

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Child and Family Support Program

EARLY EXPLORERS

Early Intervention Preschool Group

Are you looking for a social skills development opportunity for your preschool-aged child with occupational or speech therapy needs?

The Child and Family Support Center of Kennedy Krieger Institute offers an early intervention therapy group for families in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

- What:** Interdisciplinary occupational or speech-language pathology early intervention preschool group
- Who:** Children ages 2–5 with an occupational therapy need and/or a speech and language pathology diagnosis
- When:** Wednesdays, 2–3:30 p.m., for 10 weeks
- Where:** Kennedy Krieger Fairmount Campus
1750 E. Fairmount Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21231

Early Explorers' lesson plans are designed to introduce families to a preschool environment and prepare children for the transition to a structured preschool setting. Weekly themes are explored through music, art, circle time, movement and snack activities. Therapeutic groups focus on developing the following:

- Improved attention and on-task behaviors
- Fine motor, perceptual motor and self-help skills
- Language skills and pre-school concepts
- Social skills
- Parent training with weekly take-home activities

Important Information about Early Explorers:

- Referrals are accepted for children 2–5 years old who have a developmental disability resulting in an occupational therapy need **and/or** speech-language pathology diagnosis. Children not placed in the current group will be placed on the waiting list for the next available group session.
- Medical assistance and private insurance (pending approval) is accepted.
- Parents and caregivers are an integral part of the Early Explorers group. Because of the number of children in each session, we are unable to accommodate siblings as part of the group.

Early Explorers is offered on a quarterly basis (January–March, April–June, July–September and October–December), but referrals are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Referrals may be made by filling out the attached referral form and faxing it to 443-923-3845, or by contacting Mimi McNicholas at 443-923-3285 or McNicholas@KennedyKrieger.org.



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