



Resources for People Who Work with Infants and Toddlers

By Michelle Hanna

BANGOR - Playing Helps Children Learn and Grow. When infants are playing with objects, their early attempts to pay attention to things are accompanied by bursts of high-frequency activity in their brain. But what happens when parents play together with them? Research summarized in this column from the National Institutes for Health shows that when adults are engaged in joint play together with their infant, their own brains show similar bursts of high-frequency activity. Learn more about this research and about ways to playfully support both children and adults at <https://newsin-health.nih.gov/special-issues/parenting/its-kids-job> in English and <https://salud.nih.gov/articulo/es-un-trabajo-de-ninos/> in Spanish.

Equitable Approaches to Supporting Infants and Toddlers of Color Prioritizing strategies that eliminate barriers for children of color improves outcomes for all the youngest children in a state or region. North Carolina models this approach in their recent publication Opportunity for All? North Carolina's Babies and Toddlers of Color. The document disaggregates data on key measures of success to shine a light on the current disparities in outcomes—and opportunity—among groups of young children and their families. A set of questions in the report may help other states, regions, agencies, and projects to reflect on how to follow this North Carolina example. Download the research brief at https://files.buildthefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/FINAL_NCECF_report-opportunity-forall.pdf **Opening Doors for Young Parents** This recent report from the Annie E Casey Foundation documents the barriers that young families (18-24 years old) face. It examines national and state-level trends — highlighting areas of opportunity and concern — and then shares potential solutions that can help these families thrive. The report warns that we cannot change odds and outcomes by solely focusing on children when their lives are indelibly shaped by the adults raising them. <https://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-openingdoorsforyoungparents-2018.pdf>

Learning Is Everywhere: Where Will You Learn? Each month Pennsylvania's Mary Hall puts out a collection of fun ideas on a specific topic to help prepare children for school success. For example, the February 2019 collection focuses on learning while at the doctor's office and includes activities for supporting infants and toddlers (as well as older children) during doctor's office visits, children's books about going to the doctor, and more. While a small amount of the content is Pennsylvania-centric, most is not. To access a 12-month calendar, see the resource collection for each month, or sign up to receive a new collection by email each month, go to <https://www.papromiseforchildren.org/en/pages/learning-is-everywhere> Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Boys and Girls Share Similar Math Abilities at Young Ages, Study Finds Ever wondered why fewer females enter math and science career fields? A new study shows boys and girls don't have an innately different ability to understand numbers. But clearly, somewhere along the way in their educational journey something different is happening. Want to change that pattern? Access this news story (<https://news.uchicago.edu/story/boys-and-girls-share-similar-math-abilities-young-ages-study-finds>) and you'll also find links to two articles for supporting math learning in very young girls and boys, as well as a link to the original research study. **Baby Talk** is a free, one-way listserv that is distributed monthly. Each issue features high quality, readily available, and free resources. Resources highlighted in yellow are available in English and Spanish.

To join the listserv, send an email with no message to subscribe-babytalk@listserv.unc.edu Support for Baby Talk is provided by the Pritzker Children's Initiative (<http://pritzkerchildrensinitiative.org/>) and the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation (<https://buildthefoundation.org/>). All or part of Baby Talk may be freely shared or copied. Past issues of Baby Talk are archived at <https://buildthefoundation.org/baby-talk/> For more information, please contact Camille Catlett at camille.catlett@unc.edu

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 Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate
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www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,
 (570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church
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www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

East Bangor United Methodist
136 W. Central Ave., E Bangor
 Thurs., Mar. 21 1:00 p.m. Bazaar
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 Family Fellowship, 9:30am Interces-
 sory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am
 Children's Church, Communion at
 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew
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www.faccpa.org

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Penna & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl
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Family Life Community Church
1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor
 Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-
 8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen
 Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr.
 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service.
 Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736,
www.flccbangor.com.

First United Evangelical
25 S 2nd St., Bangor
 Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible
 Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting,
 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Wor-
 ship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at
 (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church
55 N. Third St., Bangor
 Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult
 and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am,
 Communion first Sunday of month,
 Wednesday evening Bible Study
 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy
 (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist
19 West & Water St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Commu-
 nion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday
 of each month. Pastor John Vidal
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Flicksville United Church of Christ
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 Pastor Louise Williams.
www.goodshepherdmc.com

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 Service/Communion, 10:15am SS,
 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum.
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Grace United Methodist
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 Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-
 4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith
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 Sun- Services 10am. Jonathan Alman-
 zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE.
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Our Lady of Good Counsel
436 South 2nd Street, Bangor
 Tue. - Mass 4pm; Jan 20- Mass
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 Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyte-
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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor
 Tue - Happy Quilters 9am; Jan 20-
 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship/Commu-
 nion. (610) 588-2355, website
www.popbangor.org

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
 Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fel-
 lowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candle-
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St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
310 Madison Ave, Nazareth
 Sun- 9:45am SS, 10:45am Holy Eu-
 charist. Rev. William Martin, 610-746-
 3910, www.stbrigidspa.org.

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 Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy
 Communion. (610) 863-4332

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 Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas
 Eve Service 4pm. Rev Joel Atkinson.
 Coffee hour after service.

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast
471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)
 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Frank
 Gassler. 610-759-0244.
www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal
340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows
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1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Sun.- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band
 7pm; Jan 19- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult
 Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- Services 8am
 and 10:15am, 9am SS.
 (610) 863-6859

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic
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 Sat - Mass 6pm; Jan 20- Mass
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 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

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632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel
 Sun.- Adult SS 9am, Worship
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