

Registration

To register for Fun with Books and Music, please complete the form below and send to:

The Children's Home Society of NJ
Attn: Maritza Raimundi-Petroski
635 South Clinton Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08611
(609) 695-6274

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Child(ren): _____

Age: _____

Age: _____

Age: _____

Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____



Founded in 1894, The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonsectarian, not-for-profit private agency that promotes the welfare of infants, children, adolescents and parents throughout New Jersey and Bucks County, Pennsylvania. As a comprehensive counseling, placement, parenting education and child care agency, CHSofNJ touches the lives of over 44,000 children and families each year.

We save children's lives and build healthy families.

Values

We value services that work, that are all evaluated, and that help children and parents to help themselves. Our services are delivered with dignity, cultural sensitivity and respect for our clients.

Vision

Every child in a safe, caring, and permanent family. All children and parents have the skills and knowledge they need to help themselves long after our active case involvement has ended.

Major Service Areas

- ♥ Child Welfare/Permanency
- ♥ Clinical/Mental Health
- ♥ Early Childhood and Parenting Education
- ♥ Maternal/Child Health, Family & Community
- ♥ School Based
- ♥ Kinship
- ♥ Head Start/Early Head Start



Licensed Adoption Agency in New Jersey and Pennsylvania
CHSofNJ will not factor the Adoptive Family's race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, marital status, or sexual orientation into its decision to approve or not approve the Adoptive Family's home study.

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Fun with Books & Music Program Serving All of Trenton



Early childhood development
and pre-literacy program
for families with
children ages 0-6



Saving Children's Lives and Building Healthy Families Since 1894

What is Fun with Books & Music?



Fun with Books and Music is a nine week interactive family literacy program with cycles in English and in Spanish. The program uses children's literature and music to support the development of pre-literacy skills and school readiness in young children.

The program's primary goal is to support infant and/or toddler parent bonding and attachment in addition to providing cognitive stimulation through reading, language, music and interactive activities.

The program encourages parents to understand the importance of smiling, touching, holding, talking and reading to their infants and young children at home. The parent's skills and the child's pre-literacy skills are enhanced by this program's focus on the emotional and social developmental needs of their infant, toddler or preschooler.

To be eligible for involvement in Fun with Books & Music:

- ♥ Families must have at least one child 0-6 years old
- ♥ Reside in the city of Trenton or surrounding areas

Our Objectives

The objectives of our program are:

- ♥ To encourage and develop the skill and ability of the parent in talking and reading books to their child or baby at home
- ♥ To foster nurturing interaction that includes both physical and emotional experiences
- ♥ To create a joyful atmosphere by using other modalities including music, dancing, arts and crafts, play and story telling
- ♥ To assist in the facilitation of other early childhood cognitive skills through talking, selected use of television, and utilization of other community activities
- ♥ To help parents reduce their stress levels
- ♥ To teach the whole family how to enhance their baby's or toddler's learning environment

Services Offered

- ♥ Transportation
- ♥ Culturally sensitive and balanced meal
- ♥ Arts and craft materials
- ♥ Educational materials
- ♥ Information and Referrals
- ♥ Summer Reunion and Holiday Parties
- ♥ Developmental Assessments for your child

Referrals

- ♥ Abbott Schools in the Trenton School District
- ♥ Local daycare centers & Community Based Organizations
- ♥ Internet referrals
- ♥ Religious institutions
- ♥ Word of Mouth

Ways to help!

To become involved with Fun with Books & Music you can:

- ♥ Participate in a weekly session by either offering your musical talent (i.e. playing a musical instrument or singing) or reading a book.
- ♥ Volunteer for our Summer Reunion
- ♥ Running a Bilingual or English Book collection
- ♥ Mentoring and Tutoring opportunities for older siblings
- ♥ Coordinate a holiday party
- ♥ Offer professional resources to staff



For more information
on Fun with Books and Music contact:

Family Success Center
North Ward at (609) 393-2980 or
South Ward Center at (609) 695-6274
or 1-800-CHSOFNJ