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Bridges to Growth Resource Center

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--an e-newsletter from Bridges to Growth, an early childhood program of The Georgetown Project, with support from The Georgetown Health Foundation and United Way of Williamson County



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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.



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Bridges will be closed on December 24 - January 2 for Christmas Holidays.

Lending Library

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," coincides with the adult ESL classes, and is for children of ESL students. Music, fun, games, and learning time for children ages 4 - 12 years old. Tuesdays, December 4 and 11, from 7 - 8:30 pm, free. For more information, contact Brenda at (512) 864-3008. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

"Bilingual Storytime/La Hora del Cuento," Wednesday, December 5 and 19, led by Brenda Broussard, Bilingual Services Coordinator, the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 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. Please pre-register (512) 864-3008 or [online](#). Bridges to Growth, 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

"First Friday Crafternoons," a free event for children ages 5 - 12, Friday, December 7, from 4 - 5:00 pm. The event will be held at Park Place Skilled Nursing Center, 121 Fm 971, Georgetown, TX 78626. The children will be decorating door signs for residents' rooms for the holidays. Please meet there at 4 pm in the Activities Room. 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. Please pre-register, (512) 864-3008, or [online](#).



"Parents' Morning Out," Saturday, December 8, from 9:30am-11:30am, free. 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.

"Toddler Time," Wednesday, December 12, from 10 - 11 am, free. For children 9 months - 3 years old and their parent/caregiver. This event is an hour of unstructured play, sensory play, story time, songs, and a sharing time for parents. The parent remains with the child for interactive play. Please pre-register (512) 864-3008 or [online](#). At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

Parent & Childcare Provider Training Workshops



"Nurturing Parenting," taught by Brenda Broussard, LPC, Tuesday, December 4, from 6:30-8:00 pm. The Nurturing Parenting Program is a trauma-informed, proven approach for helping families by promoting empathy, discipline with dignity, self-worth & empowerment. December's topic is "Learning Positive Ways to Deal With Stress and Anger." These classes are also offered in Spanish on other dates. Please pre-register, (512) 864-3008 or [online](#). 805 W. University Ave, Georgetown.

"Guidance & Observation," taught by Carrie Casey, Registered Trainer # 11361, Thursday, December 6, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, free. Habits are hard to break without a good reason. Guidance can get to be routine & ineffective. By using a combination of observation & guidance, new options present themselves and the classroom functions better. Please pre-register, (512) 864-3008, or [online](#). At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

"Helping With Children's Sleep Challenges," taught by Carrie Casey, Certified Trainer # 11361, Monday, December 10, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, free. Helping children to establish or re-establish good sleep hygiene can help everyone. The child has a better day, parents are more rested and happier, and the teachers have children who can learn. Establish a step-by-step bedtime prep for quality rest and troubleshoot sleep disturbances. Please pre-register, (512) 864-3008 or [online](#). At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

"Guiding Children's Behavior the Easy Way," taught by Carrie Casey, Certified Trainer # 11361, Thursday, December 13, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, free. Helping a child to move through the world is what guidance is all about. They need you to show them how the world works. Ask for what you want and give real choices. Practice the skills you will need. Please pre-register, (512) 864-3008 or [online](#). At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

Language Classes



"English as a Second Language," Tuesday, December 4, 7 - 8:30 pm, free. Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced classes are offered at the same time. For more information, contact Brenda or Jane at (512) 864-3008. "Amiguitos," a free children's activity event, for children 4 and older, is held simultaneously

with the ESL classes for children of ESL students. Classes will resume on January 15. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

"Intermediate Conversational Spanish, led by Juanita Lezama, Tuesday, December 4, 7 - 8:30 pm, free. Participants will get to practice their Spanish conversation skills. The class is on the intermediate level, but motivated beginners and advanced students are welcome. Please pre-register (512) 864-3008 or [online](#). Classes will resume on January 15. Event is held at The Georgetown Project's Administrative Office, 2308 Old Airport Road, Georgetown.

"Beginning Spanish," taught by Hannah Albracht, Wednesday, December 5 and 12, from 7 - 8 pm, free. Classes will resume January 16. At 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown. Please pre-register (512) 864-3008 or [online](#).

"Spanish/English Conversation Mixer," Tuesday, December 11, from 7 - 8:30 pm, free. Participants will get to practice their English and Spanish, since the class will spend half on each language. Please pre-register (512) 864-3008 or [online](#). Bridges to Growth, 805 W. University Avenue, Georgetown.

Website

Please visit our website at <https://georgetownproject.org/bridges-to-growth-parent-center/id=7>. There is a month to month calendar available. If you click on an event, a brief description will appear. You can register online for most of the events, as shown below, or by calling (512) 864-3008.

Online Registration

To register online for our classes or events go to <https://goo.gl/forms/kydIHv01t5C3UNWm2>.



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

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.

Wish List

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

Our Vision:

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.