PM at Discovery Schoolhouse, 101 Blue Hills Pkwy., Milton. Should you have a child who is age-eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall, this workshop will help you: decide if your child is ready, learn what behavioral changes to expect, and what you can do to make the transition easier for your child and you. Free child care will be provided. Registration is required. Please call 617-696-2262 or email cpcmecasl@verizon.net to register.

Story Walk Returns!—A new book will be up and ready on the grounds of the Milton Public Library just in time for February School Vacation week. This is an outdoor, rain or shine event. Stop at each sign and read a page of the story to your child. Or, have your child read the page to you! This Story Walk can be appreciated by those both young and old. Please let us know you visited by signing our Guest Register after reading the last page of the story.

Deepening Your Loving Relationship with Your Child—This parent education workshop, being held on March 5th at 7:00 PM (location to be determined), will help build your confidence as a parent. If you are second guessing your parenting decisions, receiving conflicting parenting advice from friends or loved ones, or find that things that worked in the past no longer work with your child, this workshop is for you! Free child care will be provided. Registration is required. Please call 617-696-2262 or email cpcmecasl@verizon.net to register.

Learning Through Play Toddler Play Group—Toddlers aged 15 months to 2.9 years with their parent/caregiver are invited to join this facilitator led play group. These play groups will meet once per week for six consecutive weeks and will provide intentional, developmentally appropriate toddler learning experiences through a structured schedule. More information will be forthcoming. Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on dates, time, location and registration information.

Learning Through Play Preschool Play Group—Preschoolers aged 2.10 years to 5 years old with their parent/caregiver are invited to join this facilitator led play group. These play groups will meet once per week for six consecutive weeks and will provide intentional, developmentally appropriate preschool learning experiences through a structured schedule. More information will be forthcoming. Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on dates, time, location and registration information.

Baby and Me Infant Play Group—For parents with their infants aged birth to six months old. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, learn from others, receive support and learn about local resources while being led by a professional facilitator. More information will be forthcoming. Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on dates, time, location and registration information.

The Milton Early Childhood Alliance is funded by the Coordinated Families and Community Engagement grant through the MA Department of Early Education and Care and is administered by Discovery Schoolhouse, Inc.

We gratefully acknowledge the First Congregational Church for their generous support of our office space.





Do you think your family may qualify for a **child care voucher** through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts? If so, visit our website at www.miltonearlychildhoodalliance.org for qualification guidelines OR give us a call at 617-696-2262. Our office can add your family to Kinderwait, the state's online centralized waitlist for child care vouchers.

Why do you see this **Brain Building in Progress** logo on all of our materials? Because building children's brains at a young age is so important! Brain Building in Progress is a campaign created by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care along with the United Way. The belief is that by giving a strong start to our youngest citizens, we create a stronger, more prosperous future for all. And, so you know, all of our family activities and events support this belief. By participating in our programming, you are building the brains of our future!



What is the **Ages & Stages Questionnaire** Program? Ages & Stages helps you monitor your child's growth and development. Because the first five years of your child's life are so important, we want to help you provide the very best start for them. Participation in this program is free. We will provide you with an age appropriate questionnaire for you to complete and return to us for scoring. It only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete. We will let you know if your child is on target for their age and provide you with ideas and activities to encourage your child's future development. If interested in participating, give us a call at 617-696-2262 or email cpcmecasld@verizon.net.

Summer Camps and Enrichment...it's not too early to start making plans

Summer Camp for Toddlers and Preschoolers—Some local preschool programs offer summer camp programming. Visit our website at www.miltonearlychildhoodalliance.org, click on the link for MECA Parent Resource Guide, then Early Education and Care Programs. There you will find a list of all licensed early childhood programs in Milton. Visit their website or give them a call to see if they are offering summer camp programming.

Cunningham Park Playground Program—For children ages 7 to 13. This summer camp program is run by the Milton Parks and Recreation Department for Milton residents. Watch for more information by visiting their website regularly at www.townofmilton.org. Click on Departments and then Parks and Recreation.

Camp Cunningham—This is a summer camp program run by Milton Community Schools for children entering grades 1 through 6 in the fall. Registration begins in March and fills up quickly. Watch for more information by visiting their website regularly at www.miltoncommunityschools.org.

Milton Summer Enrichment Program—For children in grades Pre-K through 8. This summer enrichment program is run by Milton Public Schools. Enrollment begins each May. Watch for more information by visiting their website regularly at www.miltonps.org. Click on Departments, then on Summer Enrichment in the drop down menu.

Summer Camps for Children of All Ages—Check out the extensive Summer Camp listing at Boston Parents Paper. They have a very convenient search engine allowing you to search by miles from home, camp activities, age, gender, etc. Their website is www.bostonparentskidscamps.com.

How do you hear about our events and activities? "Like" us on Facebook at Milton Early Childhood Alliance!



Watch for our Story Walk to return with a **NEW** story at the Trailside Museum during Week of the Young Child, April School Vacation week!

