

April is the Month of the Young Child

Community-Wide Events

(pre-April event) Saturday, March 29 Smart Beginnings Expo. 10:00 am-Noon, Carver Recreation Center, downtown (with StoryFest Day). Children's entertainment, learn about/apply to public preschool programs and learn about quality child care. For more info: www.SmartBeginningsinfo.org, mrushfinn@unitedwaytja.org, 972-1702.

Tuesday, April 1 "The Crayon That Talked" book and activities packets to area preschool teachers. For more info: Central Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children, <http://avenue.org/cvaeyc/>, 296-6382.

Saturday, April 5 Parenting Workshop: One Size Doesn't Fit All. A discussion of positive discipline approaches for young children. For more info/to register: Children, Youth & Family services, www.cyfs.org, 296-4118.

April 5-13 Annual Book Sale, Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library. Gordon Avenue Library, 1500 Gordon Avenue, Charlottesville. For more info: info@jmrifriends.org, 977-8467.

April 10-27 Charlottesville Dogwood Festival. For more info: www.charlottesvilledogwoodfestival.org, info@charlottesvilledogwoodfestival.org, 961-9824.

Saturday, April 12 What's New, Baby? Classes for expectant grandparents, friends and family. Learn what is new and different about baby care, safety, current trends and how to help new parents. 10 am-Noon, (\$15) UVa Hospital, Labor and Delivery Classroom, 8th floor. For more info/to register: 982-3678.

Saturday, April 12 Hereford's Round the Grounds 5K Run/Walk to benefit Children, Youth & Family Services. For more info/registration form: www.cyfs.org, info@charlottesvillerunningcompany.com, 296-4118.

Saturday, April 19 Recognition Reception for Early Childhood Professionals, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Albemarle County Office Building, Room 235 and lobby. For more info: Central Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children, <http://avenue.org/cvaeyc/>, 296-6382.

Saturday April 19 Annual Celebrating Children Fair in Fluvanna, 10:00 am-Noon. Fluvanna Middle School. For more info: 842-8221.

April 21-27 National TV Turn-Off Week: Turn Off the TV, Turn on Life. TV Turn-Off pledge sheets at the Jefferson-Madison Public Library beginning Monday, April 7. For more info: 979-7151.

More Activities

Proclamation of April as the "Month of the Young Child" by local governments.

Leadership Charlottesville launch of playground stencil project for child care centers, schools, playgrounds, parks and preschools. For more info: Smart Beginnings, mrushfinn@unitedwaytja.org, 972-1702.

Display of children's art work at branches of Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, related to the book, "The Crayon that Talked". For more info: Central Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children, <http://avenue.org/cvaeyc/>, 296-6382.

Seal of Quality Child Care recognizes 16 participating child care and preschool providers. For more info: Children, Youth & Family Services, www.cyfs.org, 296-4118.

Library Storytime and Preschool Events and Activities. Jefferson-Madison Regional Library. For more info: calendar at www.jmrl.org/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?month=4, 979-7151.

Month of the Young Child Calendar is a collaborative project of local community organizations and services.
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