

All Our News

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MONTHLY NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES

You are always welcome to attend events at any of our sites.

Please remember to sign up at least two days in advance. Meetings are for adults ONLY; please do not bring children.

Light meals will be included. All of our sessions are English-Spanish bilingual unless otherwise listed. We hope to see you soon!

To register for all events, please contact us at network@allourkin.org or 203-772-2294

NEW HAVEN

Understanding Ticks and Tick-Borne Illness

Presented by Steven Engborg

New Haven Office

Thursday, May 2

6:00 - 8:30 pm

It's a "more ticks in more places" world and there's never been a better time to step up your TickSmart practices to help keep you, your family and friends safe. Attendees will learn 10 things everyone needs to know about ticks, how to identify ticks, and 5 TickSmart actions that will help prevent tick borne diseases.

BRIDGEPORT

May Community Hike

Devil's Den Preserve, 33 Pent Road, Weston 06833

Saturday, May 4

8:30 - 10:00 am

Join us on our May hike at Devil's Den. Our hikes are planned for community, health and to explore nature together. This is a moderate hike- please wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes and bring water. Children and families welcome! Meet at the office to carpool by 8:30 or at the trailhead by 9:15.

Family Resource Fair

St John's, 768 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport 06604

Saturday, May 18

2:30 - 5:30 pm

All Our Kin is partnering with Bridgeport Prospers and the MOMS partnership to host a Family Resource Fair, with Moms in mind. There will be children's activities, massages, food, prizes and community resources for families. All are welcome!

Seedling Sale

Bridgeport Office

Saturday, May 18

10am-12:00pm

Come get your organic seedlings for your vegetable garden at a reduced price! Stop by to ask gardening questions, pick up organic seed packets, and get into the gardening spirit.

Bridgeport Network Spring Celebration

**CT Audubon Milford Point Coastal Center
1 Milford Point Road, Milford 06460**

Wednesday, May 29

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us to celebrate spring and all of your accomplishments over the past year. We will explore Connecticut's coastal ecology with an (optional) beach walk and animal encounters.

STAMFORD/NORWALK

Using Child Development Assessment as a Tool for Program Planning and Parent Engagement

Stamford/Norwalk Office

Tuesday, May 28

6:30 - 9:00 pm

This workshop will focus particularly on using the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3) for planning in your program and parent engagement. The workshop will show providers how to use introduce and explain developmental screenings to parents and support planning activities with children at home.

Interesting Information

Here is a list of children's books that positively represent children with disabilities!

<https://booksforlittles.com/disability-normalization/>

2019 Family Child Care Summer Fair Stamford/Norwalk Office Parking Lot Saturday, June 29

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for our 2nd annual outdoor summer fair. There will be food trucks, entertainment and performances on the central lawn. Connect with new families, share with your current families and meet other providers, substitutes and assistants. If you are interested in hosting a table, station, volunteer or have other questions call/email us at 475-619-9641 or gloria@allourkin.org

DANBURY

Partnering with Families in Child Care Programs

Presented by Elsa Jones

Naugatuck Valley Community College

Room D302

190 Main Street, Danbury 06811

Tuesday, May 14

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Building partnerships with the families of the children in your child care program is essential to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all children. A partnership with families helps you build community in your program. Join us to learn strategies for easier, more effective communication with families and more. Validated parking at Patriot Garage

CPR and First Aid

Bridgeport Office

Saturday May 4

12:30 - 5:30 pm

\$60 cash only

To register call Elman at 475-282-4770.

Featured Photo Corner



This month's featured photo comes to us from Luz Idarraga in Bridgeport!

Seeking Your Creative Ideas!

For the past two years, All Our Kin has offered workshop series focused on equity and diversity. In 2017 we held *Building a Better World for Our Children* and in 2018 *Examining Bias and Building Equity*. Providers enjoyed these series and learned a great deal through activities and conversations. We're so pleased to be able to offer more equity & diversity learning opportunities to providers in 2019, [and we'd like your help to plan them](#). What do you want to learn?! (Some topic ideas are: identity, helping children honor difference, history, communication with families.) What format (or setting) would you prefer for learning the topic (some examples include: workshop series, coaching, professional learning opportunities outside of AOK, book study groups)? Please email or call/text Dana with your ideas: dana@allourkin.org or 203-208-6304. [Or fill out our short questionnaire.](#)