Center for Families
Community Playgroups

Community Playgroups start in early October!

What are Cambridge Community Playgroups?
Playgroups are fun, FREE groups for parents and caregivers from Cambridge and their children ages 15 months-5 years old. There are two Tiny Tot Community Playgroups that are for children ages 15 months—23 months and their caregivers and four Community Playgroups for children ages 2 years old—5 years old and their caregivers.

When and where do they meet?
Each playgroup meets 8 times, October-December. Groups do not meet on days the Cambridge Public Schools are closed. Please review the dates for each group on the Registration Form carefully. Playgroups meet in the morning from 10:00am—11:30am. There are 5 different locations around Cambridge.

How do I sign up?
Registration forms will be mailed out with the September/October Newsletter. They are also on the Center for Families website (www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/cff). You can pick a form up at the Center for Families (70 Rindge Ave., rear of Peabody School, door 10) or from Priscila de Calvache at the Agenda for Children (119 Windsor Street, basement). You can also request the forms by emailing Cynthia at cwoodward@cambridgema.gov.

SEE BELOW FOR REGISTRATION FORMS:

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Registration for Fall Session 2015

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How do playgroups help my children?
Children play and learn with their parents, caregivers, and other children.
The routines and activities help children grow and get ready for school.

What do parents and caregivers do during playgroups?
You get time to play and learn with your children. You help them play with other kids and do fun activities together.

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What if I can't come one week?
We understand that sometimes a child is sick, or you can't make it to group for another reason. You can miss up to 3 groups. If you miss more than 3 groups, then we will give your spot to another child on the waiting list. You can always sign up again next session!

How do I sign up?
Fill out this registration form and return it by Friday, September 25th

1. You can mail it to: Center for Families, c/o DHSP, 51 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139.
2. You can give it to anyone at the Center for Families (70 Rindge Ave.) or the Agenda for Children (119 Windsor St.)
3. You can email Cynthia at cwoodward@cambridgema.gov for forms that can be emailed.

How will I know if I am in a playgroup?
There is a lottery for everyone turns in their forms by the due date. Forms must be turned in by Friday, September 25th. We will call or e-mail you by Wednesday, October 2nd to tell you whether you are in a group or on the waitlist. You must reply to accept or decline your group spot by Wednesday, October 9th.

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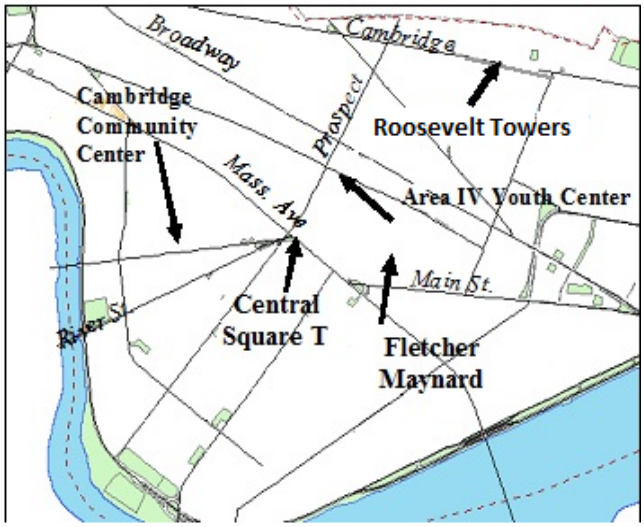
Additional Information

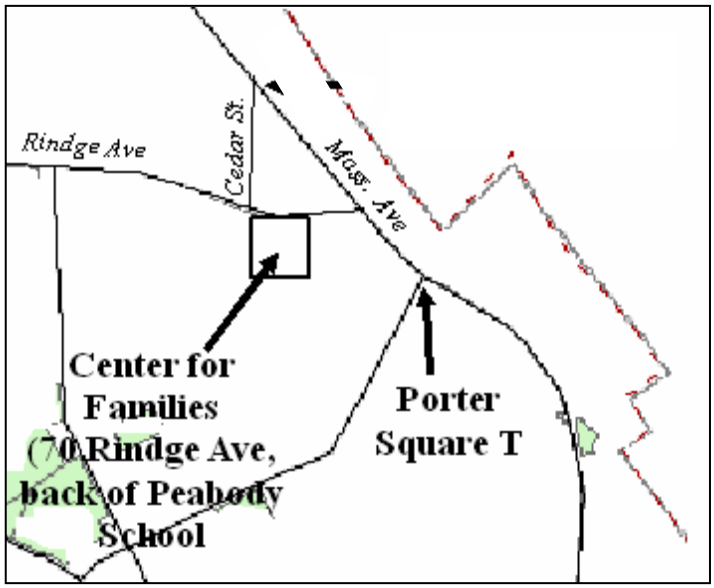
Questions? Need more information? Contact:

Cynthia Woodward, Center for Families at 617-349-6327 or 617-349-6385,
or e-mail cwoodward@cambridgema.gov
or *Priscila Cardoso,* Agenda for Children, at 617-665-3825
or e-mail pcardoso@challiance.org.

Locations in Central & East Cambridge



Locations in North Cambridge



More Information!

Cancellations: If Cambridge Public Schools are canceled, or if there is a state of emergency, we will cancel playgroups.

Weather: Groups will not be canceled due to rain. If you have questions, call 617-349-6385.

Sickness: If you or any of the children you are bringing has had a bad cough, fever, diarrhea, or vomiting in the last 24 hours, do not come to group.

If you cannot come to your group, call Cynthia Woodward at 617-349-6327. Please leave a message if need be.

Remember to check the date when your group starts!
Groups begin on different weeks.

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Please fill in the information for all adults and children who will attend the playgroup together.

I have read and I understand the information and agree to follow the rules and guidelines:

My signature: _____ *Date* _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

My child(ren) will be attending the playgroup with: _____

Relationship to Child(ren) (please check one): ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Grandparent ☐ Other Relative ☐ Child Care Provider

Address _____ Cambridge, MA Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please list ALL children you will be bringing to the group, including siblings. *If you do not have enough space, please write all the children on the back of this form and note that below.* Thank you!

Child's Full Name _____ Birthday _____

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Do any of the children have special needs or allergies that we should know about? YES NO

If yes, please describe _____

What language(s) do you speak at home? _____

How did you hear about Cambridge Community Playgroups? _____

Optional: These questions are so we can report to our funders the number of people who attend our programs who live in subsidized housing or who are currently taking English classes. The answer you give is confidential and will not affect your placement in a group.

Do you live in Public Housing, receive Section 8, or some other form of subsidized housing? YES NO

Are you currently taking a class to learn English? YES NO

Please mark your first choice 1, your second choice 2, and your third choice 3. You are not guaranteed to get your first choice. These groups are for children who will be at 2 years old by the start of the group:

	Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Mondays 10:00—11:30am	10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7
	Cambridge Community Center, 5 Callendar St.	Mondays 10:00—11:30am	10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7
	Fletcher Maynard Academy, 229 Windsor St.	Tuesdays 10:00—11:30am	10/13, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8
	Frisoli Youth Center, 61 Willow St.	Wednesdays 10:00—11:30am	10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

Please mark your first choice 1 and your second choice 2. You are not guaranteed to get your first choice. These groups are the Tiny Tots Groups (for children 15-23 months):

	Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Tuesdays 10:00—11:30am	10/13, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8
	Area IV Youth Center, 243 Harvard St.	Thursdays 10:00—11:30am	10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/12, 11/19, 12/10, 12/17

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