



# Riverside Early Intervention Play Groups

Riverside Early Intervention provides Play Groups for infants and toddlers until 3 years of age. Groups meet once or twice per week and are offered year round. We offer a variety of group experiences including:

Parent-child groups • Toddler groups (drop-off) • Baby Groups

All of our groups are open to families in the community as well as to families enrolled in Riverside Early Intervention.

## Group Objectives

- Establish consistent, predictable routines within each group to provide children with confidence in knowing what happens next and what their role is in each activity.
- Provide children with opportunities to socialize and interact with other children.
- Develop self-esteem by allowing children to attempt new and challenging activities in a supportive environment.
- Support the individual needs of each child by providing encouragement and support as needed.
- Create a nurturing environment for all children, focusing on reinforcing positive behavior.

## Activities

- Story and circle time: Children learn songs and attend to books to develop their vocabulary and early literacy skills. Turn-taking and routines are emphasized.
- Sensory play: Children discover ways to interact with materials (e.g. sand, water or rice) using their fingers and hands.
- Art activities: Child create something of their own that is unique. The importance of art is placed upon the creative process rather than what the end result may look like.
- Gross motor play: Children climb, swing, jump and move about their environment. All activities help children feel comfortable moving their bodies while promoting independence.
- Free play: Children pretend, play with peers and try new activities such as blocks or puzzles.

## Program Staff

Our groups are staffed by highly trained specialists, including: Developmental Specialists, Social Workers, Speech Pathologists, Occupational & Physical Therapists, Undergraduate and Graduate Students

## Tuition

Tuition for community peers is \$15-\$30 per week, based on 16 week sessions (rolling admissions). We offer reduced fees to allow all interested families to participate.

## Questions?

If you would like additional information or to enroll as a community peer, please contact Clare Mitchell, Group Coordinator at 781-247-0086.

## Our Program

Riverside Early Intervention is a family-centered program, certified by the Department of Public Health, that offers educational, therapeutic and support services to eligible children between the ages of birth and three who have, or are at risk for, delays in their development.

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