

McKean County Family Centers

Summer Program Guide

June—August 2008

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Groups

PARENT-CHILD PLAYGROUPS

Weekly

Parents and children birth through age five

Parents and kids, come and enjoy playtime fun. Parents and children gather in the early childhood play area of the Family Centers and participate in play activities facilitated by Family Center staff. Games, books, crafts, snacks, and holiday activities are all part of the fun. Children must attend playgroup with their parent and parents are completely responsible for the supervision of their children when participating. To enroll, call the nearest Family Center.

Bradford Family Center	Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 am
Kane Family Center	Fridays, 9:30-11:00 am
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am
Port Allegany Family Center	Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00 noon
Smethport Family Center	Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 am

Home Visits

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Twice a Month

Parents and children ages birth to five



Parents with children ages birth to five are invited to participate in Parents As Teachers home visits.

"If only kids came with directions," could be the cry of every parent. Through twice monthly home visits from a certified Family Development Specialist, parents will learn:

- Milestones of their child's early development
- New ideas on how to interact through play
- How to set limits and handle challenging behaviors
- How to stimulate each stage of child development
- Ways to strengthen strong and loving parent-child relationships.

Home visits also include early childhood screenings to check milestones in social, emotional, motor, cognitive, speech, vision and hearing development. Screenings are conducted in the home every six months until age three, then yearly until age five.

Home visits are free and available to any McKean County family with a child age five or under. Families do not have to have a certain income level or need to participate because every family needs this type of support. To enroll, call the nearest Family Center.

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Port Allegany Family Center	642-9281
Smethport Family Center	887-9344

Fun Nights

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Monthly

Parents and children

Parents, come and enjoy family time together for seasonal parties, crafts, and games. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other families from your community. Children must be accompanied by their parent or caregiver. Parents are completely responsible for the supervision of their children when participating. To register, call the nearest Family Center.

Bradford Family Center	Picnic at Callahan Park Ice Cream Social	Tue, June 17, 6:00-7:00 pm Tue, Aug 12, 6:00-7:00 pm
Kane Family Center	Making Dad's Day Chef's Aprons	Wed, June 11, 6:00-7:00 pm
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Making Dad's Day Chef's Aprons Ice Cream Social	Mon, June 9, 6:00-7:00 pm Thu, Aug 7, 6:00-7:00 pm
Port Allegany Family Center	Making Dad's Day Chef's Aprons Ice Cream Social	Thu, June 5, 6:00-7:00 pm Thu, July 10, 6:00-7:00 pm
Smethport Family Center	Making Dad's Day Chef's Aprons Ice Cream Social	Wed, June 11, 6:00-7:00 pm Wed, July 9, 6:00-7:00 pm

DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Monthly

Fathers and children



Dads, come and join the excitement of spending quality time with your child and at the same time enjoy socializing with other fathers from your community. Build, create and have fun being together. Children must be accompanied by their father or legal male caregiver. Parents are completely responsible for the supervision of their children when participating. To register, call the nearest Family Center.

Bradford Family Center	Heart Baskets Jumbo Airplanes Bug Catchers	Thu, June 12, 6:00-7:00 pm Thu, July 10, 6:00-7:00 pm Thu, August 21, 6:00-7:00 pm
Kane Family Center	Construction Family Kit Jumbo Airplanes Bug Catchers	Thu, June 19, 6:00-7:00 pm Thu, July 17, 6:00-7:00 pm Thu, August 7, 6:00-7:00 pm

Workshops

MOTHER GOOSE WORKSHOPS

Quarterly

Parents and children (age range varies with workshop)

Parents and kids, come and experience how reading together is both fun and rewarding. Participate in hands-on activities related to books, and learn tips on how to make reading together part of your everyday life.

Each family receives a free take-home kit of books at the close of the workshop. To enroll, call the nearest Family Center.

Bradford Family Center	Thu, June 5, 10:00-11:30 am	Ages birth to 5
Kane Family Center	Fri, July 11, 9:30-11:00 am Fri, Aug 15, 10:00-11:00 am (at Friends Memorial Library)	Ages birth to 5 Ages 3 to 5
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Wed, June 18, 10:00-11:30 am	Ages birth to 5
Port Allegany Family Center	Tue, June 3, 10:30-12:00 noon	Ages birth to 5
Smethport Family Center	Thu, June 19, 10:00-11:30 am	Ages birth to 5

CHILDREN IN THE MIDDLE WORKSHOPS

One-time, 4-Hour Class

Divorced or separated parents



If you are a parent going through divorce or separation, come to a four-hour class and learn how to help your children through this difficult process.

Parents will learn:

- How to reduce stress children experience during divorce or separation.
- How to not put children in the middle of conflict.
- How to communicate directly with "I" messages.
- How to not utilize children as messengers or spies.

There is no childcare available during classes. To enroll, call the Bradford Family Center.

Bradford Public Library

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday, August 1, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Courses and Events

BICYCLE SAFETY COURSE

Children ages 5 to 12

Children ages 5 to 12, come and learn the basics of bicycle safety. Bring your bicycle helmet for an official helmet check. Children receive a photo bike license to take home. This mini-course is conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Participation is limited. To enroll call the Family Center nearest you.

Bradford Family Center	Tue, July 22, 10:00 am—Noon
Kane Family Center	Thu, June 12, 10:00 am—Noon
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Tue, July 22, 2:00-4:00 pm
Port Allegany Family Center	Tue, June 17, 2:00-4:00 pm
Smethport Family Center	Tue, June 17, 10:00 am-Noon

PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT) GRADUATIONS

2008 Graduates of the Parents As Teachers Program

PAT graduates and their families are invited to a celebration. Come and honor your child graduating from the PAT Program and entering Kindergarten. Each child will receive a certificate, graduation hat, 2008 glasses, and a children's book about going to Kindergarten. Families will create a craft together. Of course, lots of pictures will also be taken.

Bradford Family Center	Tue, July 15, 6:00-7:00 pm
Kane Family Center	Wed, Aug 13, 6:00-7:00 pm
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Thu, July 24, 6:00-7:00 pm
Port Allegany Family Center	Thu, Aug 7, 6:00-7:00 pm
Smethport Family Center	Thu, Aug 14, 6:00-7:00 pm

FAMILY CENTER FESTS

Families and community members

Did you ever wonder what your local Family Center does for your community? Stop in and learn what opportunities and events are available at the Family Center and receive a cold treat to eat, a discount coupon for an ice cream cone and a chance to win a hanging flower basket.

Kane Family Center	Fri, July 18, 10:00-12:00 noon
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Thu, July 10, 10:00-12:00 noon

Summer Day Camps

'CAMPING IN THE GREAT INDOORS' DAY CAMP

Children Kindergarten-Third Grade

Kids come and enjoy the wonderful world of CAMPING. "Camp" is held indoors, and "campers" will have fun setting up a campsite, preparing a simple emergency kit, learning about forest habitat, singing campfire songs, making fish-print t-shirts, creating a picture frame photo, and learning about fishing and hiking. Camps are free and open to children who have just completed kindergarten through 3rd grade. Participation is limited. To enroll, call the Family Center camp you would like to attend.

Bradford Family Center	Tue-Fri, June 24-27, 2:00-4:00 pm
Kane Family Center	Mon-Thu, July 7-10, 1:00-3:00 pm
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Mon-Thu, Aug 11-14, 1:00-3:00 pm
Port Allegany Family Center	Mon-Thu, July 14-17, 1:00-3:00 pm
Smethport Family Center	Mon-Thu, July 28-31, 1:00-3:00 pm

FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE DAY CAMP

Children grades 4-6

Kids come and enjoy the wonders of nature and the explorations of the outdoors. This two-hour camp is free and operated by Penn State Cooperative Extension. It will feature study of habitats, wildlife, tree identification, and much more! Camps are open to children who have just completed grades 4-6. Participation is limited. To enroll, call the Family Center you would like to attend.

Bradford Family Center (annex)	Wed, July 16, 10:00—12:00 noon
Kane Family Center	Wed, July 15, 10:00—12:00 noon
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Mon, July 14, 10:00—12:00 noon
Port Allegany Family Center	Mon, July 21, 10:00—12:00 noon
Smethport Family Center	Wed, July 23, 10:00—12:00 noon

PIRATES VENTURE'S DAY CAMP

Children Kindergarten to Third Grade

Come and spend a day in the life of a modern pirate searching for treasures and overcoming many fun obstacle courses along the way. This one-day camp is free and operated by Penn State Cooperative Extension. It is open to children who have just completed kindergarten through 3rd grade. Participation is limited. To enroll, call the Family Center you would like to attend.

Bradford Family Center (annex)	Wed, June 18, 10:00-12:00 noon
Kane Family Center	Tue, June 17, 10:00-12:00 noon
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Thu, June 12, 10:00-12:00 noon
Port Allegany Family Center	Wed, June 11, 10:00-12:00 noon
Smethport Family Center	Tue, June 10, 10:00-12:00 noon

MAGIC OF SCIENCE YOUTH DAY CAMP

Children grades 4-6

Come and discover the wacky side of science and the mysterious ways of creating your own magical experiments. Experience the thrill of exploring new ways to have fun with your friends. Penn State Cooperative Extension operates this camp. It is free and open to children who have just completed grades 4-6. Participation is limited. To enroll, call the Family Center you would like to attend.

Bradford Family Center (annex)	Tue, Aug 4, 10:00-12:00 noon
Kane Family Center	Tue, Aug 5, 10:00-12:00 noon
Otto-Eldred Family Center	Thu, Aug 7, 10:00-12:00 noon
Port Allegany Family Center	Wed, Aug 6, 10:00-12:00 noon
Smethport Family Center	Fri, Aug 8, 10:00-12:00 noon