

Marc Children's Services Family Calendar



An Affiliate of The Arc of Montgomery County

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About Marc Children's Services

Marc Children's Services is an affiliate of The Arc of Montgomery County, PA. We provide early intervention and support services for children ages birth through three years old, with developmental delays.

The Early Intervention Services (EI) are designed so that children can be included as active members of their families and communities. Because we work on the priorities that families identify, we go places where families are. You can find our teachers and therapists helping children in their homes, at their child-care programs and in other community places such as playgrounds, grocery stores, doctor's offices, libraries and malls.

Since families are a central part of a child's life, our teachers and therapists work with them to promote continual learning. We develop ways for children to learn through everyday activities and play.

We realize that children are constantly moving, communicating and learning all day. This is why we work on a child's full learning program. Our teachers and therapists are equipped with the training to cross-over into other disciplines while maintaining their primary focus. For example, you might see a speech and language pathologist on the playground helping a child learn to climb or a physical therapist encouraging a child to make sounds.

About This Calendar

Since Marc has a variety of program and services that are offered at different points throughout the year we thought we would make life easier and organized for you. We have listed each activity next to each month as well as on the calendar day itself and a detailed listing of all events and contacts in the beginning of the calendar.

Contact Us...

To learn more about Marc Children's Services or any of our other services please contact us at our new facilities at
3075 Ridge Pike
Eagleville, PA 10403
610-265-4700

Or visit us on the web at:

www.marcpa.org

Parent Support and Information

Activity	What is It?	When and Where	How To Join
Sign Language Class for Parents	Parents meet together and learn signs for their children. This is an entertaining morning for parents and the instructor makes learning easy	October 18 th and March 21 st from 9:00-11:00 at the MARC Office in Eagleville	Contact Wendy Sokolowski at 610-287-1340 for October 18 th and Connie Viens at 484-868-0423 for March 21 st
Feeding Support Group	Was your child born prematurely and has issues around eating? Is your child tube fed or are you being advised to consider a feeding tube? Is your child not gaining weight appropriately? Does your child have sensory issues that are affecting his or her eating? Does it take over 2 hours or more to feed your child a meal? If you are experiencing any of the above scenarios or are experiencing feelings of frustration, isolation, anger, tearfulness or guilt this group may be for you. The group consists of families who know what it feels like and are here to support you and certainly UNDERSTAND what you are going through. The group can not "FIX" your child but can share tips of what has or has not worked for them.	This group does not currently have a meeting time. If interested in attending please contact Alicia Patterson	Contact Alicia Patterson at 610-265-4700 ext. 231 or e-mail: alicia@marcpa.org
Sibling/Parent Group	Siblings ages 4-6 and 7-11 have fun together and meet other siblings who are having similar experiences. While the siblings meet the parents get together to discuss siblings or other issues that they are having with their children.	This group meets at the MARC office in Eagleville the last Thursday of each month unless a Jewish Holiday occurs (9/25, 10/30,11/20,12/18,1/29,2/26,3/26,4/30,5/28) from 6:00 – 7:30 pm	Contact Dale Fisher each month at 610-668-8890

Down Syndrome Play Group	This support group is for family members and the child with Down Syndrome to meet informally (no therapies) to support each other and share ideas and resources	This group meets on alternating Third Monday or Friday of each month (9/19,10/17,11/17,12/19,TBD, 2/20,3/16,4/17,5/18,6/19) at the Marc office in Eagleville from 10:00 – 11:30 am	Contact Alicia Patterson at 610-265-4700 ext. 231 or e-mail: alicia@marcpa.org
Father's Group	This Father's Group provides an opportunity to obtain specific information that will help with understanding a child's handicap and provide the knowledge to help the child and family members. We request that you bring your child who receives services to this event. The group is geared for children up to the age of 12. Childcare is available during the group meeting. Father's Group Meetings are open to all fathers who have a child with a disability	The Fathers' Group is held every other Saturday (9/6,9/20,10/4,10/18,11/1,11/15 1/17,2/7,2/21,3/7,3/21,4/4,4/18 5/2,5/16,6/6,6/20) at the Eagleville Office from 10:00 to12:00	Contact Paul Stengle at: 610-265-4700 or at paulstengle@aol.com or Mike Marsh at: mmarsh@epiclearningsystem.com
Montgomery County Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)	Montgomery County Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) is a group of parents and professionals who meet monthly to discuss policy and practice issues for early intervention (birth to 5). Representatives from the County MH/MR, Intermediate Unit and Department of Health attend the meetings	The ICC meets at the on the third Thursday on the Month location to be determined	Contact Alice Munn at 610-265-4700
Pumpkin Patch Visit	This is one of our main family events for the year! Come join other families at Merrymead Farm to take a fun hayride, pick out a pumpkin and enjoy some delicious ice cream!	This activity will take place on October 3 rd at Merrymead Farm in Worcester from 9:30 – 11:30 am The rain date will be October 13 th from 9:30-11:30 am	Contact Alice Munn at 610-265-4700, ext. 226

Breakfast with Frosty and Santa	This is another of our family events, come join other families as they enjoy a light breakfast while the children (and adults!) get to visit with both Frosty and Santa!	This activity will take place on Saturday December 6 th at the Marc office in Eagleville from 9:00 – 11:00 am	Contact Connie Viens at 484-868-0423
Marc Graduation for Montgomery County	This is our final family event for the year! This event celebrates the children and their families who are leaving the program this year	This activity will take place on Friday May 29 th at the Elmwood Park Zoo, Norristown	Contact Wendy Sokolowski at 610-287-1340
Marc Graduation for Berks County	This is our final family event for the year! This event celebrates the children and their families who are leaving the program this year	This event will take place on Friday June 5 th at Googleworks in Reading	Contact Denise Hackman at 484-919-3242
Marc Graduation for Chester County	This is our final family event for the year! This event celebrates the children and their families who are leaving the program this year	This event will take place in May. The date, time and location are to be determined	Contact Kavitha Patel at 484-868-2665