

Waterford Youth Services Bureau Family Programming

Waterford Youth Services Bureau follows The Social Development Model as a basis for all program planning. The premise of this model is that optimal development occurs when children form strong bonds sequentially with four areas of support. These areas are home, school, peers and community.

The parent-child activities offered by WYSB assist parents in developing bonds during this initial stage of development. As new parents are faced with a mirage of issues, support is an important factor in addressing isolation, frustration and the ups and downs of parenting.

Recognizing that helping parents and children develop strong bonds is the foundation of The Social Development Model, the programs offered by WYSB for children ages newborn through second grade are family focused. All activities for this age group include parents or caregivers. While WYSB has received requests for increased programming for children (particularly in the K-2 population), activities for younger children without parent/caregiver involvement is not a focus for our program planning. Activities for children of this age without parent involvement may have a recreation focus and, thus are part of Recreation and Parks programming rather than WYSB.

THE CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR WYSB PLAYGROUPS IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAYS: 9:30-10:30 AM
Three- and four-year-olds with parent or caregiver

THURSDAYS: 9:15-10:15 AM
One-year-olds with parent or caregiver

10:30-11:30 AM
Two-year-olds with parent or caregiver

Playgroups follow the school calendar and do not meet during vacations and days off from school. While the programs are free for Waterford residents, space is limited and registration is required. A commitment to regular participation is expected. A waiting list is maintained and openings can occur throughout the year. Call 444-5848 for more information or to register.

Snow cancellation: If Waterford schools are closed or there is a delayed opening then playgroups are cancelled.