



District of Columbia  
Office of the State Superintendent of Education  
**PRESENTS**

# MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

CELEBRATING OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

## BOOKS ON WHEELS



**Do you want to bring a truckload of brand-new books to the District?** Yes! An actual truckload!

OSSE is partnering with First Book to help distribute more than 40,000 brand-new FREE books in the District of Columbia to support educators and program leaders serving children in need.

All educators, paraprofessionals, and program leaders serving kids in need across DC are encouraged to sign up with First Book today to participate in this free book distribution.

### HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT!

- 1 **Sign up now online with First Book at [firstbook.org/dcosse](http://firstbook.org/dcosse).** Signing up is free and takes only minutes to complete. Only individuals who register at the above link will have access to this distribution initiative.
- 2 Keep an eye on your email. First Book and OSSE will send out more information about where and when books will be distributed in the DC area during April's Week of the Young Child.
- 3 Help spread the word! If you know other teachers, program coordinators or community leaders serving kids in need in the District, please pass the word on and encourage them to sign up as well.

**REGISTER NOW!** at [firstbook.org/dcosse](http://firstbook.org/dcosse)

For more information, email [brandee.reed@dc.gov](mailto:brandee.reed@dc.gov)

Please note, all books received through this campaign are for the direct use of children across the District through educational programs, community outreach events, and programs targeting District families and youth. Books received are not for personal use or resale.





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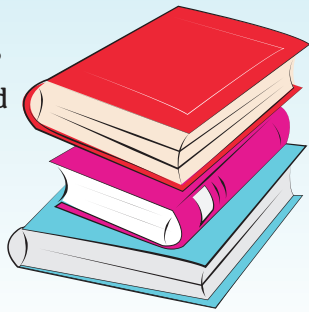
# Read Across DC

## April 2, 2015

OSSE will kick off **Month of the Young Child** by reading across the District at early childhood development centers to promote early literacy.

### Are you interested in volunteering as a reader?

Please, contact Brandee Reed at [brandee.reed@dc.gov](mailto:brandee.reed@dc.gov)



### Share Your Month of the Young Child Photos

OSSE wants to see all of the wonderful things your center is doing in honor of Month of the Young Child. Email your April, Month of the Young Child photos to [brandee.reed@dc.gov](mailto:brandee.reed@dc.gov)

- Please ensure that all children photographed have parental consent forms.
- All photos must be high resolution and **attached** to your email.

### Story Time for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers

- Throughout the Month of April
- Times and locations vary

Story time is designed to introduce young children to books, rhymes, music and other fun activities that match the typical attention spans and developmental levels of different early learners. For children ages birth to 5 years old.

View reading times and locations: [dclibrary.org/](http://dclibrary.org/)

### African American Family Celebration at the National Zoo: A Washington Family Tradition

- Monday, April 6 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Smithsonian National Zoo**  
3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Celebrate Easter Monday at the National Zoo's annual special family- focused event. Enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt with prizes for the kids participating. Special animal demonstrations along with a special visit from the Easter Panda!

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**

For more information: [nationalzoo.si.edu](http://nationalzoo.si.edu)

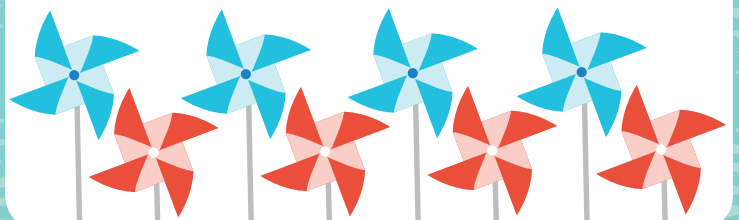
### Pinwheels for Prevention Fair: Child Abuse Awareness Forum

- Friday, April 10, 2015 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

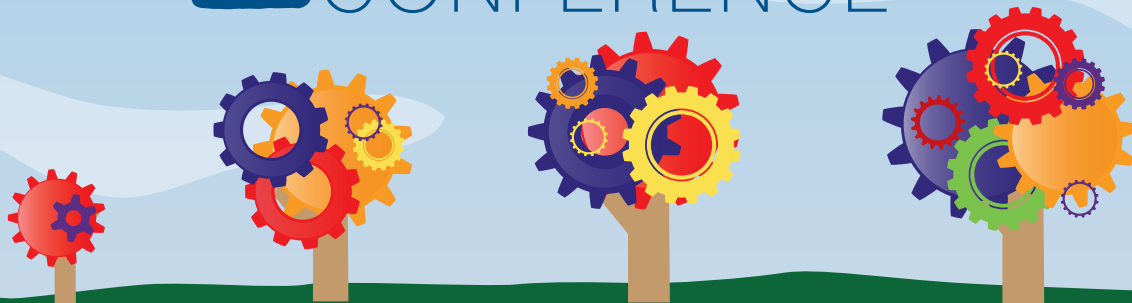
**OSSE, 3rd Floor Grand Hall**  
810 First Street, NE

Wear blue to take a stand against child abuse and join OSSE staff at the Pinwheel Fair in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness month. The pinwheel symbolizes hope and promise that every child will be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment.

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Infant and Toddler CONFERENCE



## GROWING YOUNG MINDS

*Nurturing Healthy, Happy and Secure Children*

Choose one of the following dates:

**April 28, 29, or 30**

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**  
On the Campus of Gallaudet University  
800 Florida Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**Register Now, Only 300 slots available per day!**  
[osse.dc.gov/node/1011672](http://osse.dc.gov/node/1011672)

### Promoting Educational Excellence

- Tuesday, April 14, 2015 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**The Arc-Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus**  
1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE

A town hall meeting on school readiness and tag success of young African American boys from birth through eight years old.

**Hosted by:** Southeast Children's Fund Young African American Boys Initiative

For more information email [kamila@kj-consulting.org](mailto:kamila@kj-consulting.org)



### MOYC Edition of Field Trip Fridays

In honor of Month of the Young Child, OSSE will sponsor **three** Field Trip Friday excursions! Join fellow early childhood educators as we embark on cultural and educational journeys through Washington, DC. Be inspired by the local sights and sounds while you learn how to incorporate the DC Common Core Early Learning Standards in field experiences with young children.

- Thursday, April 9 | 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Imagination Stage - Family Home Providers Only  
4908 Auburn Avenue  
Bethesda, MD

To register email [patricia.irby@dc.gov](mailto:patricia.irby@dc.gov)

- Friday, April 10 | 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Imagination Stage  
4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD  
Register online: <http://bit.ly/1ACc9OL>

- Friday, April 24 | 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

National Gallery of Art  
6th & Constitution Avenue, NW

Register online: <http://bit.ly/1zmHWOE>

Admission is free, on a first come first serve basis.

All participants must register in advance



## Professional Development Workshop: Gravity

- Friday April 24 | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

National Air and Space Museum  
600 Independence Avenue, SW

What goes up, must come down – at least on Earth! In this session, participants will explore ways that young children can experience and collect data about the effects of gravity on objects on our planet. The session will explore appropriate ways to talk about gravity and will even venture into how gravity is different in space.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/1zmHWOF>

## Tots to Teens Expo

- Saturday, April 25, 2015 | 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Walter E. Convention Center  
801 Mount Vernon Place, NW

The 2015 Tots to Teens Expo is a unique family-focused, kid- friendly event for residents of Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia. Spanning 140,000 square feet, the Expo delivers info on children's education, STEAM, healthy living, and fitness. Also featured are: 3,000 square feet of inflatables, cooking, fitness and performance stages, science fair, mobile video trucks, reading lounge, health and dental screenings, automotive displays, tennis, soccer, rock climbing and up to 600 interactive exhibitors.

For more information: [thebetterfamily.com](http://thebetterfamily.com)

## naeyc® Celebrate Week of the Young Child | April 13-17

### MUSIC MONDAY! | April 13, 2015

*Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn*

Through music; children develop math, language, and literacy skills - and of course, have fun while being active! In their popular song, Thingamajig, Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band use some very unusual words! For Music Monday we invite you to sing and dance along to this hit. Have fun making up your own verses and dance moves.

### TACO TUESDAY | April 14, 2015

*Healthy eating and fitness at home and school*

This fun, food-themed day is more than just cheese and salsa. With the rise in childhood obesity, teachers and families can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more.

### WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY | April 15, 2015

*Work together, build together, learn together*

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. This Week of the Young Child, work together and build something today! Kids can use any building material - from a fort of branches on the school playground, a block city in the classroom, a hideaway made from couch pillows at home, to a lego creation.

### ARTSY THURSDAY | April 16, 2015

*Think, problem solve, create*

Children develop creativity, social skills and fine muscles with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday, celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making.

### FAMILY FRIDAY | April 17, 2015

*Sharing family stories*

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. Families, NAEYC applauds you as your child's' first and most important teachers!

Upload your Week of the Young Child Photos to NAEYC's Facebook page or post to Twitter using the hashtag [#woyc15](https://twitter.com/woyc15).



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