Baby and Me Play Group
Monday, May 9th from 11:00-12:00 pm
in The Family Center Playroom
at 210 State Street, North Adams.
Get out with your baby for some playtime...Babies get to play with toys in a bright baby friendly room! A fun time for parents and babies to play and meet other parents in the community with babies the same age. This is a FREE drop in group for moms and dads with their babies ~up until walking age. Call 664-4821 with questions. Transportation available.

Duck Derby Tickets now Available!
Buy a Duck to race today!
$5.00 a ticket. Cash prizes.
1st place- $300, 2nd place- $200, 3rd place- $100
Tickets will be available for purchase at The Family Center office. Tickets for parents to sell will be available at playgroups and from staff.

We also need parents and community volunteers to help at the Duck Derby on the day of the event. We will have a sign up at playgroups in May for parents who would like to help.

The Duck Derby will take place on June 18th from 11:00-1:00 at the Noel Field walking track. Hundreds of rubber ducks will race down the river behind the track and the people who have purchased the top three ducks will win CASH prizes.

The next Duck Derby meeting is May 11 at 11:30 Call 664-4821 to get tickets or to get involved.

The proceeds from the Duck Derby will go to the Family Center fundraising account.

A Very Fairy Storytime
The Family Center and the Adams Library will hold a special
Fairy Storytime on Friday, May 13
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
at the Adams Free Library, 92 Park Street.
Families will listen to stories with a fairy theme, followed by a fun fairy art activity!
This is a free drop in event.
May Family Center and Community Events

Music and Movement Playgroup!
Friday, May 6
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Freedom Dance Studio,
40 Main Street, North Adams
Families with young children will enjoy a morning of creative movement, music, and free play. The group will end with a “Circle Time” of songs, finger plays and a story. Snacks will be served.
A collaboration of
The Family Center and Freedom Dance Studio.
Call 664-4821 for more information

Evening Lego Group
at the North Adams Library
third floor
For Ages 4 to 12 years old with parents.
Thursdays, May 12 and 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
Lego bricks galore for children to build, play with and make their own creations.
This group encourages S.T. E.M. Learning.
Thank you to Erin Connolly, Parent Facilitator.

Williamstown Elementary School
Children’s Clothing Sale
Saturday, May 14, 8:30-1:00 pm,
All children’s clothing is gently used and at bargain prices. Some designer labels and clothing with tags on them that are brand new. All articles inspected and clean. We have boys and girls clothes ranging from size infants - size 16, shoes, swimwear, sports gear, jackets and maternity clothes. To get even more unbeatable prices arrive AFTER 12:00 and receive 50% off all clothing.
CASH, CHECK OR CHARGE.

Our Children, Ourselves
A Support Group for Families with Children who have Special Needs
Monday, May 23 from 10:00-11:00 at The Family Center, North Adams.
A group for parents with children who have special health needs, delays or other identified special needs. Discuss self care and relax with adult coloring pages. Snacks will be provided. Transportation and child care available. For parents with children ages birth to eight years.
Child care and transportation available if needed.
Call 413-664-4821.

Baby Care Workshop
with FREE Baby Box
Are you or someone you know in the last trimester of pregnancy? You and your partner are invited to a very special workshop on June 9 at 6:00 pm at Family Center 210 State Street in North Adams.
At this workshop expectant parents will learn baby care basics, self-care for parents and will receive a FREE Baby Box, (with supplies ) valued at over $100. The Baby Box is a starter kit for the baby’s first year of life. It includes some infant clothing, a baby blanket, diapers, and other newborn necessities and the box itself has a mattress that serves as baby’s first bed for up to eight months.
Call 664-4821 to reserve your spot soon because space is limited. Priority will be given to 1st time parents.

Join “The Walk”
Please join Child Care the Berkshires’ staff and our families for a 5 mile stroll from Dalton to Pittsfield on May 7 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Following the Walk will be a celebration and resource fair. All this is to highlight the needs of Massachusetts’s children and the culmination of a Walk across the entire state to do so. Call Ellen Baer at CCB for more information at 664-4725 x31.
Bright and Cheerful Mother's Day Card!

Make a Mother's Day Card with your children out of cupcake liners.

**Supplies:**
- Regular and mini sized cupcake liners
- Colorful buttons or pom-poms
- 5-inch by 7-inch blank cards-or fold card stock paper.
- Green crayon/or construction paper for leaves
- Tacky or white glue and glue stick

*Write Happy Mother's Day on a card*

**Directions:**
Start by printing or typing Happy Mother's Day onto the bottom right corner of your blank card. We used white ink but you can use any color you like. Next glue a regular size cupcake liner onto the card with your glue stick. Leave the edges unglued so they pop off the card some. Take another regular sized cupcake liner, fold it in half and trim it down a bit. You can make the edge curvy, or make slits along the edge around the liner. However you want to customize your flower. Then glue it down on top of your other cupcake liner. Layer your flower one more time by gluing a mini cupcake liner on top. Glue a few brightly colored buttons or pom poms in the center of your flower. Finish your flower card by drawing a stem on your flower with your green crayon. You could also use green paper for the stem, or green buttons. **Tip- Make one for Grandma! Insert a picture on the inside of the card and write a personal message to Grandma’s for Mother’s Day.**

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The Family Center is located at 210 State Street, North Adams. Call 664-4821 for information.
Dear Parents,

We value your input. Please help us by giving your feedback on Family Center programming.

1. How would you rate the services you received from the Family Center (Circle one)?
   - 1: Excellent
   - 2: Good
   - 3: Fair
   - 4: Poor

2. Have you made connections with other parents by participating in groups and activities?  ○ Yes or  ○ No

3. Have you learned about parenting and/or child development through parent education, playgroups, the newsletter, home visiting and/or other programming?  ○ Yes or  ○ No

4. Have you been active in our Family Center (by volunteering in the clothing exchange, welcoming new parents, letting people know about the program, giving other parents a ride to groups, donating snacks, facilitating a group or by volunteering in any other ways)?  ○ Yes or  ○ No

5. Has your child learned skills at groups or on home visits that will help him/her get ready for school?  ○ Yes or  ○ No

6. Have you learned about any community events or resources through our program (at groups, in the newsletter, from staff or from our Facebook social media sites)?  ○ Yes or  ○ No

7. Do you feel you can better handle the ups and downs of parenting as a result of participating in Family Center groups and activities?  ○ Yes or  ○ No

8. Please describe how the Family Resource Center has been helpful to you and your family?
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

9. Do you have any feedback/suggestions for groups, programs or services?
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

10. If you have stopped attending please let us know why.
    __________________________________________________________________________
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If you would like to be entered into a drawing for two $25 Walmart gift cards, please fill out your name and phone number here:

Name: ___________________________ Phone number: ___________________________

Thank You!
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