

Cambridge Community Playgroups

Registration for Winter Session 2011

REGISTER TODAY - WINTER PLAYGROUPS START JANUARY 10!

What are Cambridge Community Playgroups?

Playgroups are fun, FREE groups for parents and caregivers from Cambridge, and their children ages **2-5 years old**. There are also two Tiny Tots groups for children 15-23 months: one on Tuesdays and one on Thursdays.

How do playgroups help my children?

Children play and learn with their parents, caregivers, and other children. The routines and activities help children grow and get ready for school.



What do parents and caregivers do during playgroups?

You get time to play and learn with your children. You help them play with other kids and do fun activities.

When do they meet?

Each playgroup meets once a week for 8 weeks.



How often do I need to attend?

We want to see you every week! This is not a drop-in group. It is important for children to learn routines and be part of a regular group.

What if I can't come one week?

We understand that sometimes a child is sick, or you can't make it to group for another reason. You can miss up to 3 groups. If you miss more than 3 groups, then we will give your spot to another child on the waiting list. You can always sign up again in the spring!

How do I sign up?

Fill out the registration form and return it by **Wednesday, December 22.**

1. You can mail it to: Center for Families, c/o DHSP, 51 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139.
2. You can fax it to 617-349-6386. *If you fax it, please call 617-349-6327 to make sure it was received.*
3. You can give it to anyone at the Center for Families, or drop it off at the front desk of the Child Care Resource Center (130 Bishop Allen Drive).

How will I know if I am in a playgroup?

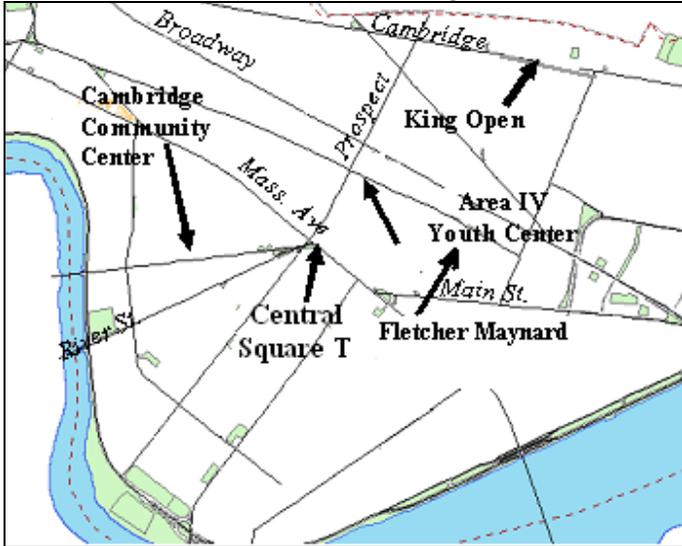
There are many people who want to be part of a playgroup! People who were on the waitlist during the fall session and turn in their fall registration forms by the due date (December 22) get first choice. There is a lottery for the rest of people who turn in their forms by the due date. **We will call or e-mail you by Friday, January 7 to tell you whether you are in a group or on the waitlist.**

Cambridge Community Playgroups Additional Information

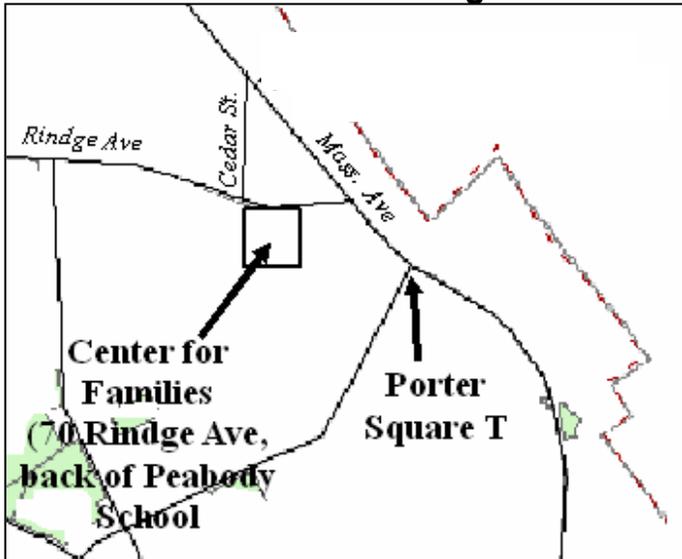
Questions? Need more information? Contact:

Beverly Halpern, Center for Families at 617-349-6327 or 617-349-6385,
or email bhalpern@cambridgema.gov

Locations in East Cambridge



Locations in North Cambridge



More Information!

Cancellations: If Cambridge Public Schools are canceled, or if there is a weather emergency, we will cancel playgroups.

Weather: Groups will not be canceled due to rain. If you have questions, call Beverly.

Sickness: If you or any of the children you are bringing has had a bad cough, fever, diarrhea, or vomiting in the last 24 hours, do not come to group.

***IF YOU CAN'T COME
TO YOUR GROUP,
CALL YOUR GROUP LEADER OR
BEVERLY AND
LEAVE A MESSAGE SAYING YOU
WILL NOT BE THERE.***



REMEMBER: Winter Playgroups begin the week of January 10, 2010.

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Please fill in the information for all adults and children who will attend the playgroup together

I have read and I understand the information and agree to follow the rules and guidelines:

My signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

My child(ren) will be attending the playgroup with: _____

Relationship to Child(ren) (please check one): Mother Father Grandparent Other Relative Child Care Provider

Address _____ Cambridge, MA Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please list ALL children you will be bringing to the group, including siblings:

Child's Full Name _____ Birthday _____

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Do any of the children have special needs or allergies that we should know about? **YES NO**

If yes, please describe _____

What language(s) do you speak at home? _____

How did you hear about Cambridge Community Playgroups? _____

Optional: These questions are so we can report to our funders the number of people who attend our programs who live in subsidized housing or who are currently taking English classes. The answer you give is confidential and will not affect your placement in a group.

Do you live in Public Housing, receive Section 8, or some other form of subsidized housing? **YES NO**

Are you currently taking a class to learn English? **YES NO**

PLEASE MARK YOUR TOP THREE CHOICES WITH 1, 2, AND 3. These groups are for children who will be at least 2 years old by the start of the group:

Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Mondays 10:00-11:30 am	(1/10, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14)
Fletcher Maynard Academy, 229 Windsor St.	Mondays 10:00-11:30 am	(1/10, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14)
King Open School, 850 Cambridge Street	Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 am	(1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 3/2, 3/9)
Cambridge Comm. Center, 5 Callendar St.	Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am	(1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 3/3, 3/10)

Tiny Tots Groups (for children 15-23 months). Please mark 1st and 2nd choice:

Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 am	(1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15)
Area IV Youth Center, 243 Harvard St.	Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am	(1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 3/3, 3/10)

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