



Hunts Point **ALLIANCE** for **CHILDREN**

Early Childhood Programs

Children learn vital life skills through play. Research has shown that play contributes to the foundation of later interests, skills, and attitudes essential for children to succeed in school and life. HPAC Early Childhood Education Programs are the first step on the path to academic success.

Play to Learn

Play to Learn is a family-based program that offers the families of 10474 a safe, educational, and creative playtime with age-appropriate resources and activities. Play to Learn early childhood associates support families and caregivers as they interact with their children. They also model the benefits of child-focused play and guide families in supporting their children's interests. Associates aim to improve the child-caregiver relationship, increase family and community engagement, and foster children's learning.

Play to Learn sessions are offered every Friday and the first Saturday of the month. Families are welcome to drop in and no enrollment is required. Family childcare providers and local childcare programs are also invited to bring their children on field trips to Play to Learn.

Family School Skills

Family School Skill sessions (FSS) focus on strengthening parent-child relationships through communication and child-directed play. The FSS is based on

the book *Mind in the Making*, which outlines the seven essential life skills every child needs in order to succeed in school and life. HPAC offers FSS sessions in a series of twice weekly classes, for eight weeks. Each week focuses on one of the seven life skills.



Lending Library

The Lending Library aims to promote the importance of early literacy by providing easy access to age appropriate and educational books to the Hunts Point community. The Library currently contains over 800 books and materials for borrowing. Families must visit HPAC's Early Childhood space before they are eligible to borrow Lending Library items. Families who vis-

it frequently and/or who are enrolled in ECE programming have immediate access to library.

About HPAC

The mission of Hunts Point Alliance for Children is to work with families to support the educational progress of the children of Hunts Point. HPAC's vision is that every child in Hunts Point is ready for kindergarten, middle school, high school, and college.

For more information:
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