a non-profit family resource center



Special Thanks!

THANK YOU! To Snow Library, Eastham Library, South Yarmouth, Dennis Public Library, Centerville Library and the Brewster Ladies Library for their continued partnership.... Also, THANK YOU! to the Family Resource Center and the Harwich Community Center as well as the Dennis Center for Active Living, the Toy Library and the Family Table Collaborative! We are happy to be offering multiple programs at all these locations.... THANK YOU! to our partners in Provincetown who have worked with us to bring the parent education program back there in person, including the **Provincetown Recreation staff** and the Early Learning Center staff who have recruited families and provided childcare for the sessions THANK YOU! to Joel Erickson for helping us to set up our rearranged office space at our center in Eastham.... THANK YOU! To the teachers, parents, Harwich Elementary School Principals, Monomoy Regional High School students, and Harwich Early Childhood Advisory Council members who helped to make Family S.T.E.A.M. Night a success for Harwich and Chatham families with children of preschool and kindergarten age.

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cape cod children's place **FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

for families and caregivers of children

Small Miracles

everywhere.

Renewal. Rebirth. Promise and anticipation. Spring brings those things and more. Winter has loosened its hold, and we are ready to enjoy longer daylight hours and warmer air outdoors.

As we welcome the new season, however, we may feel distracted by pressures in our own lives, challenges looming in the months ahead, and the relentless stream of news reminding us that the world is not a peaceful place right now. Dissension in our own country during this election year can sometimes bring discord close to home, even into our own families. And despite our best efforts, the children in our miles in a few days, baby turtles born from lives are almost certainly aware on some level when we are burdened by stress and anxiety.

Spring brings us opportunities to set aside negative thoughts and appreciate the abundant small miracles of this special time of year, perhaps with a child for company. Young children are great at observing and noticing; they are also able to change moods easily, moving from tears to on social media will still be there. But maylaughter. Perhaps we can learn from them, and when we feel our anxieties mounting we can put them aside like a winter coat we don't need right now, and head outdoors to look for signs of the season.

All of nature is in motion. Birds are nesting, buds are opening on trees and flowers, grass is growing, baby animals are everywhere. Maybe a child will join you to look for worms in the garden, or check on the peas you planted together in March. Perhaps you can both go looking for animal tracks left in the earth after last night's rain, or see if the daffodils are blooming in a neighbor's yard. Signs of the season are

Columnist Mary Richmond writes every week in the Cape Cod Chronicle about miracles in nature: birds that fly thousands of a few cells in an egg laid underground, dragonflies that land on our arms, and trees that bend and twist to grow toward the sun in a crowded forest. These gifts and more are available right outside our door.

Our worries won't disappear while we're out. Bills will await our return. The never-ending flood of news and demands be we can resume our lives and responsibilities refreshed, with a renewed appreciation for the small miracles of spring in this special place where we live.

Elizabeth Aldred





Grants & Community Councils



Community Engagement Calendar

Our community networks allow us to stay connected to the needs of the families that we serve. Information about the groups below is available on our website and social

media. For more information, email info@capecodchildrensplace.com

Lower-Outer Cape Early Childhood Advisory Council (Brewster to Provincetown) Virtual, 6-7:30 pm, 6/24

Monomoy Early Childhood Council (Harwich and Chatham) Virtual & in-person, 4/4, 5/2; 6-7 pm Harwich Elementary School, 263 South St.

Mid-Cape Early Childhood Council (Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis) Virtual, 6/17; 6-7:30 pm Contact Sue Gubbins: <u>dycfce@gmail.com</u> Kelly Morrison: <u>cfcebarnstable@gmail.com</u>

Cape & Islands Early Learning Network

(Cape Cod, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard) Virtual & in person, 5/16; 1-2:30 pm Cape Cod Family Resource Ctr., Hyannis

Cape & Islands Perinatal Wellness Alliance

Virtual, 6/20; 10-11 am, Contact Kerry McCarthy kerry.mccarthy.miller@gmail.com

Cape Cod Fathers & Family Network

Virtual/in person, CC Family Resource Ctr. Mondays 5/13 and 6/17;11:30 am-1:30 pm Networking & professional development meetings for providers pmelville@familynurturing.org

Grant Funding 2024 Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Multi-Year Government Grant Contracts (8)

- Barnstable County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds our innovative "Creating a Culture of Resilience in Early Education and Care" Initiative;
- MA Attorney General's Maternal Health Equity grant funds perinatal professional development opportunities for mental health clinicians;
- MA Children's Trust SAFE (Strengthening All Families Everywhere) grant builds Protective Factors in our children and communities with free programs, support and services;
- MA Dept. of Early Education and Care's Child Stabilization Fund for Early Learning Centers;
- MA Department of Early Education and Care's Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) and Parent Child Plus (PC+) grants fund no-cost programs, support and services from Provincetown to Barnstable;
- MA Department of Early Education and Care's Early Education and Out of School Time and Children's Investment Fund grants fund renovations to our building;
- MA Department of Public Health's FIRST (Families In Recovery SupporT) Steps Together provides free home visiting services for families impacted by substance use on Cape Cod, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard; and
- MA Department of Public Health's State Opioid Response Prevention in Early Childhood for Barnstable County.

FY24 Grant Awards from Foundations (5)

Nordblom Family Foundation; Peter and Elizabeth Tower Foundation; Hawk Foundation; Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation; MA Grand Chapter of Widows Sons.

Town Human Service Grants

Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet

As always, thank you to Seamen's Bank for your decades of support!





Family Activities



Call 508-240-3310 or visit capecodchildrensplace.com for information about our grant-funded activities for children and families. The programs listed behildren's low and our family education and support programs listed on the next page are all provided at no cost to participating families.

Spring 2024 Calendar Registration is required for all programs; call CCCP at 508-240-3310. Mondays: Baby's First Year, 11 am-noon; weekly; Snow Library, Orleans; ages birth-1 yr. Peaceful Babes Yoga, 1:30-2:30 pm; 4/22-5/20; Snow Library, Orleans; ages 1.5-5 yrs. **Puppet Playgroup**, 10-11 am; 5/6-6/3; Chatham Community Center; ages 1.5-5 yrs. Music & Movement Monthly, 1-2 pm; 4/22, 5/20, 6/10; Hyannis Play Oasis; all ages welcome Ready for Summer, 10-11 am; 6/3-6/17; locations in Dennis, Yarmouth & Brewster; ages birth-5 yrs. Get Outside DY, 10-11 am; 4/22-5/20; trails around Dennis, Yarmouth & Brewster; ages birth-5 yrs. Nursery Rhyme Adventure & Storytime, 10-11 am; 4/22-5/20; Meetinghouse Farm; ages 2-5 yrs. Tuesdays: Story & Project, 10-11 am; 4/9-6/11; Dennis Public Library; ages 2-5 Baby Yoga, 10:30-11:30 am; 4/30-5/28; Centerville Public Library; ages birth-1 yr. Little Naturalists at Long Pasture, 2-3 pm; 4/23-5/28; Mass. Audubon Long Pasture; ages 2-6 yrs. **Book & Cook with Chef Tomas,** 5:30-6 pm; 4/30-5/28; virtual <u>on ZOOM;</u> ages 2-6 yrs. Eldredge Park Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 am; 4/2-5/28; Eldredge Park Playground, Orleans; ages birth-5 yrs. **Dad and Me Fishing!** 5:30-6:30 pm; 5/7-5/21; camp *Dream Day on Cape Cod*, Brewster; ages 3-8 yrs. Wednesdays: Wiley Park Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 am; 4/3-5/29; Wiley Park Playground, Eastham; ages birth-5 yrs. **Ready-Set-Go Playgroup**, 10:30-11:30 am; 4/24-6/12; South Yarmouth Library; ages 2-5 yrs. Stroller Walk, 10-11 am; 5/8-6/5; Meetinghouse Farm, West Barnstable; ages birth-2 yrs. Kids Movement Jamboree, 10-11 am; 4/24-6/12; Johnny Kelley Park, Dennis; ages 2-5 yrs. Sensory Mud Kitchen Playtime, 11 am-12 pm; 5/1-5/29; Hyannis Play Oasis; ages 2-6 yrs. Thursdays: Brooks Park Playgroup, 9:15-10:15 am; 4/4-6/6; Brooks Park, Harwich; ages birth-6 yrs. ArtStart, 10-11 am; 4/25-5/16; Dot-to-Dot Workshop, Harwich Port; ages 3-5 yrs. Kids Movement Jamboree, 10-11 am; 5/9-6/6; Whelden Library, West Barnstable; ages 1.5-6 yrs. Cuties in Carriers, 9-10 am; 2 sessions: #1, 4/25-5/16; #2, 5/30-6/27; local conservation areas; ages birth-1 **Pre-K Explorers,** 10:30-11:30 am; 2 sessions: #1, 4/25-5/16; #2, 5/30-6/27; conservation areas; ages 3-5 yrs BAAAby Yoga on the Farm, 10:30-11:30 am; 5/2-5/30; Bray Farm, Yarmouth; ages birth-1 yr. Fridays: Books, Balls and Blocks, 10:30-11:30 am; 5/10-6/7; Wellfleet Library; ages 1-4 yrs. Little Scientists, 10-11 am; 5/3-6/7; Flax Pond Recreation Area; ages 2-5 yrs; Fun on the Farm Fridays, 10-11 am; 5/3-6/7; various locations around Barnstable; ages 2-5 yrs. Play & Learn: A Supportive Pediatric Sleep Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 am; 4/26, 5/10, 6/7; Family Resource Ctr, ages birth-4 yrs.

Other Community Events

Family Fun Fair: Sat. 4/6, 10 am-1 pm; Orleans Elementary School No Small Matter: Sun. 4/28, 2-4 pm; Movie Screening at Cape Cinema, Dennis Screen Free Week: 5/6-5/10, 4:15-5:30 pm; activities in various locations Kindergarten Readiness: Wed. 5/15; Speaker Panel, virtual Puppets, Paul & Mary go to Kindergarten! Thurs. 6/27, 4:30-5:30 pm; D-Y Middle School



Family Education & Support

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Cape Cod Children's Place provides Family Education and Support programs at no cost, and free family support consultations. Call 508-240-3310. Website www.capecodchildrensplace.com; also on Facebook and Instagram.

Email Marly Pereda mpereda@capecodchildrensplace.com for information about Parent Child+, a nocost program in English, Spanish or Portuguese for families with a child 18-30 months old. Families receive free educational books and toys, home visits one hour/once a week on flexible schedules, and services from a trained early learning specialist. Enrollment is available now for September 2024.

Family Education, Workshops & Support

Parenting Education Series, all virtual

Raising Healthy Families: 6-7:30 pm, 6-week series Thursdays 5/2-6/6 on Zoom with Cindy Horgan

Positive Discipline in Spanish: 6-7:30 pm, 6-week series Wednesdays 3/27-5/8 on Zoom

Positive Discipline: 10-11:30 am, 6-week series Tuesdays 4/23-5/28 on Zoom

Workshop Series, virtual

Power of Speech: 6-7 pm, 3-week series Tuesdays 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 with Jennifer Watson on Zoom

Support Groups

Dads' Talk: 6:30-7:30 pm; monthly 2nd Tues: 4/9, 5/14, 6/4 with Paul Melville, virtual on Zoom

Dads in Recovery: 6 pm; Tuesdays 1st & 3rd peer support; 2nd & 4th meet w/Danny Rodrigues Register CapeDadsGroups@gmail.com or 774-722-3305

> Sensational Chats: 6:30-7:30 pm; Tuesday 5/21 with Melissa Alves, virtual on Zoom

The Road Less Traveled: 12-1 pm; 4/9, 5/7, 6/4 Virtual support for families of children with complex medical diagnoses, with Laura Will, virtual on Zoom

Support Groups, in person

The following groups are open to all mothers with a child under one year of age. Please, no siblings.
Wednesdays: 11am-12 pm; Mullen-Hall School, Falmouth pre-registration required: shelbycrileylicsw@gmail.com
Thursdays: 10-11 am; Cape Cod Children's Place, Eastham; pre-registration required: becky@earlycaredoula.com

FIRST Steps Together

Families In Recovery SupporT Office at 23G White's Path, Yarmouth

Contact **Christina Russell, LICSW** Project Director 774-722-3305 crussell@capecodchildrensplace.com for information about the following services or to make a referral:

Community-based home visiting program serving families impacted by substance use who have young children (regardless of care and custody arrangements) or who are expecting a child

A team of staff with lived experience, covering all of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket

Individualized parenting and recovery coaching

Live and virtual trauma-informed support groups and parenting classes

Support with the Department of Children and Families

Evidence-informed interventions to increase parental resilience, secure attachment, recovery support, developmental knowledge; and to form community connections





Children's Trust

The mission of Children's Trust is to stop child abuse in Massachusetts. Learn about their programs at childrenstrustma.org. Visit <u>childrenstrustma.findhelp.com</u> to connect with services in your region. ***

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Mobile Dental Clinic

Call 508-827-6725 or email smiles@mobiledentalhygiene.com to make an appointment with Mobile Dental Hygiene Services on **May 30** when they visit Cape Cod Children's Place. This mobile clinic offers preventative dental care including dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants for children. Masshealth is accepted for pediatric patients.

Outer Cape WIC

Outer Cape WIC provides free healthy food, breastfeeding support and nutrition information to eligible families at Cape Cod Children's Place on 2nd and

4th Wednesdays of the month. Call 508-240-0853 or 508-240-3310 for appointments and information.

Early Intervention

508-418-5540 or kdc.org/earlyintervention. Developmental supports for ages 0-3.

Healthy Families

508-540-2968. Family support for first-time parents through age 26.

A Baby Center

508-771-8157 or ababycenter.org. High chairs, strollers, bathtubs, bouncy seats, clothing, diapers, wipes, formula and other baby needs.

News You Can Use

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Help in paying early childhood education & care fees is available to families from various sources, including:

Bailey Boyd subsidies: for families in the towns of Brewster, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet. Applications at baileyboyd.com/childcare-programs-1.

Cape Cod Children's Place: Email info@capecodchildrensplace.com or call 508-240-3310 for information about town subsidies for early education and care, and the Lower Cape Emergency Child Care Fund.

Chatham Subsidy Program Visit chatham-ma.gov or call Chatham Town Hall at 508-945-5100 for information and applications.

Monomoy Early Childhood Council Support for Chatham and Harwich families; lgilmore@monomoy.edu.

Child Care Network 508-778-9470 x 203 or 888-540-2430. State-funded early childhood education & care vouchers.

OTHER RESOURCES

Family Pantry of Cape Cod

508-432-6519 thefamilypantry.com Call or visit website for information and hours to get food and clothing at Family Pantry in Harwich. Call Karen at **508-240-3310** to get on the list for monthly food pick-ups at Cape Cod Children's Place from Family Pantry.

Cape Cod Foster Closet

508-514-7125 or capecodfostercloset.org. Clothing, shoes, baby gear, school supplies & more for local foster, adoptive and relative caregiver families, newborn through age 18.

Immigration Resource Center

508-771-1727 x 140. Free information & confidential advice on immigration.

'Keeping Kids Safe'

Cape Cod Children's Place and Children's Cove will present this parent workshop on Thursday, April 11, 6-7 pm at Jacob Sears Memorial Library, 23 Center St., E. Dennis. Contact aburns@capecodchildrensplace.com or anna.colby@childrenscove.org.

Citizenship Course

Free Citizenship Course Thursdays, April 25-May 30, 6-7:30 pm at Eastham Public Library. Register at 508 -771-1727x140 or ssouza@cacci.cc

Monomoy Community Services 508-945-1501 or monomoy.org. Serving the Chatham community.

Perinatal Wellness Alliance

The Cape & Islands Perinatal Wellness Alliance meets virtually once a quarter to address issues surrounding perinatal mental health. Email kerry@pwsupportcenter.org for information and to join.

Helping Our Women

508-487-4357 or helpingourwomen.org. Offices in Provincetown and Eastham. HOW provides services and transportation for Outer Cape women in need living with chronic illness and disabilities.

Homeless Prevention Council

508-255-9667 or hpccapecod.org. Help for Lower/Outer Cape residents with housing and other needs.

WE CAN

508-430-8111 or wecancenter.org. Offices in Harwich Port and in Hyannis. Programs, supports and services to create lasting, positive change for women going through life transitions.

Postpartum Doula Home Visits

Free to residents on the Cape and Martha's Vineyard: home visits with a Postpartum Doula. Email monumentalbeginningsdoula@gmail.com





More Spring Activities

April 22 is Earth Day!

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Make every day Earth Day and help your children take care of this planet we call home by showing them how to: **Reduce** the waste we produce **Recycle** materials that can be re-used **Respect** the environment we live in and the living creatures and plants who share it with us.

Mobile Dental Clinic

May 30, 2024 at Cape Cod Children's Place

The Mobile Dental Clinic is back! Mobile Dental Hygiene Services offers preventive dental care for children on MassHealth, including dental cleanings, fluoride treatments and sealants. Call 508-827-6725 to make an appointment, or visit smiles@mobiledentalhygiene.com

Family Fun Fair

Saturday, April 6; 10 am-1 pm Orleans Elementary School 46 Eldredge Park Way FREE Admission!

10 am-12 pm: Fun in the gym games, arts & crafts, resources

12-1 pm: Entertainment with Mr. Positivity

Food and refreshments for sale to benefit the Orleans Elementary School Parent Teacher Committee

Clothing Swap

Saturday, April 20; 9 am-12 pm Eastham Methodist Church, Route 6 Free gently used spring and summer children's clothing. Contact Karen at 508-240-3310 for details or Joanne at jm_remy@yahoo.com.

"No Small Matter": Film Screening

April 28, at Cape Cinema, Dennis Join us for this film highlighting the importance of quality early education and care. Call 508-240-3310 for information.

Your Town Needs You!								
Town	Town Meeting	Town Election	Town 7	<u>Fown Meeting</u>	Town Election			
Bourne	May 6	May 21	Mashpee	May 1	May 11			
Brewster	May 11	May 28	Orleans	May 10	May 21			
Chatham	May 13	May 16	Provincetow	n Apr 1	May 14			
Dennis	May 7	May 14	Sandwich	May 6	May 9			
Eastham	May 6	May 21	Truro	May 4	May 14			
Falmouth	Apr 8	May 21	Wellfleet	Apr 24	Apr 29			
•Harwich	May 6	May 21	Yarmouth	Apr 30	May 21			
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Cape Cod Children's Place News





Director's Note

Thank you for the warm welcome to Cape Cod Children's Place (CCCP). I have spent my first few weeks meeting staff, board members, families, and community partners -- and the universal message is the love and respect for the work that we do, and how important it is for all of us who live, work, and play on Cape Cod. We have an excellent staff that are committed, compassionate experts in their fields. Families feel supported and children are loved.

I am especially grateful to Cindy Horgan, who first introduced me to CCCP. I am blown away by the number of families (it has to be in the thousands!) she has touched in her career! She has been the heart of the agency, and I am thrilled to have her continue to work with our team and families across the Cape and Islands in her new role as Director of Family Support Services.

Over the next few months I will continue to reach out to folks to gain a full understanding of your challenges and dreams, and the role Cape Cod Children's Place can play. We know that building resilience, strengths and skills in children and families will create a stronger community and economy for us all. I am excited for this next chapter for all of us!

Erin Erin Sullivan, Executive Director

Upcoming

Monday, May 6: Michael H. Cole Charitable Giving Foundation Golf Tournament and Fund Raising Day. You may choose to golf, or just dine followed by the auction, or simply donate. See <u>www.mhcgolf.org</u> for details. A portion of the proceeds from the raffle and auction will be donated to CCCP to further their programs as they will be procuring this year's items for both activities.

June 18 -- Evening of Art: 5:30-8:30 pm at Chequessett Yacht and Country Club in Wellfleet. This third annual event to benefit CCCP features original art works by local artists, specialty appetizers and an open bar. For event registration & art donations, contact <u>ecampbell@capecodchildrensplace.com</u>

Find our newsletter on our website; or contact us to receive email or print version:

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HELPFUL FAMILY CONTACTS & RESOURCES



Our Family Resource Guides are available online at www.capecodchildrensplace.com in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Call Cape Cod Children's Place at 508-240-3310 to request a printed copy.

AI	Baby Center	508.771.8157	Basic items for infants and toddlers up to age three living on Cape Cod and Islands	
Al-	anon /Alateen	508.394.4555	Offering support for friends, families and teens with problem drinkers in their lives	
Cape Cod Family Resource Center		508-815-5100	Support for all families: groups, activities, classes, events.	
Cape & Island Breast Feeding Warm Line		888.890.2229	Lactation services and classes are available to local Cape and Islands mothers	
Child Support Enforcement-Mass DOR		508.771.2414 x 3	Assistance in enforcing the financial responsibilities of parenthood	
Consumer Credit Counseling		800.208.2227	Budgeting and debt consolidation assistance	
Dept. of Transitional Assistance		508.862.6600	Services and resources for low-income families and individuals.	
Early Intervention		508-418-5540	Family-centered support for children with developmental delays.	
Fuel Assistance Program		508.746.6707	Emergency fuel/heating help	
Healthy Connections		508.255-1903	Referrals for free/low cost health insurance	
Homeless Prevention Council		508.255.9667	Counseling, advocacy, resources and referral services	
Independence House		508.771.6507	Cape Cod's Resource Center for Victims & Survivors of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault.	
Legal Services for Cape Cod & Islands		510-775-7020	Non-profit legal aid	
Lower Cape Outreach Council		508.240.0694	Providing short-term emergency assistance to Lower Cape families and individuals	
Mass APEAL		508.349.1173	Free clothing as well as information on Serve New England Program	
Monomoy Family Resource Center		508.430.7216	Ext. 4044: Information, support, diapers, clothing, food for Chatham and Harwich families.	
Outer Cape Health Services:		800-667-5356	Providing high quality primary healthcare in the 8 Lower/Outer Cape towns.	
Women, Infants and Children's	(WIC) Program	508-771-7896	Healthy food options, community referrals, nutrition education and breastfeeding support.	
Parental Stress Line		800.632.8188	A free, confidential, and anonymous 24-hour parent helpline for parental support	
Provincetown Family Resource Center		800.871.9535	Providing support, referrals, and financial aid through the John A. Henry Trust.	
SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance		877-382-2363	Applications and assistance with food stamp program.	
WE CAN		508.430.8111	Assisting Cape Cod women through divorce, career change /growth, job loss, illness, retirement	

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