

TOY LOAN PROGRAM

Engaging a child with special needs may not be an easy job, but the rewards make it all worthwhile. When you play with your child, you help develop your child's skill set, strengthen your relationship, and have fun. In support of playtime, the Koch♦Young Resource Center offers a library collection of several hundred developmental toys available for loan to children receiving services from the KYRC and Lanterman Regional Center. The collection features a range of toys that will help stimulate your child in variety of ways.

More information about the Toy Loan Program, how the collection is organized, and the toy loan policy is available on a separate information card.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

For more information and to register for any of these programs, contact the Koch♦Young Resource Center at 213.252.5600 or kyrc@lanterman.org.



PLAY PROGRAM

for Children Birth to 5 and Their Parents



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The importance of play in child development is indisputable. Scientific research demonstrates the positive long-term effects of play on the brain and behavior patterns from childhood through adulthood. And for children with developmental delays, quality playtime with parents can lead to dramatic improvements in skills, such as communication, engagement, sensory awareness, cognitive ability and creativity.

Parents are their child's first teachers and playmates and play a pivotal role in providing a stimulating environment for their child. Yet many families in our community, due to financial burden, are unable to purchase appropriate toys for their children, and also lack support in identifying successful play strategies for their children with special needs.

Lanterman Regional Center's Play Program for parents and their children with special needs from birth to 5 provides access to developmental toys, enhances parent-child relationships, and helps parents build their children's skills in a variety of domains.



BABY PLAY DAYS

for Children Birth to 2 Years

Children from birth to 2 years and their parents are invited to come explore and play with KYRC toys and equipment, and get to know other families on scheduled monthly play days. Parents also have an opportunity to ask developmental questions and get expert advice.

"Thank you again for a great play day today. Portia has so much fun and I learned a lot of valuable information, now all I have to do is incorporate this into our routine."

—SHANNON LANDON

PLAYGROUPS

for Children 2 to 5 Years

Playgroups introduce parents to a range of different types of play that will stimulate their children, promote creative thinking, build communication skills, encourage social interaction, and help develop the whole child. Each playgroup runs for multiple sessions during which small groups of children ages 2 to 5 years and their parents explore arts and crafts, music, movement, sensory play, pretend play and outdoor themes. Low-cost activities are introduced that can be done at home. Tips and strategies are provided and demonstrated to help parents make playtime with their child more fun and meaningful.

"Willa loves the play groups and looks forward to it every week. The group is always creative and engaging for the little ones."

—KIM KOEHLER



ENRICHMENT SERIES

Ages Vary

The enrichment series is a more in-depth exploration of a focused theme or topic, such as music or sensory play. Parents attend with their children and learn hands-on techniques from knowledgeable group leaders, while engaging with other families.



STORYTIME

Open to All Ages

Storytime events are held at the Koch ♦ Young Resource Center library for parents and their children. Storytime includes a book reading and various crafts and activities for the children.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

for Parents of Children Birth to 5 Years

Workshops, which are only for parents, are regularly offered on a variety of topics, such as play strategies, speech skills, child development, and useful everyday strategies, such as preparing for daily transitions. Other workshops are provided on demand. If there is a topic you would like to learn more about, e-mail your suggestion to kyrc@lanterman.org.

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