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VIRTUAL CENTER

Welcome to The Family Center!

Franklin County's newest resource for families with young children.

The Start of a New Year

With a new school year on the horizon, we have some new things for you! Thanks to support from The Summit Endowment, The Family Center will be continuing to offer great virtual resources as well as beginning some in-person activities later this year. Please check out our newsletter each month for information on what is happening with The Family Center and in the local community. Also, be sure to like the First Start Partnerships Facebook page for updates and announcements as soon as they happen.



What method would be most helpful to you to learn about family events in Franklin County?

Monthly Email

Select

Calendar on Website

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Facebook Posts

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Instagram Posts

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YouTube Videos

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"every day is a new beginning. take a deep breath, smile, and start again."

Family Advisory Council



If you care for a child between the ages of 0-8 in Franklin County, we need you! We are forming a Family Advisory Council to help guide the services and programs we will offer at The Family Center. We will work together to listen to the wants and needs of families in our county and plan for ways to make it happen! If you are interested, please click [here](#).

Community Spotlight



Last month we shared some information about GO Franklin, a fun activity in our community offered by Wellspan in partnership with the Franklin County Libraries. We hope you were able to have some fun finding the animal tails, like our friends Isabelle, Grace and Daniel! We wanted to remind you that GO Franklin is coming to an end on August 7th, so be sure to get your codes in and get your prizes!

The Family Center website is now LIVE! Visit today for resources, tips, and more!

[Click here to visit the site!](#)

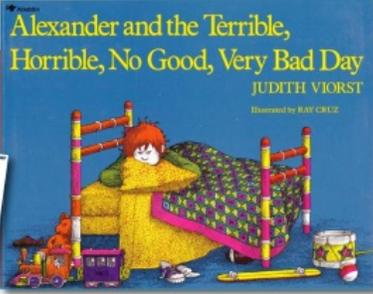
Local Events

Downtown Window StoryWalk®

Walk along Main Street in Waynesboro as you read a story in shop windows!

Read the book and see the movie!!

AUGUST Kickoff Celebration!
Sat., August 28 • 9 AM-NOON
Chocolate Alley
Next to Zoe's at 34 East Main Street
Be sure to see the MOVIE at 2 PM at the Waynesboro Theatre! Only \$5



FREE Make & Take Activities!
Plus! The first 200 kids get a **FREE BOOK** at the end of the walk...walks can be done any time. Your free book may be picked up after the kickoff at participating downtown businesses.
Brought to you by WASD Be the Village, Mainstreet Waynesboro, and Downtown Waynesboro Businesses.
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The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

PEACE IN THE PARK

Join us at parks throughout the county to learn easy mindfulness strategies for kiddos and a little about our program!

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for dates/locations!



First Start Partnerships
for Children & Families



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Get Healthy Now!

Living a life of good health and balance is a goal most people strive for but knowing where or how to get started can be challenging. In this *6-week program through WellSpan*, participants are provided with the necessary tools, tips and support to get started on a journey towards a **healthier life**. From meal planning, eating on the run and simple ways to stay active, along with learning how to use wearable technology to help guide your fitness, to creating a healthy sleep environment and managing stress, participants will learn how to make healthy choices each day to improve **overall health**.

Check out some other great things happening this month:

[Wizard Festival](#)

[Chambersburg Storywalk](#)

[Free Pool Party/Aquaman](#)

[Movie](#)

[Hope Day](#)

DATE: Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18
Thursdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21

TIME: Mondays-12:00-1:30 p.m.
Thursdays- 5:30-7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtual (Zoom link will be provided upon registration) – taught out of Franklin County

COST: \$35/participant (optional \$50 for tracking device)

Register for Sept. 13th Lunchtime Class here:

<https://www.wellspan.org/events/details/Get-Healthy-Now---Franklin-VIRTUAL/3215>

Register for Sept. 16th Evening Class here: <https://www.wellspan.org/events/details/Get-Healthy-Now---Franklin-VIRTUAL/3219>



Love what you see? Want to share it with your friends and family?
When you submit a referral, your friend or family member will receive this
amazing newsletter in their inbox each month!

AND you will receive a gift from us for helping us spread the word!

[Submit a Referral Today!](#)

How would you like to have the support of an early childhood community at your fingertips?

Do you have a question about your child's development or behavior?

Do you need new ideas for things to do with your little one?

Are you struggling with an issue as a family?

Talk to us!

We have a whole community of childcare providers, early childhood teachers (infant through third grade), mental health staff , social workers, doctors and early intervention specialists ready to help. Send us any question, and we mean **ANY** question and we will get you answers. Each month we will feature a few of these questions to help all the other families in Franklin County too. You are not alone-let us be a part of your village!

[Ask your question](#)

Follow Us!



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