



Children's
Wisconsin

Family Matters

Community Services

Ask the Experts:

June - August 2020

Ongoing Programs:

It's a Potty Party!

Tuesday, June 23rd, 6pm - 7:30pm

Presented by Brenda Hurley, Start Right Home Visitor

Knowing if your child is ready for potty training is important for their success. You'll learn how to begin this process, as well as how to make toilet training a positive experience for everyone involved.

Bouncing Baby Yoga

Thursday, July 9th, 9am - 10am

Presented by Jessica Halvorsen, RYT

Moms and pre-mobile babies are welcome to join us for a morning of stretching and centering to enhance maternal self-care. All yoga abilities are encouraged to attend! **Comfortable workout clothes encouraged, please bring blanket or mat for baby to lay on.**

Saved by the Bell

Tuesday, July 14th, 11am - 12pm **at the Athens Community Hall, 221 Caroline St, Athens**

Wednesday, July 15th, 11am - 12pm **at the Mosinee Library, 123 Main St, Mosinee**

Wednesday, July 29th, 2pm - 3pm **at the Village Building, 105 Park St., Spencer**

Thursday, August 6th, 10:30am - 11:30am **at the Hatley Library, 435 Curtis Ave, Hatley**

Is your child ready to start the exciting merge into kindergarten? Join us at any (or all!) of the locations above, regardless of school district placement, for hands-on school readiness activities that address every aspect of child development. Feel free to drop in any time throughout the program to participate. Program is suitable for children 3 years and up, but families are welcome to bring older or younger siblings to enjoy playtime while their brother or sister works through the school readiness stations.

Digging up Roots from the Family Tree

Wednesday, August 19th, 11am - 12pm **at the Mosinee Public Library, 123 Main St, Mosinee**

Children ages 4 and up come ready to pick up a magnifying glass and examine your family history! Start out this educational session by taking a "trip" around the world to discuss different cultures and lifestyles. After we arrive safely back in the United States, we'll work alongside our special family member to uncover what family all means. All types of families can enjoy learning about who they are and how they're connected.

LEAP – (Learning Essentials about Parenting)

Sit back and relax with us for this 9-week series of frank discussions about the joys and trials of parenthood. Topics include building self-esteem, child growth and development, communication skills, media, and positive discipline techniques. **9 weeks, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Mondays. Call to register. Childcare is available.**

Warmline

This is your non-emergency connection to speak with an expert on the day-to-day trials of child rearing and receive practical parenting information, tools, and advice. **Call 715-848-1457**

One-To-One Parenting Sessions

Trained staff will provide parenting information and support to families. If you would like an individualized parenting consultation, **call 715-848-1457.**

In-Home Parent Education

This 3-month in-home program provides visits with a parent educator to help improve parenting skills and teach positive discipline techniques. The program is tailored to meet individual needs. **Call to register 715-848-1457.**

LENA Start Marathon County

Jump start your 0 - 32 month old for success in school and in life with this free 10 - week program that emphasizes the importance of early communication. Enjoy a free meal each week while learning more about the importance of early talk. Includes FREE childcare, books, and incentives. **Stay up to date on upcoming sessions by visiting: LenaStartMC.org**

Visit us at Chw.org/communityservices (click on Locations - Community Services - Wausau Community Services)

Unless otherwise noted, programs held at:

Children's Wisconsin

705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400

Wausau, WI 54401

715-848-1457

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5pm

All Programing is FREE but registration is appreciated
Childcare may be available, ask when you register.

Register: Call: 715-848-1457, Email: DSmith@CHW.org, or
Text: 715-315-1943

Family Matters

Play and Learn Family Events:

End of School Extravaganza

Tuesday, June 9th, 10am - 11:30am

Join us in an end of school celebration at **Machmueller Park, 7200 Quentin St, Weston** with games and good times galore! Bring the entire family to take part in this summer-welcoming event with free play, stories, and a snack. **In the event of bad weather, activities will be rescheduled.**

Pet Study at the Pet Store

Tuesday, July 21st, 1pm - 2pm

Calling all future zoologists! Bring your curiosity and love for animals and meet us at **PetSmart, 3601 Rib Mountain Dr., Wausau** for a morning full of learning, cute critters, and observing. Start the morning with certified staff educating us on the variety of animals housed in the store. Next, we'll split into caregiver/child groups to study a specific animal of choice with worksheets provided to document your findings.

Life's a Picnic

Thursday, August 20th, 10am - 11:30am

Pack a lunch and join us for a morning of outdoor play at **Mission Lake County Park, 400 County Park Rd, Hatley** in place of our usual Hatley Library play and learn. Enjoy the summer air before settling down to finish our session with a story and your self-packed snacks! **In the event of bad weather, activities will be rescheduled.**

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Look for us on Facebook!



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Some Play and Learn times have changed!
Check out our updated schedule below!

Play and Learn Schedule and Locations:

Caregivers are a child's first and most important teachers. Take this opportunity to connect with others who have young children while participating in early learning activities that enhance your child's development and promote school readiness. All play and learns are free and open to the public. Stop by at any location listed below to enjoy!

Monday

Marathon City Village Hall
311 Walnut St., **Marathon**
10:30am - 12pm

Tuesday

Athens Community Hall
221 Caroline St., **Athens**
10:30am - 12pm

Machmueller Park
7200 Quentin St.,
Weston
10am - 11:30am

Thursday

Oak Street Park
N 3rd Ave., **Edgar**
10:30am - 12pm

Hatley Public Library
435 Curtis Ave., **Hatley**
10am - 11:30am

Wednesday

Mosinee Public Library
123 Main St., **Mosinee**
10:30am - 12pm

Village Building
105 Park St., **Spencer**
1:30pm - 3pm

Stratford Public Library
213201 Scholar St
Stratford
10:30am - 12pm

Friday

Marathon County Public Library
300 N. First St., **Wausau**
9:30am - 11am

If there is poor weather in Edgar or Weston, please meet at the Edgar Village Hall or the Rothschild Public Library, respectively.

Pop up Play and Learns:

Music and Movement in the Park

Tuesday, July 7th, 11am - 11:30am

Enjoy the sunshine with dancing, singing, and music making! End the usual **Machmueller Park, 7200 Quentin St, Weston** with finger plays, instruments, and classic children's songs. **In the event of bad weather, activities will be rescheduled.**

One Berry, Two Berry, Blackberry, Blueberry

Friday, August 28th, 10am - 11:30am

Channel your inner black bear for the second year in a row and meet us at **Half Moon Hill Farm, 625 County Rd A, Hamburg** to sample a variety of fresh picked fruit. Greet farm animals and explore the scenic grounds of Half Moon Hill while enjoying the end of summer day. **In the event of bad weather, activities will be rescheduled.**