

# FAMILY TIME

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## EFC Launches New Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website, redesigned with a colorful new look that is simple to navigate. The website features current information about our Programs and Services, a Calendar of classes and events, and a newly updated Resource Page. Visitors can also download Family Time, the newsletter of the Erie Family Center.

We hope our new website will become yet another tool for strengthening families and the communities in which they live. Enjoy!

We welcome questions, comments and suggestions at [eriefamilycenter@eriesd.org](mailto:eriefamilycenter@eriesd.org).

Visit us online today at [www.eriefamilycenter.org](http://www.eriefamilycenter.org)



## Every End is a New Beginning

Each month this newsletter is thoughtfully written with a “front page” article that’s meant to be sometimes inspiring, occasionally educational, and often, a celebration of good news.

The article isn’t usually signed, but after 14 years, I’m taking some “editorial license” this month to sign it as an expression of my gratitude to the families I’ve met, the co-workers who have inspired me and make me laugh, and the colleagues who have supported this Family Center.

I’ll be leaving Erie to accept a position supervising a Healthy Families America Home Visiting program in another state in mid-September. It’s an exciting opportunity and a big move. I’m more than a little nervous, but have learned so much from working with all of you, parents and professionals alike. I feel well prepared.

For all the good work we’ve done together, I’m grateful. Take care and be well.

Sincerely,

Colleen Masi  
Family Center Supervisor  
Erie Family Center for Child Development

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Non-Attendance Day for Students & Teachers**  
Monday, September 1

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**  
Monday, September 8, 12:00 - 1:00 PM (EFC)

**Building Bridges Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 10, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (EFC)

**Non-Attendance Day for Students**  
Monday, September 15 (Teacher In-Service)

**Strengthening Families Program (SFP)**  
Earle C. Davis Primary School, North East  
Wednesdays, September 17 - December 17  
Dinner at 3:30, Program from 4:00 - 6:00 PM

**Family Game Night**  
Friday, September 19, 6:00 - 7:30 PM (EFC)

**1-2-3 Magic at EFC**  
Saturdays, September 20 and 27  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EFC)

**Building Bridges Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 8, Call for meeting time (EFC)

**Non-Attendance Day for Students & Teachers**  
Monday, October 13

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**  
Monday, October 13, 12:00 - 1:00 PM (EFC)

**1-2-3 Magic in West County**  
Saturdays, October 18 and 25  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
West Springfield Baptist Church  
13695 Ridge Road (Rte 20), West Springfield

**Costume Swap**  
Friday, October 24, 6:00 - 7:30 PM (EFC)

**Motherhood Support Initiative**  
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - Noon (EFC)  
Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM (EFC)

**Foundations of Fatherhood**  
See calendar for locations and times.

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**Dedicated to Building Strong Families and Strong Communities**

## Recent News at EFC



### Expanded Classrooms at EFC

Pre-K students arrived for their first day of school at EFC on August 25. This year, classrooms were reconfigured to double the amount of half-day slots available for enrollment to qualified families. We're happy to welcome Mrs. Margie Luniewski as a new Pre-K teacher, assisted by Maureen Walls. Also, a warm welcome back to Mrs. Erin Sinnott, Pre-K teacher, and teacher assistant, Mrs. Stacey Skrzypczak, who have done wonderful work getting children ready for kindergarten since the early years of Pre-K at the Family Center.



### EFC Welcomes 50+ New Teachers

EFC welcomed more than 50 new teachers to Erie's Public Schools during New Teacher Induction. The new teachers had the opportunity to tour the Family Center and learn about the services offered to students and families in the community. Following their stop at the Family Center, the new teachers took a one-hour bus ride through the city to see some of the neighborhoods where their students live. In addition to Family Center services, new teachers also learned about the Student Parenting Program, GEARS, and Student Support Services offered by Erie's Public Schools.



### Caring Closet Opening Event

On Tuesday, August 12, the Caring Closet at the Erie Family Center reopened for the 2014-2015 school year. More than 75 families shopped for clothes, school supplies, and school uniforms. Special thanks to all our Caring Closet volunteers!

## Thanks to St. Martin's Center

Many thanks to our partners at St. Martin Center for thoughtfully sharing the school supplies collected during their "Stuff the Bus" campaign this year.

A bus full of supplies arrived at the Caring Closet a few days before the reopening event. Volunteers were able to stuff about 50 backpacks with an assortment of school supplies, as well as pack up about 100 more bags with a nice assortment of supplies. Children were so excited by the opportunity to choose a backpack of their own!

On behalf of the families who visit the Caring Closet, we extend appreciation to our colleagues at partnering agencies like St. Martin Center, and applaud their efforts to help get resources directly to the families with the greatest need.

# CARING CLOSET

# Fall Hours Tuesday Mornings 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

For urgent situations, please call 874-6990 for assistance.

## Upcoming Classes



# 1-2-3 MAGIC

1-2-3 Magic is a parent education program dedicated to help parents build strong, positive relationships with their children and overcome the stress that can take the fun out of parenting. The program offers easy-to-learn parenting solutions that are research-based and proven effective for age groups from toddlers through adolescents.

## 2 OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP!

**1** **Saturdays September 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Erie Family Center

Light breakfast included. Childcare and transportation assistance available. **Call 874-6990 to register.**

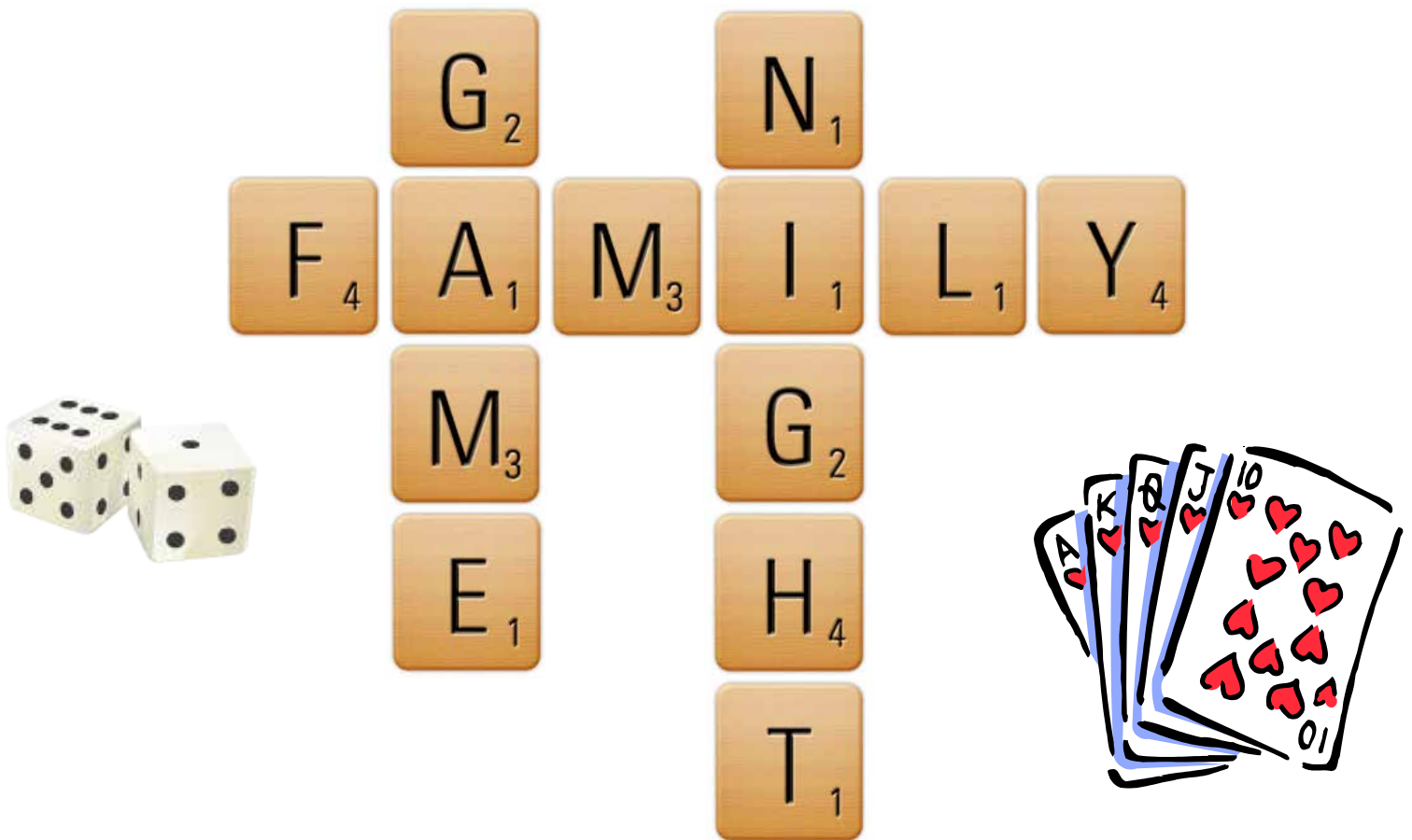
## NOW AVAILABLE IN WEST COUNTY!

**2** **Saturdays October 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
West Springfield Baptist Church

Light breakfast included. Childcare and transportation assistance available. **Call 874-6990 to register.**

1-2-3 Magic is one of several FREE Parent Skills Training programs provided by the Erie Family Center for Child Development through funding from the Erie County Department of Human Services.

The Erie Family Center for Child Development presents



# EFC Family Game Night

Friday, September 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Erie Family Center • 913 Payne Avenue, Erie

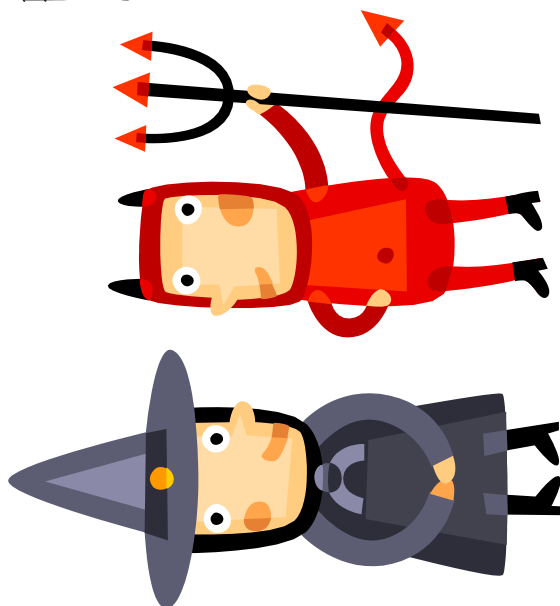
Space is limited, RSVP by Friday, September 12!

**To sign up, call 814-874-6990**

Light refreshments will be served. Transportation assistance available upon request.

This FREE event is open to all families currently receiving services at EFC. Call 874-6990 for more information.

# COSTUME SWAP



Bring your clean, gently used Halloween costume to the Erie Family Center on:

**Friday, October 24  
6:00 to 7:30 PM**

and swap for a new one!

- Make your own costume creations!
- Light refreshments & transportation provided

**RSVP by October 17  
at 814-874-6990**

This FREE event is open to all families currently receiving services at EFC. Call 874-6990 for more information.



# Erie County Medical Society Back-to-School Health Expo



## FREE

for parents and school children of all ages

Join us for a fun and informative way  
to prepare for another exciting school year



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

**11 am – 3 pm**  
**Macy's Concourse**  
**Millcreek Mall**



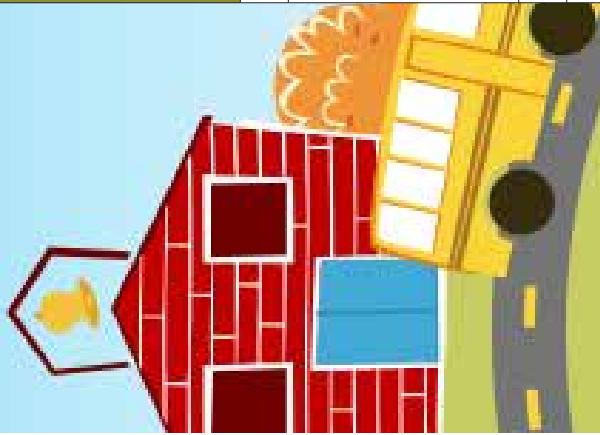
#### FEATURED BOOTHS:

- Vaccinations
- Vision
- Sports Injuries / Concussions
- Diet & Exercise
- Bullying
- ADHD / Stress / Depression
- Impaired and Distracted Driving
- Weight & Obesity
- School Bus Safety
- Reading
- Back Care & Health
- Dental Health
- STD's
- Lead Poisoning &
- Chemical Overdose Prevention
- Dyslexia
- Fingerprinting
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Success by 6
- Skin Cancer / Sun Safety
- Insurance

...and much more

A special thank you to our following sponsors:





# SEPTEMBER 2014

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