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The Children's Consortium Celebrates National Week of the Young Child

April 2012 – The Children's Consortium is celebrating National Week of the Young Child (April 21-28, 2012) with parenting workshops, a Family Fun Fair, and activities for parent and child together time. All events will be held at 2122 Erie Boulevard East, Syracuse.

The Children's Consortium will host three parent classes during the Week of the Young Child: *Ready, Set, Parent* on Sat., April 21th, providing support, solutions, and practical tips for parents of children birth to age three; *The Power of Portion and Movement* on Mon., April 23rd for both parent and child to explore fun ways to incorporate healthy food choices and exercise into a daily routine; and *Promoting Literacy* on Wed., April 25th, teaching parents how to support their infant/toddler's development of emergent literacy skills. There is a nominal fee for all workshops and advance registration is required.

On Wed., April 25th at 10 a.m., mothers are invited to attend *Baby Talk*, a new support group for moms and babies up to six months of age. Parents with children up to age five are invited to "Drop-In" each Thursday at 10 a.m. for an activity-filled hour of fun and creativity. The book *Little Cloud* by Eric Carle will be featured on April 26th. *Baby Talk* and *Drop-In* are \$5 each week. No advance registration is required.

The Week of the Young Child celebrations will culminate with a free Family Fun Fair to be held 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, April 28th. Parents and their young children are invited for parachute games, seed planting, and playground games. Families can visit with the Syracuse Police, enjoy hotdogs, and bring home tips for a healthy and safe summer.

As Central New York's Parenting Resource, the Children's Consortium provides diverse and direct services to families focused on parenting education, early childhood education, and family literacy. All programs focus on strengthening the role of parents as the first and most important teacher of their own children. For more information about the Children's Consortium or to register for a parenting class, visit us at www.ChildrensConsortium.org or call 315-471-8331.

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