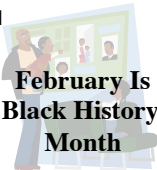






# FAMILY, FRIEND, AND NEIGHBOR CONNECTIONS

## February 2007

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
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| <p><i>Do you care for children of a family member, friend or neighbor? Even thou you are not licensed? There is support available to help you do this important job. For more information, support services or Play and Learn groups you can attend call Theresa Fountain at 651-641-6610 yet</i></p> |  |  |   |  <p><b>February Is Black History Month</b></p>  | <p><b>2 Ground Hog Day</b></p>   | <p><b>3 NdCAD</b><br/>Free Books and So <b>MUCH More</b><br/>12-2:00 PM<br/>655 Fairview</p>   |
| 4   | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8   | 9  | 10   |
|   |  | <p>• <b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>Sun Ray Library<br/>2105 Wilson Ave<br/>10:30—12pm</p>  | <p>• <b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>North Dale Recreation Center<br/>1414 St Albans<br/>9:00—11:00 am</p>                |  <p><b>February Is National Heart Month</b></p> | <p><b>Last day to sign up for trip to the Science Museum</b><br/>Call Theresa<br/>651-641-6610</p> | <p><b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>Hamline Midway Library<br/>1558 Minnehaha<br/>11-1pm</p>        |
| 11  | 12   | 13   | 14  | 15  | 16   | 17   |
|  <p>Carver</p>   | <p><b>National African American Parent Involvement Day</b></p>   | <p>• <b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>Sun Ray Library<br/>2105 Wilson Ave<br/>10:30—12pm</p>  | <p><b>Happy Valentines Day</b></p>   | <p><b>National Dental Health Month</b></p>  |  | <p><b>Day at the Science Museum</b><br/>1:00-4pm<br/>\$3 per person<br/>Call Theresa</p>       |
| 18  | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22  | 23   | 24   |
| <p><b>Chinese New Year</b></p>  | <p><b>Presidents Day</b><br/><b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>Rondo Com. Lib.<br/>461 N Dale St.<br/>10:30-12pm</p> | <p>• <b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>Sun Ray Library<br/>2105 Wilson Ave<br/>10:30—12pm</p>  | <p><b>Malcolm X's Birthday</b></p> <p>• <b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>N Dale Rec.<br/>1414 St Albans<br/>9:00—11:00</p> |   |  | <p><b>NdCAD</b><br/>Free Books and So <b>MUCH More</b><br/>12-2:00 PM<br/>655 Fairview Ave</p> |
| 25  | 26   | 27   | 28  |  <p>Wells-Barnett</p>                         |  |  |
|   |  | <p>Independence Day (Dominican Republic)</p> <p>• <b>Play &amp; Learn</b><br/>Sun Ray Library<br/>2105 Wilson Ave<br/>10:30—12pm</p> |   |   |  |  |

### Do you know? That Resources for Child Caring is looking for FFN providers?

Family, Friend, or Neighbor (FFN) is someone who cares for a family, friend, or neighbor's child. Even if you are paid or unpaid you are part of the FFN group. Your role in the children's life is a key. Getting children ready for school success, and being a ongoing part in their life. There are currently three Play & Learn sites within your community that you can take part in. There is no cost or registration required to attend.

Home visits are also available to those that would like a more one on one approach. You can also receive learning material to help prepare the child for kindergarten. There are grants assistance available as well.

For more information contact Theresa Fountain at Resources for Child Caring 651-641-6610

## *Training Information*

The following are some of the classes. Offered by Resources for Child Caring that you may enjoy as a caregiver. For more information on other training opportunities, in class or online, or location of classes please contact **Theresa Fountain 651-641-6610**.

Reducing the Risk of SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome– Thurs. March 22; 7-9pm or Thurs. April 12th 7-9pm

Reducing the Risk of Shaken Baby Syndrome–Mon. Feb. 26 or Mar. 14th at 7:45 –8:48pm (Blaine Human Services)

Emergency Response– Mon. Feb. 5 & Wed. Feb. 7th & Mon. Feb12th 6:30-9:30pm

Keep MN Kids Safe–TBA

Caring for kids with Special Health Needs– Monday, Feb. 19th 6:30-8:30pm

## GRANTS

*Resources for Child Caring is looking for Family, Friend and Neighbor child care providers. Who is a FFN provider? They are a non licensed care giver who is caring for a family member or a friends or neighbors child, paid or unpaid care. Providing care any where from 3 to 40 hours a week. Grants for learning material, safety, CPR & First Aid classes, other health and safety classes, books and educational toys are some of the examples of items that can be purchase with your grant. If you are caring for children ages 0 to school age and would like to learn more of the resources available to you call Theresa Fountain 651-641-6610.*

## CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

### Make a Heart Shapes collage / Valentines Cards

#### Items needed:

White paper

Construction paper (Different colors)

Scissors

Glue

Pencils, crayons or markers

- \* **Make different sizes of hearts**
- \* **Glue them on paper**
- \* **have child create their own cards or collage**

I LOVE YOU

*Children can practice their colors along and also develop their writing skill with this activity.*