



DC FAMILIES: PLAY AND LEARN WITH STRONG START PLAYGROUPS

Strong Start, DC's early intervention program, provides support and services to families with children, from birth through age 3, with developmental delays and disabilities. Strong Start partners with DC Public Library (DCPL) to host community playgroups every month for infants and toddlers and their families. The community playgroups are facilitated by early intervention professionals and provide an environment for children to interact with their same-age peers, while families receive information about their child's development, early childhood developmental screenings, early intervention process and other community resources.

Strong Start community playgroups offer a wealth of benefits for children and families:

- Safe environment for children to engage in creative and interactive activities under the guidance of early intervention professionals.
- Networking opportunities for families to gather information about early intervention and engage with additional early childhood resource programs.
- Exposure to early intervention strategies and support submitting referrals.

Community playgroups are held on different days throughout each month depending on location. Registration is encouraged. Learn more about the playgroups and register to attend at <https://rb.gy/31h86>. For questions or support registering for a playgroup, contact Kisha Lim at Kisha.Lim@dc.gov.

If you have questions or developmental concerns about a child younger than age 3, contact Strong Start at (202) 727-3665. To submit a Strong Start referral visit eip.osse.dc.gov.

"I believe this playgroup is essential for children as it offers a plethora of opportunities for them to learn through various activities, leading to better development.»

– Playgroup participant

"The playgroup has been beneficial in improving [child's] motor skills and agility. Additionally, it has helped her overcome shyness and become more comfortable sharing with friends."

– Playgroup participant

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