

October 2022 Playgroup Schedule

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Do you have a child 18 months or older? Now is the perfect time to connect with ParentChild+ to help prepare them for preschool or school.

The ParentChild+ program is part of a nationwide initiative to prepare children for success in school. This **FREE** program is for children 18 months to 3 years old and their caregivers and is available to all families in southern Berkshire County. **For more information**, contact Katelyn Parks or Mary Feuer at 413.528.0457.

Monday

WEST STOCKBRIDGE TURN PARK PLAYGROUP

with Jeanne at 10:30 AM

Join us as we walk through the park, look at art, play, and sing.

Turn Park, West Stockbridge *Relocates to the West Stockbridge Library in the event of rain.*

Tuesday

BRAIN BUILDERS

with Cate from 10:30 to 11:30 AM Ages 2 and up

Join us each week to explore, think, create, and play! Story time and outdoor play!

Outside at the Mason Library, Great Barrington

NEW EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

A DAY OF OUTDOOR FUN FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY | Sunday, October 9

from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Join us for a picnic at the Sheffield Town Park and meet other parents, guardians, and extended family who help care for a child with special needs of any kind. All are welcome. Registered participants will receive a goodie bag of resources. Email rmarkham@chpberkshires.org to register.

Sheffield Town Park

DINOSAUR FUN | Friday, October 14

from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Join us to read dinosaur books and do a dinosaur activity!

Outside at the Mason Library, Great Barrington.

Meet in front of the library.

HALLOWEEN FUN AT TURN PARK | Monday, October 31

from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Dress up and join us for some Halloween fun! Scavenger hunt, stories, monster art activity and monster mash dance party! Free book for everyone!

Turn Park, West Stockbridge

Relocates to the West Stockbridge Library in the event of rain.

Wednesday

VIRTUAL SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

with Rania on ZOOM from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Raising a child with special needs can be overwhelming. Feelings of isolation are common. But know, you're not alone.

This weekly, virtual group provides validation, resources, and the opportunity to build friendships with people who face similar challenges.

Facilitated by CHP's Rania Markam, also a mother of a child with special needs.

For ZOOM link, email: rmarkham@chpberkshires.org

STOCKBRIDGE PLAY

with Cate at 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Come and enjoy the outdoors and playground. Songs and story!

Stockbridge Playground

Thursday

TODDLER PLAY

with Cate at 10:00 AM

CHP Family Services Building, Great Barrington

Masks are required for all persons over the age of 2.

First Thursday of Every Month

PARENT SUPPORT WALK

with Kim at 10:00 AM

Join us on October 6th to walk and talk, share successes and challenges.

Stroller friendly!

Great Barrington River Walk *Meet behind Railroad Street Youth Project, near the skate park.*

Friday

SING AND PLAY

with Jeanne at 10:30 AM

Bring your instruments, your singing voices and your playful vibes!

Outside in back of the CHP Family Services Building, Great Barrington

Relocates indoors in the event of rain. Masks are required for all persons over the age of 2.

PLEASE NOTE:

The clothing exchange will be closed <u>during</u> playgroup times. You can use the clothing exchange after playgroup, but the playroom will be closed, and you will have to keep your child with you at all times.

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- Massachusetts Local Cultural Councils, and
- The Berkshire United Way.





Interested in how your child is developing?

Visit <u>agesandstages.com</u> for an "Ages and Stages" questionnaire, and be sure to include your email for the results. You will receive information on how to support your child's development, activities to strengthen their growth, and access to resources offered by CHP and other area agencies as necessary.

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