

The More You Know

Family/Parenting Classes in Johnson County

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The More You Know is a compilation of some of the child/family/parenting/adult education classes happening in Johnson County. This project is a collaboration between the Johnson County Empowerment Community Resource Council and Prevent Child Abuse - Johnson County. This document will be distributed in electronic version only. The list can also be found at www.jcempowerment.com then clicking on Empowerment Programs and The More You Know or at www.pcajc.org then clicking on Programs/Activities and The More You Know. Anyone is welcome to print this list and to post on a bulletin board or distribute throughout the community. The list is updated quarterly. There may be additional educational opportunities offered in the community, this is not meant to be an exhaustive list. If you have a class you would like included in our next class list, please contact Laurie Nash at (319) 339-6179 or Empower@JCEmpowerment.com.

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Class Name	Baby Playtime
Description	Playtime for babies and toddlers ages 0-3. Toys and mats provided.
Dates & Times	Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Class Location	Robert A Lee Recreation Center, Gilbert and Burlington Sts, Iowa City
Sponsor Organization	Iowa City Parks and Recreation Dept.
Contact	356-5100
Target Audience	Parents and their 0-3 year old children
Cost	\$0.50 per child each time to attend.
Child care available?	No. Parents must remain with their children at all times.
Transportation offered? series or single class(es)?	No.
Target audience requirements?:	Yes
age of child	0-3 years
other	The playtime is meant to give babies and toddlers an indoor playspace where they do not have to be protected from older, bigger children running and jumping around. Please do not bring older children along if they cannot sit and play quietly.

Class/Event/Resource Name **Best Beginnings**
Description Covering key elements for providing quality child care, incorporating program design, philosophy, curriculum and more.

Dates & Times **April 21st, June 16th 2009 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
Location 1500 Sycamore St, Iowa City, IA 52240
Sponsor Organization 4Cs Child Care Resource and Referral
Contact Justine Retz
Target Audience child care providers and parents
Cost \$5.00
Child care available? no
Transportation offered? no
series or single class(es)?

Target audience requirements? none
age of child
age of parent
geographic location
income
agency participation required
custodial/noncustodial parents
other

Class Name	Breastfeeding Class
Description	The class is designed to address commonly held misconceptions and fears regarding breastfeeding, advantages to breastfeeding, prenatal concerns, the early postpartum period (practice, positioning), latch techniques, discomforts, frequency and duration, maternal self-care and support and resources.
Dates & Times	Thursdays, 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. 2 classes each month.
Class Location	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics CWS Conference Room, 8769 & 8770 JPP. Elevator I to 8th Floor
Sponsor Organization	Children's & Women's Services
Contact	Susan Hazelett, Clerk
Target Audience	Expectant Mothers
Cost	\$20
Child care available?	No
Transportation offered?	No
series or single class(es)?	Single

Resource Name	Center for Disabilities and Development
Description	Provides comprehensive health care and services to people w/disabilities of all ages and their families through a combination of outpatient, inpatient, and community based programs.
Dates & Times	Healy Clinic/M-F/8 am - 5 pm, Inpatient Service 7 days/24 hrs
Location	100 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, Iowa
Sponsor Organization	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Contact	877-686-0031 (voice, toll-free) 877-686-0032 (TTY, toll-free) 319-353-6900 (local) www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/cdd disability-resources@uiowa.edu
Target Audience	people with disabilities and their families
Cost	Fees determined by fee schedule of UI Hospitals and Clinics

Class Name	Childbirth Preparation/Lamaze Techniques Classes
Description	General topics include: Lamaze skills and relaxation techniques, physical and emotional changes in pregnancy, choices in health practices, what labor and birth is all about, Cesarean birth as a family-centered experience, the role of the coach, family changes in the postpartum period, the capabilities of newborns, basic baby care and choosing baby's health care provider.
Dates & Times	Mondays or Wednesdays (6-week series) 7:00-9:30 pm; or Saturdays 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Class Location	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Della Ruppert Conference Room
Sponsor Organization	Children's & Women's Services
Contact	Susan Hazelett, Clerk,
Target Audience	Expectant parents
Cost	\$60 per series or per Saturdays
Child care available?	No
Transportation offered?	No
series or single class(es)?	6-week series Mon. or Wed., single Saturday

Class Name	Childbirth Refresher/Sibling Class
Description	Refresher Class is designed to help families prepare for a new member, while building confidence in previous labor and birth skills. The Refresher Class will review the following: stages of labor; comfort measures; Lamaze skills and relaxation techniques; Cesarean birth; and care postpartum. Sibling Class is designed to help older children learn what big kids and babies can do and how a family prepares for a new sibling. Parents will discover ways to help older children adjust. A tour of the nursery and postpartum area also.
Dates & Times	Refresher - Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Sibling - Wednesdays, 6 PM to 7 PM
Class Location	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics: CWS Conf Room (Refresher); OB/Gyn Conf Room, 6th Fl. (Sibling)
Sponsor Organization	Children's & Women's Services
Contact	Susan Hazelett, Clerk
Target Audience	Parents who have already had a child and siblings
Cost	\$30 for both classes; \$10 for Sibling class taken alone
Child care available?	No
Transportation offered?	No
series or single class(es)?	Single - Classes every other month

Resource Name	Disability Resource Library
Description	Resource library and videos. Lending library you can visit in person on on the web. Check out materials by phone, e-mail or in person.
Dates & Times	Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm, 24 hr voice messaging
Location	100 Hawkins Drive, Room 311 Iowa City
Sponsor Organization	Center for Disabilities and Development
Contact	353-6523 - disability-library@uiowa.edu 800-272-7713
Target Audience	Families and service providers for people of all ages w/disabilities
Cost	None

Class Name	HACAP Life Skills
Description	Topics include child development, behavior, safety, communication, nutrition, tenant//landlord relationships, buying a home, budgeting, self esteem, self advocacy, and becoming your child's advocate
Dates	Second Wednesday of the month; 5:30 pm
Location	2007 Waterfront, Iowa City
Sponsor Organization	Hacap
Contact Person	Nancy Chown 337-5765; nchown@hacap.org
Target Audience	Housing and Head Start families
Cost	None
Child care available?	yes
Transportation offered?	no
series or single class(es)?	single
Target audience requirements?:	
age of child	0-5 and any school age siblings
age of parent	any
geographic location	johnson county
income	below 130%
agency participation required	yes
custodial/noncustodial parents	
other	parents/guardians must call and register 337-5765

Class Name	HACAP Parent education
Description	Parent education classes with topics such as: reading to your children, nutrition, accessing quality childcare, discipline, ages and stages, Dad's make a difference, brain development, Health and safety. Parents are provided an incentive for coming and a meal. Childcare is also provided.
Dates	First Wednesday of the month; 6:00 pm
Location	2007 Waterfront, Iowa City
Sponsor Organization	Empowerment and Hacap
Contact Person	Nancy Chown 337-5765; nchown@hacap.org
Target Audience	Families with children 0-5
Cost	None
Child care available?	yes
Transportation offered?	no
series or single class(es)?	single classes
Target audience requirements?:	
age of child	0-5
age of parent	any
geographic location	johnson county
income	below 185%
agency participation required	no
custodial/noncustodial parents	
other	parents/guardians must call and register 337-5765

Class Name	Heartsaver/Infant CPR Class
Description	This class is designed to teach infant CPR.
Dates & Times	Tuesdays, 1 class per month, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Class Location	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics CWS Conference Room, 8769 & 8770 JPP, Elevator I to 8th Floor
Sponsor Organization	Children's & Women's Services
Contact	Susan Hazelett, Clerk
Target Audience	Expectant Parents or Parents who have had infants.
Cost	\$20 per person or \$25 per couple
Child care available?	No
Transportation offered?	No
series or single class(es)?	Single

Resource Name	Iowa COMPASS
Description	Iowa's free state-wide information and referral service for people w/ disabilities, their families, service providers, and community members. Provides information about services and programs, assistive technology devices and funding options, Used Equipment Referral Service, and listing of loan closets
Dates & Times	Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm
Location	100 Hawkins Dr., Room S295, Iowa City, Iowa
Sponsor Organization	Center for Disabilities and Development
Contact	800-779-2001 iowa-compass@uiowa.edu www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/cdd
Target Audience	People w/disabilities, families, service providers, community mbrs
Cost	Free

Class Name	MOPS
Description	A program for mothers of children from birth through kindergarten. A moment of rest, learning, support and affirmatoin for mothers of preschoolers. A place to learn Bible based principles about parenting, marriage and womanhood. A place for women to make new friends, share experiences, laugh together, and express creativity through crafts.
Dates & Times	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9:15 - 11:30 am, OR 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9:15-11:30 am, OR 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings
Class Location	Grace Community Church, 2707 Dubuque Street NE, North Liberty
Sponsor Organization	Grace Community Church
Contact	Melanie Safly at (319) 665-6669 or saflym@yahoo.com or Terry Lindemann at (319) 594-0821
Target Audience	Moms with children ages birth through kindergarten
Cost	\$70.00. Scholarships are available.
Child care available?	While moms are at MOPS, their children are cared for in age appropriate classes by loving volunteers and workers.
Transportation offered?	No

Class Name	Nest of Johnson County Classes
Description	Prenatal and parenting classes to prepare for the birth of baby Classes continue until child's first birthday
Dates	Wednesdays at 4:00 pm
Location	Nest, 1500 Sycamore Street - Lower Level, Iowa City
Sponsor Organization	Nest of Johnson County
Contact Person	Bonnie French-Watters phone 319-887-1209
Target Audience	Nest participants only (expectant parents enrolled in program)
Cost	None
Child care available?	yes
Transportation offered?	none
series or single class(es)?	single

Target audience requirements?:

age of child	
age of parent	expectant parents no age restrictions
geographic location	Johnson County
income	same as WIC qualifications
agency participation required	yes
custodial/noncustodial parents	participants must be pregnant when entering Nest program

Class/Event/Resource Name	North Liberty Family Resource Center (NLFRC)
Description	A non-profit organization that provides programs and services that have been designed with input from our community, developed according to local needs, and built upon local resources. The mission is to strengthen, affirm, and support families in the community.
Dates & Times	Call for an appointment
Location	Penn Elementary and Van Allen Elementary in North Liberty
Sponsor Organization	
Contact	Jill Winders at 688-1154 and Amy Graber at 688-1189
Target Audience	North Liberty residents
Cost	Free
Child care available?	
Transportation offered?	
series or single class(es)?	
Target audience requirements?:	
age of child	
age of parent	
geographic location	
income	
agency participation required	
custodial/noncustodial parents	
other	

Class/Event/Resource Name	NLFRC Playgroups
Description	Designed for families to play together with age appropriate toys and network with other parents. Each playgroup includes a light supper, parent/child theme and activities, incentives to take home, and resources/information relevant to the topic.
Dates & Times	2nd Thursday of every Sep., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., March, April, and May
Location	Penn Elementary, 230 N. Dubuque St. North Liberty
Sponsor Organization	NLFRC with Johnson Co. Empowerment
Contact	Jill Winders 688-1154
Target Audience	North Liberty families with children birth through age 5
Cost	Free
Child care available?	
Transportation offered?	
series or single class(es)?	

Target audience requirements?:

age of child	0-5 year olds
age of parent	
geographic location	North Liberty residents
income	any
agency participation required	
custodial/noncustodial parents	
other	

Program Name

Four Oaks Youth Homes P.A.L. Program

Description

Parent Support Group offered to parents of children with behavioral concerns, difficulties, or diagnosis. The facilitator opens up the group to the parents to share issues they are having at home with themselves or their children. The facilitator also brings in some information on parenting, interventions with kids, information on ADHD, ODD, etc. The parents are asked to keep what they share in group confidential. Pizza and drinks provided.

Dates & Times

Every other Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 pm

Class Location

1516 Sheridan Avenue, Iowa City

Sponsor Organization

Four Oaks Youth Homes

Contact

Courtney Richardson or Karen Werner : 338-9186

Target Audience

parents with children who have ADHD, behavioral difficulties

Cost

nothing

Child care available?

yes- 18months-older

Transportation offered?

yes- most of the time

series or single class(es)?

n/a

Program Name	Parent Education Partnership (PEP)
Description	Resource library; one on one assistance for parents and professionals; workshops and conferences
Dates & Times	8 - 4:30 Mon-Fri office hours
Location	4401 6th St. SW, Cedar Rapids
Sponsor Organization	Grant Wood Area Education Agency 1 (800) 332-8488 x6702 Geri Pettitt; x 6719 Liz Hooley; x6807
Contact	Susan Curtland families and professionals who live and work with children with special needs
Target Audience	special needs
Cost	None

Class/Event/Resource Name	Partners In Parenting
Description	A six session parenting class that addresses child development, communication, positive discipline, self care and stress reduction, problem solving, and parenting strengths and styles. Casual format with discussion, brainstorming and presenters as well as time for completing individual worksheets for reflection on parenting. A family meal is provided at each class from 6-6:30 followed by class time for parents and play time for children with
Dates & Times	Mondays, April 13-May 18, 6-8 PM
Location	438 Southgate Ave.
Sponsor Organization	MECCA Services
Contact	Rebecca McMurray
Target Audience	Parents with at least one child age 0-5 and a history of substance abuse
Cost	Free
Child care available?	Yes
Transportation offered?	Yes
series or single class(es)?	Series
Target audience requirements?:	
age of child	0-5
age of parent	any age
geographic location	Johnson County
income	any income level
agency participation required	no
custodial/noncustodial parents	
other	

Class Name	Parenting the Newborn
Description	These classes are designed to provide expectant parents with information and techniques to confidently parent the newborn. Topics include: normal newborn appearances; physical, mental and social abilities; basic baby care; safety; choosing baby's health care provider; and general information regarding infant feeding methods.
Dates & Times	1 Sunday per month, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Class Location	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics CWS Conference Room, 8769 & 8770 JPP, Elevator I to 8th Floor
Sponsor Organization	Children's & Women's Services
Contact	Susan Hazelett, Clerk
Target Audience	Expectant Parents
Cost	\$30
Child care available?	No
Transportation offered?	No
series or single class(es)?	Series of 3 classes

Class/Event/Resource Name **Preschool Activities**
Description A group of children aged 3 - 5 meet on Tuesday mornings, with their parent/caregiver, at the Toy Library and participate in preschool activities. Provides an opportunity for children to participate in a group, learn social skills and have some fun!
Dates & Times **9:30-10:30 am Tuesdays beginning September 12**
Location 4Cs Classroom, 2nd floor, Eastdale Plaza, 1700 1st Avenue, Iowa City
Sponsor Organization 4Cs
Contact **4Cs 338-7684**
Target Audience Preschool children and their parents/caregivers
Cost Free

Class Name	Stress Management Classes
Description	
Dates & Times	Mondays at 10 am
Location	UIHC 6th Level, Roy Carver Pavilion
Sponsor Organization	Iowa Cardiovascular Health Assessment, Management and Prevention Services (CHAMPS)
Contact	Call 356-4652 to register
Target Audience	
Cost	\$10 per class; Free to CHAMPS participants

Class/Event/Resource Name	4Cs Take and Play Resource Center
Description	A lending library of educational materials, literature, learning aids, videos, activity theme boxes, and child-centered resources that are available for check out to all families, child care providers, and educators within Johnson County.
Dates & Times	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., first Saturday of each month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Location	1500 Sycamore Street, Iowa City, IA 52240
Sponsor Organization	4Cs Child Care Resource & Referral
Contact	D. Eckhoff, Education & Training Coordinator, 338-7684
Target Audience	Families and Child Care Providers of Johnson County
Cost	\$10 lifetime membership fee
Child care available?	No
Transportation offered?	No
series or single class(es)?	
Target audience requirements?:	
age of child	birth to six
age of parent	
geographic location	
income	
agency participation required	
custodial/noncustodial parents	
other	

Class Name	Tot Time
Description	Indoor Playground for 1-6 year olds
Dates & Times	Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 11:30 AM
Class Location	Scanlon Gymnasium
Sponsor Organization	Iowa City Parks and Recreation Dept.
Contact	356-5100
Target Audience	Parents and their 1-6 year old children
Cost	\$0.75 per child each time to attend.
Child care available?	No. Parents must remain with their children at all times.
Transportation offered?	No.
series or single class(es)?	
Target audience requirements?:	Yes
age of child	1-6 years
other	