

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us for the annual Spring Festival! We look forward to seeing everyone there next April!

## JOIN US FOR OUR VERY FIRST FAMILY CONNECTIONS: RESOURCE ROUNDUP ON MAY 20, 11AM-1PM!

Explore many community resources conveniently located in one place--Vision Forward!

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## HOLIDAY REMINDER

VISION FORWARD WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY MAY 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

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## CLASSROOM CORNER



**Understanding Multisensory Learning:**  
Helping Your Infant Learn Without Vision

**TOUCH**  
Feeling & exploring

**SOUND**  
Songs & noises

**VISION**  
Looking when it's helpful

**MOVEMENT**  
Rocking & sensing

**What Does Multisensory Mean?**

- TOUCH** (Feeling & exploring): Small hands & fingers "see" by exploring.
- SOUND** (Songs & noises): Ears "see" by listening and recognizing.
- MOVEMENT** (Rocking & sensing): Movement helps them "see" through their body.

**How It Helps Your Baby**

- More Ways to Explore:** Using touch, sound, and movement helps learning feel **predictable and fun**.
- Feels Safe & Calm:** When things make sense, there are **fewer surprises** and meltdowns.
- Supports Their Strengths:** Hands, ears, and body work together to understand the world.



## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

An inclusive space for parents, guardians, and family members of visually impaired children, to connect with others who share similar experiences, ask questions, and learn from one another. Meets every third Wednesday of the month. Caregivers can choose between two convenient times.

**\*Upcoming Family Connection Dates:**  
**April 15, May 27, and June 17**  
**at 10am-11am OR 1pm-2pm**

## NEW OPPORTUNITY: CHECK IT OUT!

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) provides a new opportunity for parents and families to connect with one another through paid blog posts.

For more information, please explore the APH Hive Community Discussion Boards:  
<https://community.aphhive.org/t/opportunity-for-parents-through-familyconnect/2636>

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## IMPORTANT DATES & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, May 6th	9am-1pm	Braille Games at Beyond Vision (Ages 3-18)
Wednesday, May 20th	11am-1pm	Resource Round-Up (Families)
Monday, May 25th		Agency Closed: Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 27th	10-11am & 1-2pm	Family Connections (Caregivers)
Wednesday, June 17th	10-11am & 1-2pm	Family Connections (Caregivers)
Wednesday, July 15th	10-11am & 1-2pm	Family Connections (Caregivers)
NEW!!! Coming July 14-17th		Camp Readiness (Ages 5-14)
July 27-30th		Rainbow Day Camp (Ages 5-14)

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## TOP ADAPTED PARKS IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA

### KAYLA'S PLAYGROUND FRANKLIN, WI

Kayla's Playground was created to give children of all abilities a place to play freely, build friendships, and experience compassion in action.



Features include:

- Cushioned play surfaces
- Accessible ramps with grip railings
- Wheelchair-friendly merry-go-round
- Expression swings for parent/child use
- Liberty Swing for wheelchair users
- No electrical interference (safe for cochlear implants)
- Interactive toys for ages 2–5
- Climbing walls and trees for ages 2–12

Located in Port Washington, Possibility Playground brings children of all abilities together, blends inclusive play with fun, and promotes social interaction.

Tot Lot/Possibility Playground features:

- Pirate ship with waves
- Swings, slides, bridges, and tunnels
- Monkey bars, rings, rock wall, and balance elements
- Lighthouse and fairy tale castle
- Music area with interactive instruments
- Bouncy bridge, police car, and raised sandbox

### POSSIBILITY PLAYGROUND PORT WASHINGTON, WI



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### ALL MY FRIENDS PLAYGROUND GRAFTON, WI



All My Friends is an inclusive playground designed for children with special needs that is wheelchair accessible. "This playground features a variety of unique equipment designed for children, providing a fun and engaging space for kids to explore and play in a community park setting.

All My Friends Playground features:

- Biba interactive app
- Wobble Sphere for calming movement
- Generation swing
- Gator walk balance beam
- Catwalk bridge
- Pirate ship swing
- Infinity web

### JAYCEE PLAYGROUND AT WIRTH PARK BROOKFIELD, WI

Brookfield's first fully inclusive playground, at Wirth Park, was designed for all ages and abilities to play and connect together.

Jaycee Playground features:

- "Circle of Play"
- Wheelchair-friendly teeter totter
- Accessible ramps, swings, and slides
- Quiet corner and music station for sensory needs
- High-contrast flooring for improved safety and navigation



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An "Extensively ramped, inclusive destination playground with custom features and multiple wheelchair accessible commercial play components."

Village Park features:

- Splash pad
- Wheelchair accessible Merry-go-round
- Sensory stations
- Accessible swings
- Freestanding play areas

### VILLAGE PARK

MENOMONEE FALLS, WI



### DREAM PLAYGROUND

KENOSHA, WI



A fully inclusive playground where children of all abilities can play, learn, and build compassion together.

Dream Playground features:

- Bird nest and side-by-side swings
- Wheelchair-accessible swing (key required)
- Accessible merry-go-round
- Braille and sign language elements
- Separate play areas for ages 2–5 and 5+

### Other Parks to Investigate:

Margie's Garden (Hales Corners)  
Northwestern Mutual Community Park  
(Summerfest Grounds, MKE)

### COMING SUMMER 2026:

**Moss Universal Park**  
(Wauwatosa/Milwaukee)  
**Stella's Playground** (Milwaukee)