

McKean County Family Centers

Summer Program Guide

June—August 2009

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Groups

PARENT-CHILD PLAYGROUPS

Weekly

Parents and children birth through age five

Parents and kids, come and enjoy playtime fun. Parents and children gather in the early childhood play area of the Family Centers and participate in play activities facilitated by Family Center staff. Games, books, crafts, snacks, and holiday activities are all part of the fun. Children must attend playgroup with their parent and parents are completely responsible for the supervision of their children when participating. To enroll, call the nearest Family Center.

Bradford Family Center	Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 am
Kane Family Center	Fridays, 9:30-11:00 am
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am
Port Allegany Family Center	Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00 noon
Smethport Family Center	Fridays, 10:00-11:30 am

Home Visits

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Twice a Month

Parents and children ages birth to five



Parents with children ages birth to five are invited to participate in Parents As Teachers home visits.

"If only kids came with directions," could be the cry of every parent. Through twice monthly home visits from a certified Family Development Specialist, parents will learn:

- Milestones of their child's early development
- New ideas on how to interact through play
- How to set limits and handle challenging behaviors
- How to stimulate each stage of child development
- Ways to strengthen strong and loving parent-child relationships.

Home visits also include early childhood screenings to check milestones in social, emotional, motor, cognitive, speech, vision and hearing development. Screenings are conducted in the home every six months until age three, then yearly until age five.

Home visits are free and available to any McKean County family with a child age five or under. Families do not have to have a certain income level or need to participate because every family needs this type of support. To enroll, call the 321-1834.

It's free, it's fun, and it's learning.

Fun Nights

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Monthly

Parents and children

Parents, come and enjoy family time together for seasonal parties, crafts, and games. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other families from your community. Children must be accompanied by their parent or caregiver. Parents are completely responsible for the supervision of their children when participating. To register, call the nearest Family Center.

Bradford Family Center	Picnic at Callahan Park	Mon, June 8, 6:00-7:00 pm
	Ice Cream Social	Mon, Aug 10, 6:00-7:00 pm
Kane Family Center	Lighthouse & Seashell Frame	Wed, June 10, 6:00-7:00 pm
	Ice Cream Social	Wed, July 8, 6:00-7:00
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Lighthouse & Seashell Frame	Thu, June 18, 6:00-7:00 pm
	Ice Cream Social	Thu, July 16, 6:00-7:00 pm
Port Allegany Family Center	Lighthouse & Seashell Frame	Thu, June 11, 6:00-7:00 pm
	Ice Cream Social	Thu, July 9, 6:00-7:00 pm
Smethport Family Center	Lighthouse & Seashell Frame	Wed, June 17, 6:00-7:00 pm
	Ice Cream Social	Wed, July 15, 6:00-7:00 pm

DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Monthly

Fathers and children



Dads, come and join the excitement of spending quality time with your child and at the same time enjoy socializing with other fathers from your community. Build, create and have fun being together. Children must be accompanied by their father or legal male caregiver. Parents are completely responsible for the supervision of their children when participating. To register, call the nearest Family Center.

Kane Family Center	Floating Fun: Making Mini Catamarans	Thu, June 18, 6:00-7:00 pm
	Mother Goose Workshop "Construction"	Thu, July 16, 6:00-7:00 pm
	Let's Go to the Races: Making Wooden Race Cars	Thu, Aug 20, 6:00-7:00 pm

Workshops and Events

MOTHER GOOSE WORKSHOPS

Quarterly

Parents and children (age range varies with workshop)

Parents and kids, come and experience how reading together is both fun and rewarding. Participate in hands-on activities related to books, and learn tips on how to make reading together part of your everyday life.

Each family receives a free take-home kit of books at the close of the workshop. To enroll, call the nearest Family Center.

Bradford Family Center	Thu, Aug 20, 10:00-11:30 am	Ages birth to 5
Kane Family Center	Mon, June 8, 10:00-11:00 am Fri, Aug 7, 9:30-11:00 am	Ages 3 to 5 Ages birth to 5
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Wed, July 15, 10:00-11:30 am	Ages birth to 5
Port Allegany Family Center	Tue, June 2, 10:30-12:00 noon	Ages birth to 5
Smethport Family Center	Fri, July 17, 10:00-11:30 am	Ages birth to 5

CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE WORKSHOPS

One-time, 4-Hour Class

Divorced or separated parents



If you are a parent going through divorce or separation, come to a four-hour class and learn how to help your children through this difficult process.

Parents will learn:

- How to reduce stress children experience during divorce or separation.
- How to not put children in the middle of conflict.
- How to communicate directly with "I" messages.
- How to not utilize children as messengers or spies.

There is no childcare available during classes. To enroll, call the Bradford Family Center at 362-1834.

Bradford Family Center

Friday, July 10, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT) GRADUATIONS

2009 Graduates of the Parents As Teachers Program

PAT graduates and their families are invited to a celebration. Come and honor your child graduating from the PAT Program and entering Kindergarten. Each child will receive a certificate, graduation hat, and a children's book about going to Kindergarten. Families will create a craft together. Of course, lots of pictures will also be taken.

Bradford Family Center
Kane Family Center
Otto-Eldred Family Center
Port Allegany Family Center
Smethport Family Center

Mon, July 13, 6:00-7:00 pm
Wed, Aug 12, 6:00-7:00 pm
Thu, Aug 13, 6:00-7:00 pm
Thu, Aug 13, 6:00-7:00 pm
Tue, Aug 4, 6:00-7:00 pm

Summer Activities

"Energy Detectives" Fun

Children grades Kindergarten to Third

Children that will be going into Kindergarten through Third grade are invited to come and discover the what makes energy in our world. Energy games and learning will be all part of the fun. This event is sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. To enroll call the Family Center nearest you.

Bradford Family Center	Wed, Aug 19, 10:00-11:00 am
Kane Family Center	Thu, Aug 20, 10:00-11:00 am
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Wed, Aug 19, 1:00-2:00 pm
Port Allegany Family Center	Fri, Aug 21, 10:00-11:00 am
Smethport Family Center	Thu, Aug 20, 1:00-2:00 pm

4-H Rocks and Science Discovery Day Camp

Children ages 8-12 years old

Rocks can be found anywhere--in your backyard, at a park, in the woods. Summer is a great time to start a rock collection. Learn more about the fascinating world of geology through 4-H Rocks day camp for ages 8-12. Participants will crack open a geode and dig for genuine semi-precious stones to take home. Your rock collection may be entered in the McKean County Fair. This two-hour day camp is free and operated by Penn State Cooperative Extension. To enroll, call the Family Center where you would like to attend.

Bradford Family Center	Fri, July 17, 10:00-12:00 noon
Kane Family Center	Tue, July 14, 10:00-12:00 noon
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Thu, July 16, 10:00-12:00 noon
Port Allegany Family Center	Mon, July 13, 10:00-12:00 noon
Smethport Family Center	Wed, July 15, 10:00-12:00 noon

NATURE ADVENTURE FUN

Children ages 6-8 years old

Kids come and enjoy the wonders of nature and animals in our local forest. This morning group is free and operated by Penn State Cooperative Extension. It will feature study of animals, habitats, and forest life! Games and crafts will be included in the fun. To enroll, call the Family Center where you would like to attend or call Loraine Jacobs, Penn State Cooperative Extension at 887-5613.

Bradford Family Center (annex)	Tue, June 8, 10:00—11:30 am
Kane Family Center	Tue, June 23, 10:00—11:30 am
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Thu, June 25, 10:00—11:30 am
Port Allegany Family Center	Wed, June 24, 10:00—11:30 am
Smethport Family Center	Mon, June 29, 10:00—11:30 am