

Carl Junction Early Education Center

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Concerning Parents as Teachers Services 2010-2011

The state of Missouri has restructured the Parents as Teachers program due to funding cuts and legislation. The State funded portion of the program focuses on families who are most at need and also provides a screening for all children. There is no state funding allotted for traditional group meetings. In an effort to comply with these requirements and also serve our families to the best of our ability, **Carl Junction Early Education Center will be offering some new family education opportunities in addition to those funded by the state. Those opportunities are explained below.** We are excited to offer a personal visit here at our center in conjunction with an individual screening appointment for all interested families. Because of the reduction in funds, we will not be able to offer traditional home visits every six weeks as we have in the past. We also strongly encourage our families to participate in the group education opportunities that will be available in groups of parents with children the same age. Families who qualify with high needs (as determined by state guidelines) will also be eligible for additional personal visits in addition to the developmental screening appointment.

Two Family Education Specialists, Jana Allison and Anita Kenkel, are available to assist you. Please call our office if you would like to schedule your child's screening or if you have concerns you would like to discuss. Not every family will be getting a phone call in August as they have in the past, but **we encourage you to contact us** and also attend the scheduled group activities described below. If families choose to participate in all we are offering, we are please to announce that they will actually be receiving more (but different) service than has been available in the past.

- **Family Education Groups** - A personal visit in a group setting.

The Family education groups will be specialized by age. Each group will meet one time per month (**see schedule on the back of this handout**). The groups will be structured like a play group but will have all the developmental information, activity, and follow-up that a home visit normally includes. The parents will be encouraged to participate in activities with their child and make observations of their child's development. Developmental information will be given at appropriate times, just as it is on a home visit. This

group setting will allow the educators to serve more families and will give all families the opportunity to participate. **Groups will be held in the Early Education Center.** If you have a child that is on the border between two groups, please feel free to attend the group that best fits your needs and the child's developmental level. If you have children in more than one group, please feel free to attend both groups or choose one and bring both children. Please choose your group as described on the back and plan to join us during the first month of meetings **beginning Monday, Sept. 13.**

- **Screenings/Personal Visit**

Screenings with a personal visit can be scheduled by calling our office and will include a developmental assessment, hearing screening, vision screening, and suggestions for encouraging each area of development. Unless there are immediate concerns your child's screening/personal visit will be scheduled around the time of your child's birthday. **PLEASE** call now, however, to get your appointment on our schedule. 417-649-5709



The following is a list of the currently scheduled group opportunities. Please check the website for additions or changes in the schedule. (www.cjr1.org, click on Schools, click on Early Education, and then follow the links to Newsletter or Parents as Teachers.) You may also receive an automated phone call when changes are made to the schedule.

Group 1 (0-6months) Group 2 (6-12mo.) Group 3 (12-18mo) Group 4 (18-24 mo.)
 Group 5 (24-30mo) Group 6 (30-36 mo.) Group 7 (3-4 yrs) Group 8 (4-5 yrs.)
 Please remember that you can choose whatever group you feel is most appropriate for your child and can attend more than one session.

September 13 9:00 Group 3
 10:30 Group 4
 6:00 Group 3 and 4

November 22 9:00 Group 7
 10:30 Group 8
 6:00 Group 7 and 8

September 20 9:00 Group 5
 10:30 Group 6
 6:00 Group 5 and 6

December 6 9:00 Group 1
 10:30 Group 2
 6:00 Group 1 and 2

September 27 9:00 Group 7
 10:30 Group 8
 6:00 Group 7 and 8

December 13 9:00 Group 3
 10:30 Group 4
 6:00 Group 3 and 4

October 4 9:00 Group 1
 10:30 Group 2
 6:00 Group 1 and 2

December 20 9:00 Group 5
 10:30 Group 6
 6:00 Group 5 and 6

October 11 9:00 Group 3
 10:30 Group 4
 6:00 Group 3 and 4

December 27 9:00 Group 7
 10:30 Group 8
 6:00 Group 7 and 8

October 18 9:00 Group 5
 10:30 Group 6
 6:00 Group 5 and 6

January 10 9:00 Group 1 and 2
 10:30 Group 3 and 4
 6:00 Group 1,2,3, and 4

October 25 9:00 Group 7
 10:30 Group 8
 6:00 Group 7 and 8

January 17 9:00 Group 5
 10:30 Group 6
 6:00 Group 5 and 6

November 1 9:00 Group 1
 10:30 Group 2
 6:00 Group 1 and 2

January 24 9:00 Group 7
 10:30 Group 8
 6:00 Group 7 and 8

November 8 9:00 Group 3
 10:30 Group 4
 6:00 Group 3 and 4

At the end of January we will evaluate the groups and schedules to see if any changes should be made. New schedules will be handed out at this time and the website will be updated.

November 15 9:00 Group 5
 10:30 Group 6
 6:00 Group 5 and 6

We are very excited about these group sessions and hope you will attend. Please call our office with any questions. (417) 649-5709

We are looking forward to a great time each Monday with groups of awesome families from our school district! Come enjoy learning with parents with children in the same age group as yours! It's a great opportunity to enjoy friends, old and new.