

Howard County

# Parents as Teachers



Parents as Teachers™  
*Affiliate*

## Group Connection

# What is a Group Connection?

*An opportunity for families to build social connections with each other, engage in parent child interaction and increase their knowledge of ways to support their child's development.*



# What does a Group Connection look like?



Parents receive a flier describing what the monthly group connection is about. Parents need to RSVP to let us plan for attendance.

Upon arrival, sign in, get name tags and find out where to go.

Each group connection is something different. There are many topics and activities for families to learn about making everyday moments, teachable moments for their children.

This an opportunity for parents and children to meet and get to know one another.

**A variety of locations are chosen in Howard County for families to explore the range of what is in our community.**



**Exploring your  
community is  
learning!**



**The majority of the time will be spent in hands-on learning activities with your child. There can be several different stations set up and you may choose to do all or some of the activities, based on your child's development and interest.**





**Parents take an active role at Group meetings. It is a time to interact and play with your child.**



**Observe and encourage your child while you play together with other children and families.**

# Social Skills

These opportunities allow children to develop social skills with their peers through play and interaction and for parents to meet and connect with other parents.



# Learning activities can be on a variety of topics



**Health and Nutrition**



**Safety**



# Sometimes there are arts and crafts activities



These opportunities allow children to work on creativity, hand eye coordination and fine motor skills.

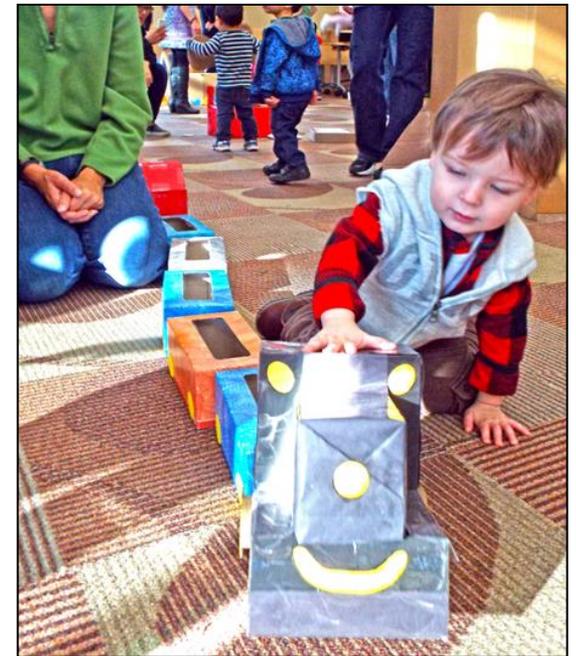




**Many offer physical activities to build strong muscles and to develop gross motor skills.**



**We want children to build curiosity, enjoyment and wonder about the world around them.**



**At the conclusion of the event, we ask families to fill out a feedback form about the experience to help us plan for future events.**

**Questions asked:**

I learned new information about child development and parenting.

I plan to use the information in my daily life.

I feel more confident about parenting.

The group facilitators helped us learn from each other.

I felt my own personal knowledge was respected.

I feel more connected to other parents.

I would recommend this group connection to a friend.

