



Summer 2023: New Westminster Drop-in Programs Online and In-Person*

| Agency | Program Name | Program Description | Location/Time | Registration Details |
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| Family Services of Greater Vancouver | Creative Explorations (0-6yrs) | Children explore their creativity through arts and crafts, songs, and stories with their caregiver's participation. | Olivet Church, 613 Queens Avenue, New Westminster Monday, April 3 – June 19 9:30 am - 12:00 pm (bus tickets available, if needed) | FREE Contact: 604-522-0232 or ceds-nw@fsgv.ca |
| Family Services of Greater Vancouver | Single Parents (0-5yrs) | Program to help single parents with children (0-5) years old connect, share the joys and challenges of parenting, and learn about resources. | Olivet Church, 613 Queens Avenue, New Westminster Wednesdays, May 10 – June 21 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | FREE Contact: 604-522-0232 or ceds-nw@fsgv.ca |
| Family Services of Greater Vancouver | Parents Connect | Families new to Canada are matched with mentor families who have lived in Canada for a long time, offering support and guidance in groups. | Olivet Church, 613 Queens Avenue, New Westminster Date: Fridays, May 12 - June 23 9:30 am – 12:00 pm | FREE Contact: 604-522-0232 or ceds-nw@fsgv.ca |
| Family Services of Greater Vancouver | Raising Exceptional Children | Support for parents with neurodiverse children. Connect with other parent to share the challenges and joys of parenting exceptional children and learn about community resources. | This is a virtual ZOOM program Date: Last Saturday of the month 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | FREE Contact: 604-731-4951 or contactus@fsgv.ca |
| New West Family Place | Family Drop-in @ Eighth + Eighth Gym aka Massey | Enjoy a chance to connect with other families and chat with our staff. Our Family Support Workers are available to help you access the resources your family needs to thrive! | Massey Theatre Gym, 735 8 th Ave Room 1A Monday, Wednesday until May 12 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Fridays 9:30 am - 11:30 am Monday – Friday starting May 15 9:30 am - 11:30 pm Barring holidays, NWFP programs will run Monday-Friday until June 2 | Contact: info@nwfamily.bc.ca |



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| New West Public Library | Babytime | Connect with other parents and spend quality time with your little one as we learn rhymes, sing songs, and read stories for babies. | New West Public Library - Main branch, 716 6th Ave Thursdays: 10:30 – 11:00 am March 30 – May 18 New West Public Library – Queensborough branch, 920 Ewen Ave Wednesdays 12:30 – 1:00 pm March 29 – May 17 | For more information, visit: https://www.nwpl.ca/events-calendar/ |
| New West Public Library | Storytime | Join us for fun stories, rhymes, and songs for 2-5 years | New West Public Library - Main branch, 716 6th Ave Tuesdays: 10:30 – 11:00 am March 28 – May 16 New West Public Library Queensborough branch, 920 Ewen Ave Wednesdays: 11:30am – 12:00pm March 29 – May 17 | For more information, visit: https://www.nwpl.ca/events-calendar/ |
| New West Public Library | Storytime at Family Place | Join us for fun stories, rhymes, and songs at this special partnership program with New Westminster Family Place. Drop-in, ages 0-6 years. | New Westminster Family Place, 112-960 Quayside Dr. Mondays, July 3 – Aug 28 10:30 – 11:00 am | For more information visit: https://www.nwpl.ca/events-calendar/ |
| New West Public Library | Storytime in the Park | Enjoy our favourite stories, rhymes, and songs to a park near you! Drop-in, all ages. | Moody Park: July 4, July 25, Aug 15 Sapperton Park: July 11, Aug 1, Aug 22 Connaught Heights Park: July 18, Aug 8, Aug 29 | For more information visit: https://www.nwpl.ca/events-calendar/ |
| New West Public Library | Pajama Storytime | Enjoy fun family bonding in you PJs while learning new favourite songs and stories. Drop-in, all ages. | New West Public Library - Main branch, 716 6th Ave Wednesdays: 6:30 – 7:00 pm March 29 – May 17; July 5 – Aug 30 | For more information, visit: https://www.nwpl.ca/events-calendar/ |
| Purpose Society | Pitter Patter Circle Time This group is for pregnant women and families with children under 36 months | Enjoy family playtime, stories, songs, arts & crafts and make new friends and connections with other families. | 422 6th St, New Westminster and local NW parks Mondays: 10:00 – 11:30am/ 12:00 pm Runs 3 times per year: January-March; April-June; September-December 2023 | Free Registration: mail@purposesociety.org or phone 778 727 0786, ext. 205. or 604-526-2522 |



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| Purpose Society | Family Circle (For families with children aged 3-6yrs.) | Join us for a fun filled indoor and/or outdoor program at local NW parks. Come play, make new friends, participate in circle time, create arts and crafts and so much more! | 422 6th St, New Westminster and local NW parks Thursdays: 10:00 – 11:30 am/ 12:00 pm Runs 3 times per year: January-March; April-June; September-December 2023 | Free Registration: mail@purposesociety.org or phone 778 727 0786, ext. 205 or 604-526-2522 Outdoor program |
| Spirit of the Children Society | Indigenous Family Online Program (For families with children 0-6 yrs.) | We focus on traditional teachings, such as the Medicine Wheel & the Seven Secret Teachings. | 200 – 2540 Shaughnessy St., Port Coq. Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 201 – 768 Columbia St., New West. Thursdays & Fridays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Bus tickets and snacks provided) | To register, visit: https://sotcs.ca/children/ https://sotcs.ca/referals/ |

StrongStart Centres in School District 40

| School | Days and Hours | Registration Details |
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| Queensborough Middle | M-F 9:00 - 11:30 am M-Th 12:30 – 2:30 pm | https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/early-learning/strongstart/ |
| Connaught Heights Elementary | M-F 9:00 - 11:30 am | |
| Skwo:wech Elementary | M-F 9:15- 11:45 am | |

New Westminster Schools Welcome Centre

Provides support to new families entering SD40. Connect with a City Navigator — a reference specialist who can help local residents explore and connect with all that the city has to offer. A City Navigator can also connect families new to Canada with community and in-house supports and services, such as settlement workers who can provide support in a variety of languages. Located at 820 6th Street, New Westminster.

604-517-6200 | newwestschools.ca

Strong Starts are free drop-in early learning programs for children aged 0-5 years, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. There are 3 Strong Start Centres in SD40.