

“The Network”

The Westfield Family Support Network, or simply “The Network”, is a new community partnership designed to meet the needs of low-income families, with children 5 years old and younger (and/or pregnant) living in the Greater Westfield area.

The Network is comprised of the following organizations:

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc.

The Family Support Coalition

Westfield State College

The Westfield Athenaeum

The Carson Center for Human Services, Inc.

Community Partnerships for Children

Domus, Inc.

Westfield Community Education

Salvation Army

Holyoke Community College

Westfield Area Head Start

Westfield Public Schools

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)

Working together, these organizations are providing an all-inclusive, multi-faceted program of services.

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Program Guide

“Network” Programs held at the
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield

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Program Descriptions



GED Classes— For parents/guardians seeking to improve their lives through advancing their education level. Provided by Westfield Community Education.

“Story Time Plus”— A special time for children, 2-5 years old, to hear stories, sing songs and make a craft, with or without their parents. Provided by the Westfield Athenaeum.



Parent-Child Workshops – A fun time for parent and children to play and learn with educational toys and socialize with other parents and children. Classes for age 2 to 5 years old and 2 and younger. Provided by the Westfield Community Partnerships for Children.



“Answer Time” - a special time for parents to get the answers to their questions and advice on how to address the challenges in their lives. Assistance with fuel, food, and other basic needs. Provided by the Family Support Coalition.



“Parent’s Toolbox”— An opportunity for parents/guardians to learn essential skills for raising happy, healthy children. Provided by the Carson Center for Human Services, Inc.

“GED Support Group”— To provide support to parents/guardians attending GED classes, in order to ensure successful completion of GED. Provided by the Carson Center for Human Services, Inc.

“Tiny Bubbles”— Introduce your little one (age 2 1/2 to 5 years) to fun & safety in the water. Provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc.



“Swimmers & Beginners”— Connect with your child, (5 years and younger) by playing together in a fun healthy way...swimming in the pool! Service provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc.



“Mommy & Me”— Bonding with Baby through Music and Movement. Provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc.

Transition to College— A class to build the skills and confidence of parents/guardians looking to earn a degree. Provided by Westfield State College.



“Career Launch/Money Matters”— For parents/guardians to gain new professional skills to advance their careers and learn valuable tips on managing their family budget. Provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc.

Program Sessions

Fall

November 2, 2009 – December 23, 2009

Winter

January 4, 2010 – March 31, 2010

Spring

April 1, 2010 – June 21, 2010

Network Programs are scheduled to follow the Westfield Public School’s Calendar— Programs will run only when schools are open for a full day.

Schedule of Programs

to be held at the
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield

*** These are suggested times and are subject to change based on participant need & interest.**

GED Classes— Meets Monday & Wednesdays from 9:30am-12:30pm in the Education Room. Runs all Sessions.

“Answer Time” - Meets Thursdays from 10:00am-11:00am in the KidzClub Room. Runs all Sessions.

“Parent’s Toolbox”— Meets Tuesdays from 10:00am-11:00am in the Education Room. Runs Winter Session.

“GED Support Group”— Meets Tuesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm in the Education Room. Runs Winter Session.

“Story Time Plus”— Meets the first Monday of each month from 10:00am-11:00am in the KidzClub Room. Runs for Fall & Winter Sessions.

Parent-Child Workshops – Meets Mondays from 10:00am-11:00am for 2-5 years and 11:00-12:00pm for 2 and younger. Held in the KidzClub Room. Runs for Fall & Winter Sessions.

“Tiny-Bubbles”— Meets Tuesdays from 12:00pm-1:30pm & Saturdays 2:30-4:00pm in the Swimming Pool. Runs Fall Session.

“Swimmers & Beginners”— Meets Tuesdays from 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Swimming Pool. Runs Winter Session.

Transition to College— Dates & Class Room location will be announced later. Runs Spring Session.

“Career Launch/Money Matters”— Meets Thursdays from 10:00am-11:00am in the Education Room. Runs Winter Session.

“Mommy & Me”— Meets Tuesdays from 10:00am-10:45am in the KidzClub Room. Runs Spring Session.