



Putnam Family Resource Center News

Located in the Putnam Elementary School
Phone - 860-963-6940 ☀ www.putnam.k12.ct.us/frc

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Spotlight: Sparkle App Training



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Download the Sparkler App and when prompted enter code **PUT** for Putnam families. More information is included in this newsletter.



**THE PUTNAM FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER
has joined
FACEBOOK**

We welcome you to “like” our page (Putnam Family Resource Center) to learn more about events and activities that are happening at the Putnam Family Resource Center and in the Community!



Parents and early care and education providers come and join us for a fun evening to learn about the SPARKLER App!

When: Wednesday, April 24
Dinner – 5:30-6:00 / Training 6:00-7:30
Where: Putnam Elementary School
Cost: FREE

Presented by Meaghan Penrod, Sparkler Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Sparkler is a free mobile family engagement app! It is available to families and providers in CT with young children (0-5). Check on a child’s development, access to over 2,000+ play activities, parenting tips and coaches available as a resource.

Come see what it is all about!
Contact the Putnam Family Resource Center to register, email duffyj@putnam.k12.ct.us or call 860-963-6940.



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Preschool Registration Is Open!

We are accepting registrations for our **2024-2025 nationally accredited Putnam Preschool Programs**.

Programs are for Putnam children who are 3 or 4 years old. There are part-day, school-day and full-day program options for families. Children do not need to be potty trained. Tuition is charged for our preschool programs on a very affordable sliding fee scale.

The registration packet is available at the Putnam Elementary School Main Office, our FRC webpage or you can contact Jessica Duffy for a packet.

Once you have completed your packet, you can drop it off at the PES Main Office or email completed packet to duffyj@putnam.k12.ct.us. Please call our office with any questions 860-963-6940.

Also needed for registration: Your child's Birth Certificate, Recent physical within 1 year and Immunization Records, Proof of Residency (i.e. mortgage or rental agreement, bill for a utility at your Putnam address) and Custody Agreements. These items can be scanned or take a picture and email them to duffyj@putnam.k12.ct.us.

The Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC), Putnam Family Resource Center & EASTCONN Head Start have partnered to offer a

FREE Social-Emotional (SEL) Learning & Support Workshop
to provide our local families with an introduction & overview of resources
to support their child(ren)'s social-emotional learning

When: Tues., May 7, 2024 - Dinner (optional) 5:30-6:00pm; Workshop 6:00-7:15pm

Where: Putnam Elementary School, 33 Wicker St. Putnam, CT 06260

Who: Families with children, ages 2-8 yrs. old who live in any of the following CT towns:
Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, Putnam, Thompson & Sterling

Registration Required. Space is Limited. On-site childcare provided for children, ages 2 & up
(younger children may stay with their parent/caregiver)

Each family that attends will receive a FREE Social-Emotional Learning Kit

To register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5-7-24SELworkshop> or contact: NECC Regional Outreach Coordinator, Christine Rosati Randall at 860-717-2009 or rosatirandall@outlook.com





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Play & Learn Groups!

Looking for something fun and engaging to do with your child?

Come and join us for a Play & Learn Group!

Ages 0-5 years

Play and Learn Group – Mondays – PES 10-11:30

Baby & Me - Tuesdays - PES 10-11:30

Music and Movement - Wednesdays - PES 10-11:00



Fridays join for local meet ups, check FB page for up-to-date information or check out our monthly calendar in this newsletter.

This program is FREE!

Please call Shannon Haney at **Putnam FRC - 960-963-6940** or email

haneys@putnam.k12.ct.us to sign up.

Family Fun

(Parent/Child Activity & Learning)

Earth Day Necklace

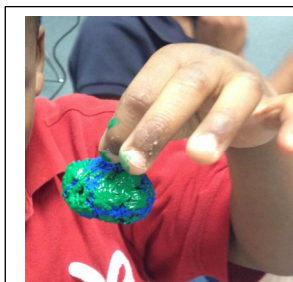
Materials: soil, glue, popsicle stick, paper clip,

Dixie cup, blue & green paint, and yarn

Fill Dixie cup 2/3 full with soil. Cover the soil with glue. Use a popsicle stick to stir soil and glue together until it turns into a blob. Use your hands to roll blob into a sphere. Place the paper clip inside of it so that only one “hoop” is seen.

This will be used to hang the earth as a necklace. Let the sphere dry overnight. Use the blue and green paint on the soil ball to resemble the earth.

Allow the painted earth to dry overnight. String yarn through the paper clip. Tie the ends together to make a necklace!



A Recipe for Family Fun

Earth Day Treat



Ingredients: 1 cup blueberries cut in half, 1 cup green grapes cut in half, 1 package cream cheese, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 Tb sugar, Package of flavored rice cakes (or one large cookie base)

Instructions

Help your child cut grapes and blueberries in half. Help your child measure out 1 Tb sugar and 1 tsp of vanilla. Mix the sugar, vanilla and cream cheese in a small bowl.

Spread the cream cheese mixture onto the rice cake.

The last step is to tell them to create the earth by placing the blueberries for the water and the grapes for the land.

Eat and Enjoy!

PES PTO News
**The next PTO Meeting will
be held on
Tuesday, May 21
at 6:00 p.m.**

voting on PTO Board positions will
occur at this meeting

**In the Putnam Elementary School
Library**

**Childcare is available for children of
parents attending the meeting.**



Volunteers Needed

The PTO is seeking volunteers for special
events:

Color Run – May 4

Plant Sale – May 7 to 9

Field Day – June 5 rain date June 7

Visit their Facebook page for more
information – **Putnam Elementary
School PTO**

**Sign up to attend the first ever PES
PTO Color Run on May 4!
May the 4th be with you! – Come in
your best Star Wars attire and help
to raise funds while getting
splashed with color. All are
welcome!**

More information is available on their Facebook
page or look further in this newsletter.



Events & Activities

Preschool Registration – Open NOW

Play & Learn Groups – Mondays,
Tuesdays, Wednesdays at 10:00am

April Vacation – Monday, April 15 –
Friday, April 19

PES After School Clubs – Sta Tuesday,
April 23

Sparkler App Parent/Provider Training –
Wednesday, April 24 from 5:30-7:30

PES PTO – Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00

Putnam Board of Education - Tuesday,
May 21 at 7:00pm

**FREE CHILD FIND
DEVELOPMENTAL
SCREENINGS**

**Appointments are available
upon request. If you are
concerned about your child's
development, please call for
more information.**

Children 3 and 4 years of age who are
Putnam residents are eligible to
participate in this speech & language
and developmental screening.



*For more information and to
schedule an appointment, please call
the Putnam Family Resource Center
at 860-963-6940.*

Community Events and News

INTERNATIONAL DAY Special Events & Demonstrations

Time	Event	Location (see map inside)
9:00 – 10:00	WINY Live Spot	Ⓐ Corner Front & Main Street
12:30	Kickoff – First "It's a Small World in Putnam" Tour leaves	Ⓘ Centreville Bank
12:45	Boomerang Demo	Ⓒ Putnam Congregational Church Lawn
1:30	First Reptile Demo	Ⓓ Kazantis Real Estate Office
1:45	Surprise Event	Ⓗ Kazantis Real Estate Area
2:15	Belgian Waffle Demo	Ⓔ Main Street Gelato Porch
2:45	Mozzarella Demo	Ⓕ Main Street Gelato Porch
3:30	Second Reptile Demo	Ⓓ Kazantis Real Estate Office
4:00	Turn in Passports in for International Gift Basket Pull	Ⓓ Kazantis Real Estate Office
4:15	Passport International Gift Basket Pull	Ⓓ Kazantis Real Estate (must be present to win)

All Day Events	Location
Street Performers	Roving around town
Stiltwalker	Roving around town
Gondolier	Ⓐ Corner Front & Main Street
Face Painter	Ⓘ Montgomery Ward Building
Opera Singer	Roving around town
Origami Demonstration	Ⓘ Montgomery Ward Building
Photo Ops	Various locations

"It's a Small World in Putnam" Tour Trolley Schedule

Ⓘ All tours leave from the parking lot of Centreville Bank, 40 Main St. Each tour is approximately 45 minutes in length and will end at Kazantis Real Estate Office. There will be additional stops along the way.

12:30	12:45	1:00
1:30	1:45	2:00
2:30	2:45	3:00

Your Passport to



April 20, 2024

A guide to the sights, sounds, and fun!

Win an International Day Gift Basket!

Collect at least 4 International Stickers from the businesses listed in this passport to win a bouquet full of local gift cards. To enter, turn in your completed Passport before 4:00 to Kazantis Real Estate, 112 Main Street. Must be present to win

Generations School-Based Health Center

(A partnership between Generations Family Health Center and Putnam Public Schools)

Fill out an application to use this service - applications available in Main Offices at all schools or by visiting

<https://genhealth.org/programs-a-services/school-based-health>

Services offered: Behavioral Health Services

Location: Putnam Middle School - 35 Wicker Street, Putnam

Accepting all insurances and a sliding fee scale is available based on family size and income. For the uninsured, Generations will work with families to screen for insurance eligibility and work out payment plans. No student will be refused services based on an inability to pay.

For Info or appointments for Elementary/Middle School Students Call: **860-928-4698**

For information or appointments for High School Students Call: **860-928-2714**

HOSTED BY PUTNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



"MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU"

SATURDAY MAY 4TH – OPEN TO ALL

OUR FIRST EVER COLOR-A-THON IS COMING TO PES! PLEASE JOIN US TO HAVE A BLAST AND RAISE FUNDS FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

BRING YOUR BEST STAR WARS ATTIRE AND GET READY FOR LOTS OF FUN!

A COLOR-A-THON IS A 3K WHERE PARTICIPANTS RUN/WALK/DANCE THROUGH THE COURSE AND GET COLOR-BLASTED IN SAFE, ECO-FRIENDLY, PLANT-BASED POWDERED DYE AT EVERY ZONE...TURNING THEM INTO A MOVING TARGET OF FUN!

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ANYONE!
ANYONE WALKING, RUNNING, OR DANCING THE COURSE MUST BE REGISTERED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Prizes
Best Costume
Raffle
DJ
After Party

REGISTRATION 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM
KICKOFF AT 9:30 AM
END TIME: 11:30 AM

STAR WARS ATTIRE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!

REGISTER HERE BY APRIL 12, 2024:
[HTTP://SHOP.SCHOOLATHON.ORG/198384](http://shop.schoolathon.org/198384)



Community Events & News

Classroom Celebration Catering

Visit the Food services page on the district website to order a special birthday celebration snack for your child's class! They take the work out of preparing birthday classroom snacks and they meet the healthy food requirements for the school. Snacks are delivered on this special birthday cart to your child's class to celebrate their special day. All snacks are reasonably priced from .50 to \$1.00.

No outside food products are allowed in the school at this time for any classroom celebrations!



NEED HELP WITH DIAPERS? GIVE US A CALL!



THE IHSP-DIAPER BANK OF NECT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FAMILIES RESIDING in Northeastern Connecticut

SIX CONVENIENT LOCATIONS FOR PICK UP:

- Putnam Diaper Bank [Daily Bread]
- Danielson United Methodist Church
- Plainfield FRC-Early Learning Ctr
- Killingly-Goodyear Early Learning Ctr
- TEEG
- Ashford Social Services

ONE PACKAGE OF DIAPERS AND WIPES PER MONTH FOR EACH CHILD IN DIAPERS

TWO-PAGE APPLICATION TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY

OFFICE: (860)928-0169 FAX: (860)963-7602

EMAIL: ihspputnam2005@gmail.com

IHSP-DIAPER BANK of NECT, 51 GROVE St., Putnam, CT 06260

www.ihspputnam.org

Interfaith Human Services of Putnam

(Serving all of Windham County except Willimantic area)
51-53 Grove St., P O Box 281, Putnam, CT 06260
www.ihspputnam.org - -
www.facebook.com/putnamdailybread

PROGRAMS-SERVICES

Daily Bread Food Pantry, Thanksgiving Baskets,
Summer Food Program/Snack Packs, Fuel Assistance
(Putnam Residents), NU2U Clothing, Pathways 2
Success, Homelessness Support/Prevention,
Diaper Bank of NECT

Please call 860-928-0169 or send an email to
ihspputnam2005@gmail.com, if you have any questions
about IFHSP services or qualifications.

**Families can qualify for IFHSP services even if they
do not qualify for state assistance!**



REGISTER NOW AT: WWW.NOWINMOTION.ORG

FREE SOCCER CLINIC

**APRIL 13, 2024
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**POMFRET SCHOOL
398 POMFRET ST, POMFRET, CT
(TURF BEHIND THE SCHOOL)**

TEEG
Community * Faith * Business

NOW
Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc.

**POMFRET
SCHOOL**

Relay For Life Poetry Contest!

In-person poetry reading for
friends, family, and judges on

Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM

Putnam Middle School Auditorium

Entry Deadline: April 26th

Submit entries to nectpoetry24@gmail.com



For more information visit Relayforlife.org/northeasternct

Birth to Three System Early Intervention Supports

If you are a parent or caregiver that has concerns about your child's development, the CT Birth to Three System can help you!

Anyone with concerns can contact the Connecticut Birth to Three System by visiting their website at <http://www.birth23.org> or by calling 1-800-505-7000 and making a referral.

A play-based evaluation will be completed with your family, the results will be shared, and services for eligible children will be planned with your family.

Early Intervention Matters!



Connecticut Birth to Three System



**VETERANS ONLY FOOD SHARE
FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00 A.M.**

**PUTNAM FARMERS MARKET PAVILION
18 KENNEDY DRIVE ~ PUTNAM
VETERANS, VETERANS SPOUSES AND
WIDOWS & GENERAL PUBLIC
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

Passport to Connecticut Libraries

Libraries all over Connecticut are participating in this exciting program to make people of all ages aware of the power of their library card.

Pick up your passport and start visiting today!
Contest dates: April 1-30



Community Events & News



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Children deserve every opportunity to succeed!

Join us in a judgment-free zone to share feelings, experiences, and resources.

Meetings will be held **First Wednesday**
of the month **10 AM to 11:30 AM**

Putnam Public Library, 200 School Street, Putnam, CT. 06266

October 4, 2023, November 1, 2023, December 6, 2023, January 3, 2024, February 7, 2024, March 6, 2024, April 3, 2024
May 1, 2024, June 5, 2024

Questions, contact Lori Rygielski, Senior Resources, 860-887-3561 ext. 12
or email rygielski@SeniorresourcesEC.org

OPEN HOUSE

WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP

April 20 12-4pm

Register for Camp
Meet the Staff
Take a Tour

LICENSED BY THE STATE OF CT

326 Taft Pond Rd
Pomfret Ctr, CT 02659

www.4hcampct.org

860-974-3379

Prescription Drug Takeback Day

April 27, 2024

10:00am - 2:00pm



Putnam Farmers Market Pavilion
18 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT 06260

WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP



CAMPER SCAMPER 5K



ADULTS \$30
KIDS \$10



5K RUN/WALK & 1 MILE KIDS RUN

START FROM 326 TAFT POND RD POMFRET, CT

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

BENEFITS THE JIM LOGEE CAMBERSHIP FUND

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00AM

KIDS RACE STARTS AT 9:30AM
5K STARTS AT 10:00AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

860-974-1122



RACE TIMED BY
THE LAST MILE RACING

WWW.4HCAMPCT.ORG

Community
Events & News

~Discover Putnam~

BEAUTIFICATION DAY



April 27, 2024
RAIN DATE: MAY 4

Sponsored by Putnam Business Association.
For any questions on volunteering, or to RSVP:



Marcy Dawley
marcy.dawley@putnamct.us
(860) 963-6800 ext. 140

*Funded in part by: The Last Green Valley and The Town of Putnam.

8:30 am
Gather at Rotary Park
to Receive Cleaning Assignments
11:00 am-12:00 pm
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Volunteer Groups/Community Support Needed:

If you **LOVE** Putnam, help us clean our parks, streets and public places.
School groups, business organizations, fraternal clubs, civic clubs, sports teams, families, individuals
... **EVERYONE IS NEEDED AND WELCOME, TROPHIES AWARDED TOO!**

Save the date

Windham County 4-H
Foundation, Inc.



**70th Annual 4-H
Auction**

May 3 & 4

Free Admission



LOCATED AT:
326 TAFT POND ROAD
POMFRET CENTER, CT 06259
(860) 974-3379
WWW.4HCAMPCT.ORG

- Live and Silent Auction each night
- Garden Plants
- Furniture & Home Decor
- Antiques, Uniques & Collectibles
- Certificates for family trips, dining out, golf, skiing, theme parks & more!
- Hourly Raffles, Bake Sale
- Hot food, cold drinks and fresh apple pie

4-H Tag Sale

*Rain or Shine
Over 4000 square feet of
bargains galore.*



Windham County 4-H Foundation Inc

Sponsors of: Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp & Ragged Hill Woods Education Programs

**HEALTHY
KIDS DAY®**

APRIL 20
10 am – 1 pm
at the
**Hartford Yard
Goats Stadium**
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Hartford
Yard Goats

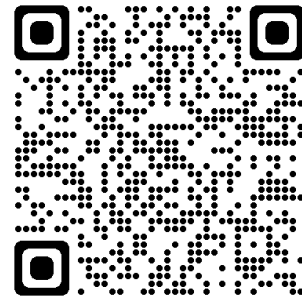
the
YMCA



Resources For Families In Northeast Connecticut



View or download your **FREE** copy of the **Resources for Families in Northeast Connecticut Guide!** Visit www.neccouncil.org and click the link on the homepage or scan this QR code.



The Northeast Early Childhood Council (NECC) includes the communities of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield, Putnam, Sterling & Thompson. We work together to ensure all children, birth through age eight, in our communities are healthy, safe and successful learners.

For even more FREE resources and events, follow us on Facebook @nechildhoodcouncil

You've got this!

INVEST *in* YOURSELF,
and Your FUTURE

Enroll today in one of EASTCONN's FREE programs

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION



EASTCONN offers FREE classes (in-person or online) with caring teachers, flexible hours, and technology training & support for all levels of learners. Help your kids with schoolwork, apply for a new job, or prepare for your U.S. citizenship test!

LEARN ENGLISH & CITIZENSHIP PREP



Learn the skills and earn the credentials to jump-start your career. Put your best foot forward with our FREE expert guidance.

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING



Learn the skills and earn the credentials to jump-start your career. Put your best foot forward with our FREE expert guidance.

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ADULT & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

LEARN ENGLISH & CITIZENSHIP PREP

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Willimantic Area: 860-423-2591

Danielson Area: 860-779-3770

Email: aded@eastconn.org

 EASTCONNAdultEducationPrograms



At EASTCONN we believe *your* Success is our priority. Whether it's **high school completion**, **English language instruction & citizenship prep**, or **employment & training**, our Adult & Community Programs are designed to help all adult residents develop new, lifelong skills, expand options, and reach new goals.
EASTCONN is Your Partner in Lifelong Learning

eastconn.org/getstartedtoday

It is the policy of EASTCONN that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be discriminated against under any program because of race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, genetic information, gender identity or expression, veteran status, disability or any other classification protected by state or federal law. If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in any program, activity, or GED test please contact a guidance counselor at 860-423-2591 for assistance. You may also contact Sabrina Mancini at the Connecticut State Department of Education at (860) 807-2110. EASTCONN is in compliance with CT General Statutes Sec 10-73 (a)(c) and does not charge a fee for any textbooks or materials used in the mandated program areas.



sparkler

FREE
Mobile App

for CT families with children, birth-5

Download Sparkler:

1. Visit Google Play Store, Apple App Store or Scan the QR Code with mobile device's camera.
2. When prompted, enter **Your Sparkler Access Code:**



Brooklyn: BrooklynPS

Canterbury: CanterburyES

Killingly: KillinglyPS

Plainfield: PFL

Putnam: PUT

Sterling: SterlingCSD

Thompson: MRFisher or TEEG

All Other Towns: CT

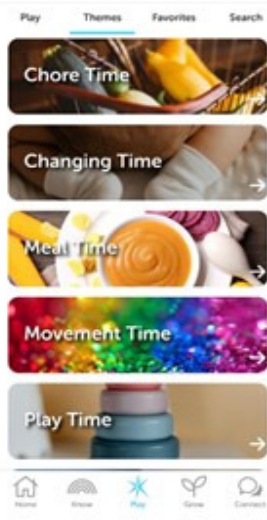
3. Choose **"Allow Notifications"**: to receive helpful reminders for screenings & play activity suggestions that are specific for your child's age

CT Families

"Sparkler" Would Like to Send You Notifications
Notifications may include alerts, sounds, and icon badges. These can be configured in Settings.

Don't Allow

Allow



Play to Learn: Children learn through play, with YOU! Sparkler has over 1,000+ playful activities to help you and your child learn together.



Coaching: Get tips and advice from people at your school/program and experts in early childhood development.



Connecticut Office
of Early Childhood



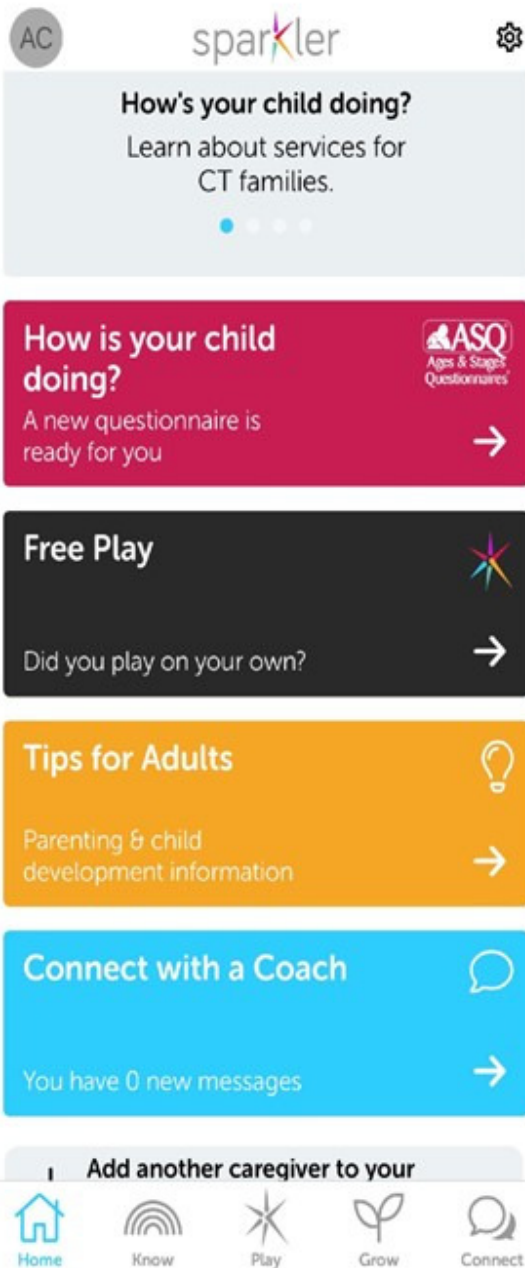
FREE
Mobile App

sparkler



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What is the Sparkler Mobile App?



Be in the know:

Developmental & Social-Emotional Screenings:

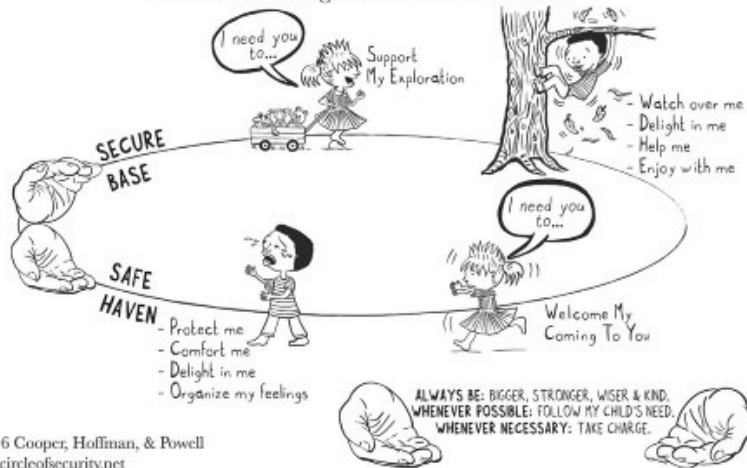
ASQ & ASQ-SE (Ages & Stages Questionnaires®). Track your child's development, from your own home, on your own mobile device. Answer a few questions on the Sparkler app, to keep track of your child's development from 2 months to 5 years.

Connect: The results of the screenings will be shared with you. If the ASQ's indicate your child may need some support, 211 or your local early childhood resource will reach out to help you.

Play and Learn: Access thousands of fun, developmentally appropriate, off-screen activities to help your child learn through play.

Circle of Security®

Parent Attending To The Child's Needs



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www.circleofsecurity.net

CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

**WHERE : ON ZOOM
OR OFFERED AT
THE PUTNAM LIBRARY
200 SCHOOL ST PUTNAM, CT
06260**

Circle of Security is an evidence-based parent and child program. It promotes the development of a secure attachment between a parent and child by providing tools to understand children's emotional needs.

Powered by:



Alliance For
Family Support

**6 CLASSES
PER SESSION**

Please Note:
**This is a recurring group in person or on Zoom.
Please inquire with John O'Neill at the number below for upcoming dates and/or any questions**

WHEN:

Groups offered on a rotating basis on ZOOM or In Person!

*** A \$50 Stop & Shop gift card will be given for completion of group!***

TIME:

Thursdays
11:00 am to 12:30pm

Call John O'Neill with any question or to register at 860-336-7893

APRIL
School Vacation at



Stop by for some fun activities!

*Bring a camera and
have your picture taken
in our NEW butterfly photo-op!!*

*Let your creativity shine!
Color a butterfly to be put
on display on our library wall.*

*Spin Our Prize Wheel
for surprises!*

*Read To Sophie!
Registration Is Required*

*Children can enjoy working
on a Spring sticker craft.*

While Supplies Last.



4/17
1:00-2:30

*Families will
register for a
15-minute session
with Sophie
& Jan, Sophie's Handler.*

140th birthday *tea party*

Help us to kick off our birthday year with tea and cookies! Come and tell about your experiences with the Putnam Public Library through the years. Chat with retired library staff. Party like it's 1884!

Thursday, April 25, 2024
from 3-5 pm
Community Room,
Municipal Complex



 Putnam
Public
Library
Read • Learn • Connect