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## The Early Childhood Direction Center



We provide confidential information and referrals on infant and preschool programs and services. We link families to many community resources including respite, recreation programs, support groups, counseling, private evaluations and advocacy services. We offer a series of free workshops on kindergarten readiness, managing challenging behaviors, learning through play, early literacy and a variety of other topics concerning children from birth to five years old. The workshops are designed for both parents and professionals. S.I. ECDC is funded by The Office of Special Education of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and locally sponsored by Staten Island University Hospital, Northwell Health.



## Event & Workshop Updates



**Late March 2019 Parents begin to receive Kindergarten offers.** Accept your child's kindergarten offer by pre-registering at the school where you got an offer. Pre-registration secures your child's kindergarten seat at that school. 

**Thursday, Mar. 7, P373R Open House** Mini Building 91 Henderson Ave., 9am-11am. Welcome families of kindergarten students! Meet the administration and staff. Explore P373R programs, curriculum, supports and services. R.S.V.P. Maria Caridi, Parent Coordinator at 718-816-8897 press #1 and then #3 or email [MCaridi3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:MCaridi3@schools.nyc.gov).

**Tuesday, Mar. 12, The Visual System & Its Impact on Your Child's Ability to Learn Workshop** Adapt Community Network 281 Port Richmond Ave., Lower Level, 10am-12pm. If your child or student has autism, ADHD, developmental delays, or sensory processing issues, learn how vision therapy can support their visual perceptual skills at home and in school. Names of vision specialists will be provided. Exercises will be demonstrated. Presenter: Margarita Gendelman, Certified Occupational Therapist. To register for the workshop please call 718-436-7979 ext. 704 or email [familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org). 

**Wednesday, Mar. 13, Support Group for Moms of Children with Autism** NYPL Tottenville Branch 7430 Amboy Rd., 11:00am. Meet and share with others, be entertained, and relax with light refreshments. A complimentary gift will be given for you to enjoy! Provided by Mastermind Behavior Services. RSVP by calling 732-813-7333 or emailing [Lilly@mastermindbehavior.com](mailto:Lilly@mastermindbehavior.com). 

**Thursday, Mar. 14,**

**Thursday, Mar. 28, Front Door Information Sessions** at 930 Willowbrook Rd., Bldg. 12G. Understand the process of how your child can become eligible for OPWDD supports and services, the types of supports and services available and where you can go to get assistance. For registration contact Eileen Maturi at 718-982-1913.

**Friday, Mar. 15, The deadline to apply to UPK.** 

### ECDC WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

**Friday, Mar. 22, NYPL New Dorp Branch** 309 New Dorp Lane, 11am. The staff of the ECDC will be conducting FREE workshops for parents at local public libraries. These hour long sessions include discussions about positive discipline, guiding and improving a child's behavior, using everyday activities to enhance general learning, early literacy and numeracy skills, and various topics of interest to parents. The sessions are interactive and open to questions and concerns from parents about their children. Handouts are provided. For more information and to register, contact ECDC staff member Dolores Reig at 718-226-6374 or [dreig@northwell.edu](mailto:dreig@northwell.edu). 

**Understanding Preschool Special Education-** A workshop presented by ECDC staff member Peggy Gaul, M. A. Sp. Ed., for parents of preschool students who have concerns for their child's cognitive development or social/emotional development and are worried about Kindergarten readiness. How do you find out if your child is eligible to receive free services? The ECDC can provide free workshops for your school or provide a brief overview of the preschool special education process at your next PTA meeting. Please call ECDC at 718-226-6670 or email Peggy Gaul at [mgaul@northwell.edu](mailto:mgaul@northwell.edu). 