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## Bridges Buzz

Bridges to Growth Resource Center

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*--an e-newsletter from Bridges to Growth, an early childhood program of The Georgetown Project,  
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**We bring you this e-newsletter so you can be informed on what is new, what classes, events, and services we offer you from Bridges to Growth.**

### Lending Library



### New Toys, Come See!

Bridges to Growth has a free Lending Library available to the public, making toys, books, puppets, puzzles, climbing blocks, available for check out for a three week loan period. We also have parenting resource books, as well as children's books in English and Spanish. The collection includes materials for parents and caregivers and toys for toddlers through fifth grade children. Stop by and look at what we have. We are open Mondays - Wednesdays 10 am - 7

pm.

# Free Children's Events

["Amiguitos,"](#) led by Brenda Broussard, Bilingual Services Coordinator, to coincide with the ESL classes for children of ESL students, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Music, fun, games, and learning time for children ages 4 - 12 years old. Tuesdays, through May 29, 7 - 8:30 pm, free. For more information, contact Brenda or Jane at (512) 864-3008. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

["Bilingual Storytime/La Hora del Cuento,"](#) led by Brenda Broussard, Bilingual Services Coordinator, Wednesdays, May 2, 16 from 10:00-11:00 am, free. Free event for parents, family, caregivers and children 2 - 4 years of age. Includes bilingual story time and activity. Bridges to Growth, 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

["First Fridays Crafternoons,"](#) Ages 5 - 12, May 4, Friday, from 4 - 6 pm. Drop in for our monthly free craft time. Each month we merge creativity and growth as we do craft projects that are not only fun, but build important personal traits, like gratitude, kindness, and community. In May we will be doing Mother's Day crafts. Please pre-register by calling 512-864-3008 or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/kydIHv01t5C3UNWm2>. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

["Toddler Time,"](#) Wednesdays, May 9, 23, from 10 - 11 am, free, offered twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. For children 9 months - 3 years old and their parent/caregiver. Bridges to Growth, 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

["Parents' Morning Out,"](#) the second Saturday morning of each month, 9:30am-11:30am, free, Saturday, May 12. For children with special needs, 2-5 years old. While parents enjoy some much-needed time to themselves, volunteers will engage children in simple music, sensory, motor and language activities. Adult volunteer to child ratio of 1:1. All volunteers have multiple years of experience working with young children with special needs. Pre-registration is required. Contact Katherine Garcia at (512) 773-1366 to pre-register. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

["Drop-In Playtime,"](#) Wednesday, May 30, 10 - 12 noon, for children 0 - 5 years old and their



parent/caregiver. Toys from the Bridges to Growth collection are made available for the children. The event gives parents a chance to share experiences with each other and children to interact with other children and practice cooperation and sharing. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

Bridges to Growth offers a full calendar of free children's events this summer, starting on June 6. From reading to therapy dogs, taking them through an obstacle course, petting exotic animals, painting, cooking, storytelling, fungineering, safety education, 4th of July festivities, and Mother Goose, there is something for everyone. The events are listed on our

website at <https://georgetownproject.org/bridges-to-growth-parent-center/?id=7> under the physical calendar. Just click on the event name within the calendar and a description of the event will appear. These events will fill up fast, so please check it out and pre-register, (512) 864-3008 or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/kydIH01t5C3UNWm>.

## Parent Workshops



### Parenting Workshops Classes to Empower Parents

["Whole Brain Child, Part 2,"](#) taught by Hannah Albracht, B.A., Curriculum Support Director, Safe Alliance, Monday, May 7, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, free. Class is offered bilingually if requested in advance. Please let us know if you would like the class in Spanish or if you want Spanish handouts when you register. This is the second session examining Dr. Dan Siegel's "The Whole Brain Child." Pre-registration is required, (512) 864-3008 or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/kydIH01t5C3UNWm>. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

["Bilingual Parenting Class,"](#) Led by Brenda Broussard, Bilingual Services Coordinator, One on One parenting classes/discussions offered in English and Spanish on Wednesdays between 11 and 1 (one hour each class) May 9. We will tailor the class to meet your needs. Please pre-register (512) 864-3008 or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/kydIH01t5C3UNWm>. Bridges to Growth, 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

["Keep Connected,"](#) led by Lexy Largent, Early Childhood Coordinator, Thursday, May 10, from 5:30 dinner; 6 - 7 group meeting for parents of middle school students, Wagner Middle School, 1621 Rockride Lane, Georgetown.

["Crianza con Carino,"](#) Martes 12 - 1 y 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Dirigido por Brenda Broussard, Coordinadora de Servicios Bilingües, los miércoles, 22 de mayo. Gratis. Las lecciones incluyen: Cómo comunicarnos con respeto, cómo comprender los sentimientos, cómo elogiar a los niños y su buen comportamiento, disciplinar sin pegar (alternativas), y cómo manejar el estrés. Por favor preinscríbese (512) 864-3008 o en línea en <https://goo.gl/forms/kydIH01t5C3UNWm>, Bridges to Growth, 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

As part of our summer children's events we are offering a simultaneous parent education class for some of them. Included are: nutrition, igniting sparks in children, using books with kids, school readiness, and animal safety. When you register your children, please indicate whether you will be able to stay so you can benefit from the parent education piece. See the physical calendar on our website <https://georgetownproject.org/bridges-to-growth-parent-center/?id=7> for more information.

## Childcare Provider Training

["Young at Art,"](#) taught by Lexy Largent, Certified Trainer # 2984, Wednesday, May 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Art is an essential aspect of any early childhood program. Creative art activities promote skills and growth across all developmental domains, including cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth. Learn how to develop art activities that promote self-expression and learning through process art experiences.

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["Move to Learn,"](#) taught by Lexy Largent, Early Childhood Coordinator, free, Wednesday, May 9, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Find out how to use activities to build the body-brain connection that develops physical, cognitive, social, and emotional skills necessary for early learning and school readiness. Please pre-register,



To register online for our classes or events go to <https://goo.gl/forms/kydIHyo1t5C3UNWm2>.

## Playroom



Bridges has a children's Playroom complete with various toys, books. You are invited to bring your children here to play. The room is open Mondays - Wednesdays from 10 am - 7 pm. It is closed during Toddler Time and Bilingual Storytime.

## Workroom

## New Die Cuts, Come See!

Our Workroom is open to the public on Mondays - Wednesdays, from 10 am - 7 pm. We have laminating, die cutting, and Cricut equipment available. Laminating is sixty cents per foot; die cuts are free if you bring your own paper. We do have various papers for sale as well. The Cricut equipment is available for \$5.00/session. Construction paper cannot be used with the Cricut machine. We have three Cricut cartridges currently available. Inquire in Room 123. **Free instruction on operating the Cricut machine can be provided on Mondays, by appointment. Contact Joan Gingras, (512) 864-3008.**



**Cricut Machine Available  
Ask in Office**

## Wish List

Bridges to Growth is accepting financial assistance to purchase new Cricut cartridges and supplies. For more information, please call 512-864-3008.

**A community where no child is hungry, hurt, alone or rejected, and where all children and youth believe they are loved, respected and treated with dignity.**