National Child Abuse Prevention Month

In the US, April is national child abuse prevention month.

Some suggested activities the US Department of Health, who hosts events this month, include:

Talk to friends about organizing a babysitting coop. This is especially wonderful for busy parents!

Get outside! Start a parent-child walking or biking club with neighbors. Being social and active will make the time fly by!

Host a potluck dinner with neighborhood families to swap parenting stories. This is great for sharing the work of cooking as well!

Find out what parenting classes or playgroups are offered in your area. Check our Save the Date section for new TWYB classes, and follow our Facebook page for more community opportunities!

Bring In Spring!

With the warm weather approaching, we at TWYB would like to suggest some fun activities for you and your child to bring in spring! For an interactive lesson on growing and tending to plants, sprinkle grass seeds in a planter in the shape of your child’s name and watch the letters blossom. Spend time outside by mixing homemade bubble solution made of \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup water, \( \frac{1}{4} \) cup dish soap, and \( \frac{1}{4} \) cup honey. Adding a few drops of food coloring can make this even more exciting!
Save the Date for TWYB Classes around South Bend!

**Robinson Center**
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Each Wednesday, April 22, 29, May 6, 13, and 20 at 921 N Eddy St.
- Snacks and child care provided.

**Keller Park**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am
- Each Tuesday, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, and 19 at 1003 W Bryan St.
- Snacks and child care provided.

**The Well**
- 10:00 – 11:00 am
- Each Thursday, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, and 21 at 2410 W Mishawaka Ave.
- Snacks and child care provided.

**Robinson Center**
- 11:30 – 1:00 pm
- Each Tuesday, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, and 19 at 921 N Eddy St.
- Lunch and child care provided.

and introducing our newest location...

**Lasalle Branch Library**
- Join us for dinner and class from 6:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursdays. We start May 7, and continue through May 14, 21, 28, and June 4. Dinner and child care provided.

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**Book Club**

We’ll be reading a passage from *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* by Robert Putnam. Published in 2015, this brand-new social science book looks at the diminishing possibilities for upward mobility in the America of today. Join us at 7:00 pm on May 20 at the Robinson Center. There is no need to read the whole book beforehand; we’ll pick out a few passages and read them together! We’ll provide snacks and you help us provide discussion!

*Please RSVP to Kim at khalstea@nd.edu.*

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**Research**

The Numbers Add Up To This: Less and Less Opportunity for Poor Kids, a recent publication by NPR, supports Robert Putnam’s assertion in *Our Kids* that upward mobility is much less attainable right now than it was in the mid-1900s. A pronounced gap in future median income between those who are born into two-parent, college-educated households and those who are born into less-educated, single-parent households has emerged in the past half-century. This gap is evident across all US states, and is symptomatic of a large problem we are only beginning to understand. What can we do to help close the gap? Putnam offers some suggestions at the end of his book; join us at our book club to hear what they are!

For more information, contact TWYB coordinator Kris Arizmendi at karizmen@nd.edu. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/talkwithyourbaby.