



The Skillman Foundation Presents

YAKTIVITIES FOR HELPING KIDS

Family Life Center Programs Designed with Parents in Mind

The Family Life Center is a safety net for children and their families.

It is a program run by Northeast Guidance Center, which has been providing innovative, community-based services to children, adults and families since 1963.

The Family Life Center's program provides free drop-in day care at the Children's Corner for parents who are conducting job searches at the One Stop Career Center or attending appointments at the Samaritan Center.

While the children are there, they can learn and play with Little Tykes IBM computers that are available for use with preschool software, including Bailey's Book House, Millie's Math House and Sammy's Science House.

While having fun, the pre-schoolers build skills, learn numbers, letters and how to tell time and improve cognitive thinking.

The Center is open for business Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and parents may leave their children there for up to three hours per week.

In addition, families are encouraged to participate in the Tuesday Creative Fun Days, which include storytelling, arts and crafts and sing-alongs.

Tutoring and More

In addition to day care, the Family Life Center conducts Tuesday evening tutoring



clinics from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for adults and children. People who attend get a chance to:

- Learn valuable techniques to increase reading skills;
- Spend two hours a week with an assigned tutor;
- Use Little Tykes Young Explorer IBM computers.

Every year, Northeast Guidance Center sponsors events that can be fun and helpful for both children and their families. The center's events and programs include a Consumer Christmas Party, an I Like Me! program, a Literacy Ball, the North American

International Auto Show, a Summer Dreams Program, the Adopt a Family Program and the guidance center's Annual Meeting

All programs at the Family Life Center and the Northeast Guidance Center are based on values that emphasize

- Recovery, resiliency, self-determination
- Responsibility for the needs of the community
- Support of self-management and education for mental illnesses and family education
- Focus on prevention and stabilization
- Timely, caring and consumer-driven services.

The Family Life Center is located at the Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner Street, Suite 2441. For additional information about the Children's Corner and Family Life Center, parents can call 313.579.0673, or visit Northeast Guidance Center at www.neguidance.org.



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THINK ABOUT CHILD CARE

The Children's Corner at the Family Life Center offers free drop-in day care and a chance for children to learn and play with Little Tykes computers. When pre-school children play, they are always thinking and learning. That is why it is important to make sure they have home or day-care activities that let them think, use their imaginations and interact with books, toys or computers. As a family, talk about play activities that could get pre-schoolers thinking and using their imaginations, with or without computers. They could pick out letters from ads in the newspaper, for example, or make up stories for pictures in magazines. Challenge pre-schoolers to come up with activities and games of their own. That will get them thinking, too!

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