

Each year in April, we celebrate the Month of the Young Child, a time to focus on young children, their families and the early childhood educators and organizations that support their learning and development. DC Child Care Connections (DC CCC), in partnership with community organizations, is offering a series of events throughout the month for children, families and early childhood educators. Event descriptions and registration links are below. All events are virtual, except for the in-person Family Fun Day at the National Arboretum.

2026

**MONDAY
APRIL 13**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

MUSIC MONDAY LET'S CELEBRATE MUSIC

NatiArts will host a live virtual music and movement session for children ages 3-5, families and educators. Through guided songs and engaging, age-appropriate activities, NatiArts will introduce early learning concepts that help young children develop foundational skills. **Register here:** bit.ly/4b8QhSL

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY PROMOTING LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

During this session, participants will explore hands-on, team-based activities that support children's social and emotional development. Featured activities will focus on cultivating cooperation, communication and problem solving through shared learning experiences.

Register here: bit.ly/3Paaqzb

**FRIDAY
APRIL 17**

5:30-7 p.m.

FAMILY FRIDAY CELEBRATING AND ENGAGING FAMILIES

Families are children's first educators. During this session families will learn how everyday moments can be transformed into meaningful learning opportunities and explore strategies for building strong partnerships with their child care provider to support their child's unique needs.

Register here: bit.ly/404BWka

**TUESDAY
APRIL 14**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

TASTY TUESDAY TASTY EXPLORATION

Learn about simple, healthy snack ideas and food-related activities that encourage young children's learning through daily

interactions. This session will demonstrate how everyday snack prep can support skills like counting, following directions and teamwork. **Register here:** bit.ly/3OW7UfX

**THURSDAY
APRIL 16**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

ARTSY THURSDAY PATHWAYS OF HOPE

During this session families will learn practical strategies for supporting young children with diverse abilities and

strength-based approaches to communication. Families will also receive guidance on how to access special education resources in DC. **Register here:** bit.ly/4cW6mwr

**SATURDAY
APRIL 25**

11 a.m-3 p.m.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Location: 3501 New York Ave. NE

The Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) will host their annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at the National Arboretum. Families can enjoy face painting, arts and crafts, games for children ages 2-12 and connect with DC CCC for information on early childhood education in DC.

The event is free to attend. The National Arboretum is accessible by car (free parking is available) and public transportation. From the Stadium-Armory Metro stop (Blue, Orange and Silver lines) take the northbound C41 bus to Bladensburg Road NE and Rand Place NE. The National Arboretum is a short walk from the stop.

No registration is required.



For questions about any of these events, please contact DC CCC at (202) 829-2500 or OSSE.dcchildcareconnections@dc.gov.



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