

Our office will be
closed on:
Wednesday, Nov 11
for Veteran's Day

Thursday, Nov. 26
Friday, Nov. 27
for Thanksgiving

Thursday, Dec. 24
Friday, Dec. 25
Monday, Dec. 28
for Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 31
Friday, January 1
for New Years



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Developmental Screenings



One of the most important things a parent can do to ensure their child has the best start in life is to have their young child participate in a developmental and health screening. The goal of developmental screenings is to detect potential

health or developmental concerns early on and to acquire assistance that will be helpful for optimal growth and development. A healthy start in life is crucial to a later success in school.

Screening is provided by more than a dozen local agencies which collaborate and screen children, for free, in four vital areas: vision, hearing, speech and overall development.

Area screenings are offered monthly at various sites in Rock Island County.

Please contact the Rock Island County Regional Office of Education Early Childhood Department at 309-736-1111.



Upcoming Screening Dates - Screenings are Free

November 12, 2009
9:00-11:00
Salem Lutheran Church
1724 15th Street
Moline

Please call 736-1111 to schedule a screening.

December 2009
There will be no screening in December.

Please call Black Hawk Area Special Education at 309-796-0082 for assistance

January 21, 2009
2:00-6:00
Trinity Lutheran Church
1330 13th Street
Moline

Please call 736-1111 to schedule a screening

**ARE FREE
and
PWP
EVENTS
are FREE**

Parent & Child Interaction: An activity or community event designed to encourage discussion, interaction, and quality time for parents and their young children.



Family Fun Night: These activities are designed around the busy schedules of parents and children in child-care. The activity is held at local child care centers. A light meal for the first 30 minutes and then an hour of games and activities that are developmentally appropriate for preschool age children.

Parent/Child Interaction for November and December

Moline Public Library

3210 41 Street
Moline
“Little Tykes”
November 9, 2009
6:00-7:00

Mrs. T’s Calling All Kids

1012 21 Avenue
Rock Island
“Fall Frenzy”
November 10, 2009
5:00-6:30

P and J Tender Care

4544 3 Street
Moline
“Fall Frenzy”
November 16, 2009
5:30-7:00

P and J Tender Care

2201 11 Street
Rock Island
“Fall Frenzy”
November 9, 2009
5:30-7:00

Moline Public Library

3210 41 Street, Moline
“Little Tykes”
December 14, 2009
6:00-7:00

Parent Education

Aldridge Early Learning Center 489 27 Street
East Moline
Parent Discussion Group
November 17, 2009
5:00-6:00

Family Events in the Community

Baby Sign Sessions Davenport Library

321 Main Street
Davenport
Interactive program is for ages 6-18 months and their caregivers.
November 4, 11, and 18
10:00
Call 563-326-7893 for Details
Free

Festival of Trees River Center

136 E 3rd Street
Davenport
Nov. 20 - 12:30-3:00pm
Nov. 21 - 9 am-9pm
Nov. 22 - 10am-7pm
Nov. 23-25 - 9am-9pm
Nov. 26 - 5pm-9pm
Nov. 27,28 - 9:am9:00pm
Nov. 29—10am-4:00pm

Admission is \$8; \$6 for ages 60 and up; \$3 for ages 2-10.

Holiday Parade

November 21 at 11am
Downtown Davenport on River Drive
Free
For further information
Call: 563-324-3378

Theater Events in the Community

The Wizard of Oz Adler Theater

136 E 3rd Street
Davenport
November 29, 2009
7:00 pm
Call 563-326-8500 for further information or www.adlertheater.com

Curious George Live Adler Theater

136 E 3rd Street
Davenport
The children’s musical “Curious George Live!” will be presented on December 29-30, 2009
10:30 am and 7:00 pm
Tickets are \$16, \$20, \$27, and \$ 32.
Call 563-326-8500



Look Who's Listening to You!

www.parentsasteachers.org

Babies listen from birth

Hearing develops in pregnancy about the fifth month. After birth, the brain is able to perceive and process all the sounds of speech. The brain begins to map the sounds of speech as the baby hears adults talking to him. These are sounds that the child will need to know in order to learn to read.

Parents help their baby listen when they speak in parentese, using a voice that is higher pitch, slower and more drawn out, and has greater contrasts in inflection. This way of speaking presents speech sounds in exactly the way the babies need to be able to listen and process. It's not baby talk. Your baby shows she is listening to you

by turning to the sound of your voice, smiling and laughing, and moving her arms and legs in excitement.

Toddlers listen on the go

The fact that toddlers are curious and into everything exposes them to many different words and sounds. Toddlers listen, they just do it standing up. Your little one wants to look in your face and watch your mouth.

Preschoolers are all ears

Children this age listen more for meaning and less for the sounds of speech. If your child doesn't say something clearly, repeat the word using the correct pronunciation rather than pointing out a mistake. Preschoolers are learning to listen to a story and retell a story or answer a question.

Listen Up! Here are some things you can do to help your child listen

- Be sure you have your child's attention
- Make eye-contact down on her level
- Pronounce words the way adults do so your child will know what is correct
- Speak a little slower
- Use funny voices when reading a story
- Ask your child to make a prediction about a story
- Be a good listener to model for your child

Fascinating Facts:
A toddler is listening when she is engrossed in play.
A preschooler is still listening even if she is talking a mile a minute

Lending Library
Attention Families:
Books, toys and parent resources are available for check out. Please call 309-736-1111 and ask for Early Childhood.

Professional Development

Creating Powerful Teams

The focus of this training is building an understanding of how good teams happen, changes teams go through and how we might harness the power of well-functioning teams by improving our own individual teaming skills.

Date: Dec. 5, 2009

Time: 9:00am-2:30pm

Presenter:
Dr. Judy Harris Helm

Audience: Childcare providers, teachers, administrators and parent educators

Cost: \$50.00

Location:
University of Illinois Extension
4550 Kennedy Dr.
East Moline

CPDU(s): 5

To Register: Call Julie at 309-736-1111 or visit www.riroe.com

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We're on the Web
www.riroe.com

Parents as Teachers: *Partnering with Parents and Early Learning Quad Cities* programs are supported by grant funding from the Illinois State Board of Education. These programs offer support and information on child development to the families and educators of Rock Island County.

Program Eligibility

Parent & Child Activities

These programs also coordinate many activities within the community, including early literacy activities, parent and child interaction activities, and parent education meetings.

Activities and events are free to all families in Rock Island County with children from birth to five years old.

Staff Development

Through workshops and staff development, childcare providers, teachers, and parent educators learn new methods for teaching young children.



Home Visits

Using the *Parents As Teachers* curriculum, our program offers personal visits. Certified parent educators provide child development information, suggest and model age appropriate activities, and address parenting concerns. Interested in home visits? Please call us at (309) 736-1111.

The Partnering with Parents program is provided for families residing in Rock Island County that have a child who is 0-5 years old, and not yet eligible to enter kindergarten.

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