

# Cambridge Community Playgroups Registration for Fall Session 2016

## What are Cambridge Community Playgroups?

Community Playgroups are run by the Agenda for Children and the Center for Families. Community Playgroups are fun, FREE groups for Dads, Moms or caregivers from Cambridge and their children ages 15 months—5 years old. There are two Tiny Tot Community Playgroups for children ages 15 months—23 months and their Dads, Moms or caregiver and three Community Playgroups for children ages 2 years old—5 years old and their Dads, Moms or caregiver.

## How do playgroups help my children?

Children play and learn with their parents, caregivers, and other children. The routines and activities help children grow and get ready for school.

## What do parents and caregivers do during playgroups?

You get time to play and learn with your children. You help them play with other kids and do fun activities together.

## When and where do they meet?

Each playgroup meets 6, 7 or 8 times (depending on the group), October—December. Groups do not meet on days the Cambridge Public Schools are closed or Early Release Days. Please review the dates for each group on the Registration Form carefully. Playgroups meet in the morning from 10:00am—11:30am.

## What if I can't come one week?

We understand that sometimes a child is sick, or you can't make it to group for another reason. You can miss up to 3 groups. If you miss more than 3 groups, then we will give your spot to another child on the waiting list. You can always sign up again next time!

## How do I sign up?

Fill out this registration form and return it by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

1. You can mail it to: Center for Families, c/o DHSP, 51 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139.
2. You can give it to anyone at the Center for Families (70 Rindge Ave.) or Agenda for Children (119 Windsor St., basement).
3. You can email Cynthia at [cwoodward@cambridgema.gov](mailto:cwoodward@cambridgema.gov) for forms that can be emailed.

## How will I know if I am in a playgroup?

We run a lottery for everyone that turns in their forms by the due date of 9/30. Forms must be turned in by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will call or e-mail you by Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to tell you whether you are in a group or on the waitlist. You must reply to accept or decline your group spot by Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

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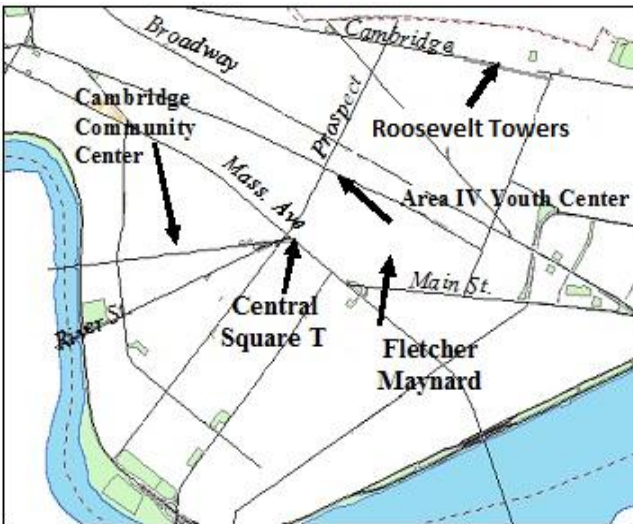
## Additional Information

**Questions? Need more information? Contact:**

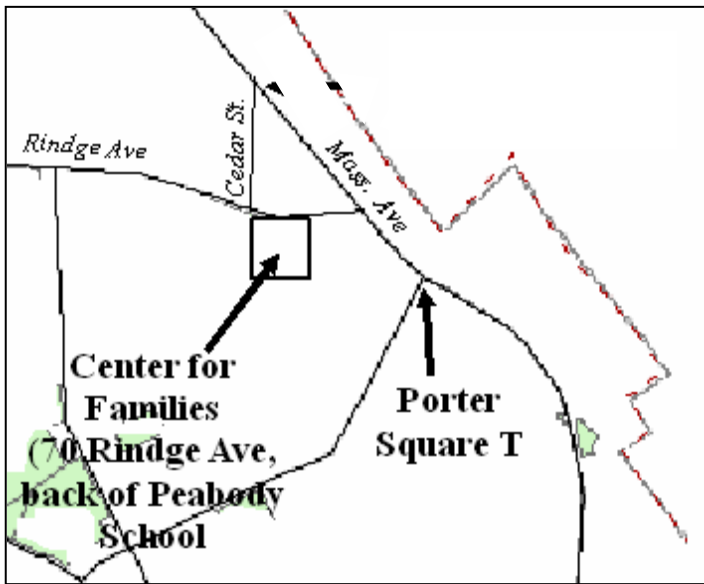
Cynthia Woodward, Center for Families at 617-349-6327  
or e-mail [cwoodward@cambridgema.gov](mailto:cwoodward@cambridgema.gov)

Priscila de Calvache, Agenda for Children, at 617-665-3825  
or e-mail [pdecavache@challiance.org](mailto:pdecavache@challiance.org).

### Locations in Central & East Cambridge



### Locations in North Cambridge



### More Information!

**Cancellations:** If Cambridge Public Schools are canceled, or if there is a state of emergency, we will cancel playgroups.

**Weather:** Groups will not be canceled due to rain. If you have questions, call 617-349-6385.

**Sickness:** If you or any of the children you are bringing has had a bad cough, fever, diarrhea, or vomiting in the last 24 hours, do not come to group.

**If you cannot come to your group, call Cynthia Woodward at 617-349-6327. Please leave a message if need be.**



**Remember to check the date when your group starts!  
Groups begin on different weeks.**

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**Please fill in the information for all adults and children who will attend the playgroup together.**

**I have read and I understand the information and agree to follow the rules and guidelines:**

**My signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child(ren) will be attending the playgroup with: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child(ren) (please check one):  Mother  Father  Grandparent  Other Relative  Child Care Provider

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cambridge, MA Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please list ALL children you will be bringing to the group, including siblings. *If you do not have enough space, please write all the children on the back of this form and note that below.* Thank you!

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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Do any of the children have special needs or allergies that we should know about? **YES NO**

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

What language(s) do you speak at home? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Cambridge Community Playgroups? \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** These questions are so we can report to our funders the number of people who attend our programs who live in subsidized housing or who are currently taking English classes. The answer you give is confidential and will not affect your placement in a group.

Do you live in Public Housing, receive Section 8, or some other form of subsidized housing? **YES NO**

Are you currently taking a class to learn English? **YES NO**

**Please mark your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice in the blank space provided.  
You are not guaranteed to get your first choice.**

**These groups are for children who will be at 2 years old by the start of the group:**

	Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Mondays 10:00—11:30am	10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5 (8 sessions)
	Fletcher Maynard Academy, 229 Windsor St.	Tuesdays 10:00—11:30am	10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6 (8 sessions)
	Cambridge Community Center, 5 Callendar St.	Wednesdays 10:00—11:30am	10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 (7 sessions)

**These groups are the Tiny Tots Groups (for children 15-23 months):**

	Center for Families, 70 Rindge Avenue	Tuesdays 10:00—11:30am	10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6 (8 sessions)
	Moses Youth Center, 243 Harvard St. (formally Area IV Youth Center)	Thursdays 10:00—11:30am	10/20, 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8 (6 sessions)

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