



# DC CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS



## CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD WITH DC CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS!

April is the Month of the Young Child! The annual celebration recognizes children and families as well as early childhood educators and organizations that provide them with excellent education and support. DC Child Care Connections (DC CCC) and community partners are hosting events throughout April for children, families and early childhood educators. More information on these events and links to register are below. All events are virtual except for the ARTboretum.

**MONDAY**  
**APRIL 8**  
**2024**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**MUSIC MONDAY**  
**EXPRESS EMOTIONS**  
**WITH MUSIC**

Whether through song, dance, instruments or storytelling, all music expresses emotion. The famous DC Public Schools (DCPS) puppet, Scribbles, will kick off DC CCC's Week of the Young Child, followed by a musical celebration of interactive activities. Register here: [bit.ly/3vnMXBf](https://bit.ly/3vnMXBf)

**TUESDAY**  
**APRIL 9**  
**2024**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**TASTY TUESDAY**  
**PROMOTING GOOD**  
**HEALTH THROUGH**  
**NUTRITION AND YOGA**

This session highlights the importance of good nutrition and exercise by emphasizing good eating habits and building strong bodies in all young children. Yoga for children builds an arsenal of strategies used to combat anxiety and stressful situations. Register here: [bit.ly/3VvqxZt](https://bit.ly/3VvqxZt)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APRIL 10**  
**2024**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY**  
**DC SCHOOLS AND THE**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
**JOURNEY**

Join the Special Education Hub of DC's State Board of Education to learn more about resources and support for families navigating special education in DC. Staff will also host an interactive jeopardy game for parents, caregivers, educators and children to enjoy and challenge their knowledge of DC, school topics and children's interests. Register here: [bit.ly/3x6zCOh](https://bit.ly/3x6zCOh)

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 11**  
**2024**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**ARTSY THURSDAY**  
**EXPLORING SCIENCE,**  
**TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING**  
**AND MATH (STEM)**

Join this engaging and hands-on learning experience where we'll explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)! During this session, participants will listen to a read-aloud story and complete a building project. Register here: [bit.ly/43C0vWA](https://bit.ly/43C0vWA)

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 12**  
**2024**

5:30-7 p.m.

**FAMILY FRIDAY**  
**A FOCUS ON**  
**FATHERHOOD**

Join us as we discuss the uniquely important role fathers and surrogate fathers play in the lives of children. During this session, participants will discover fun activities they can do with their children, like going to the playground, playing a game or sharing a snack, and learn about resources they can use to engage with their children. Register here: [bit.ly/3VtIQhw](https://bit.ly/3VtIQhw)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**APRIL 24**  
**2024**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**KINDERGARTEN**  
**READINESS**

Early learning experiences help prepare young children for school and life. This session will focus on what children ages three to five should know and be able to do in order to enter kindergarten ready for success in school. Register here: [bit.ly/3xemias](https://bit.ly/3xemias)

SATURDAY  
APRIL 27  
2024

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## FAMILY FUN AT THE ARTboretum

In person event



SCAN HERE  
TO LEARN MORE  
AND REGISTER!

**Location: 3501 New York Ave. NE, Washington, DC**

The Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) and DC CCC will bring ARTboretum to FONA's annual Garden Fair and Plant Sale. ARTboretum is a family-friendly event celebrating the intersection between art and nature. The child-centered, family-focused event for children ages 2 to 12 will include face painting, arts and crafts and games. DC CCC will also be on hand to share information about early childhood programs and services in DC.

**Register here: [bit.ly/4a1V45J](https://bit.ly/4a1V45J)**



For questions about any of these events, please contact DC CCC at (202) 829-2500, (202) 678-0027 or [OSSE.dcchildcareconnections@dc.gov](mailto:OSSE.dcchildcareconnections@dc.gov).

