

New Westminster FREE Family Drop-In Programs – Summer 2026

**Updated June 2026, programs may be subject to change.*



Métis Nation

Program Name	Description	Location/Time	Registration Details
Imagination Library (0 – 4 years)	A literacy program for Métis children birth to 4 years. Métis children that are registered in the program received free, age-appropriate books each month.	https://www.mnbc.ca/work-programs/programs-services/imagination-library ONGOING	Visit website for details: Métis Child Care Benefit Program MNBC For more information contact Chandni Bhatnagar, Metis Family Connections Navigator at cbhatnagar@mnbc.ca or call 778.312.3052

New West Family Place

Program Name	Description	Location/Time	Registration Details
Drop-In Play @ Quayside (0 – 6 years)	Family Place programming is designed for caregivers and children aged 0-6. We offer play and early learning for your little ones in a caregiver-participation setting	Quayside • 112 – 960 Quayside Dr, New Westminster <u>Monday-Friday:</u> 9:30 – 11:30 am <i>No session July 1</i>	Drop-In. No pre-registration required.
Drop-In Play @ Moody Park (0 – 6 years)	Family Place programming is designed for caregivers and children aged 0-6. We offer play and early learning for your little ones in a caregiver-participation setting	New Westminster Family Place • 112 – 960 Quayside Dr <u>Mondays</u> 10:00 am– 12:00 pm	Drop-In. No pre-registration required.
Babytalk @ Quayside	A chance for parents/ caregivers and their babies to come and dance, sing and feel uplifted as a group. This is running as a drop-in session.	Quayside • 112 – 960 Quayside Dr, New Westminster <u>Mondays:</u> 1:00 – 2:00 pm	Drop-In. No pre-registration required.
Thrive Together Playgroup	A free registered playgroup for caregivers and children who may benefit from extra support, with Kinsight SCD and IDP.	New Westminster Family Place • 112 – 960 Quayside Dr <u>Thursdays</u> 12:30 am– 2:30 pm	Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/thrive-together-playgroup-weekly-registration-3772883

New Westminster Public Library

Program Name	Description	Location/Time	Registration Details
Babytime (0 - 12 months)	Join us for quality one-on-one time with your little one as we learn literacy-building rhymes and songs.	New Westminster Library Main Branch • 716 Sixth Avenue <u>Thursdays</u> 10:30 - 11:00 am April 9 – May 28 Queensborough Library • 920 Ewen Avenue <u>Wednesdays</u> 11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Registration: Drop-In.
Baby Social (0 - 23 months)	Connect with other new parents in this casual opportunity to socialize and share while your babies play.	New Westminster Library Main Branch • 716 Sixth Avenue <u>Thursdays</u> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Drop-In
Toddler Time (12 - 36 months)	Enjoy a fun and active storytime specifically geared toward toddlers.	New Westminster Library Main Branch • 716 Sixth Avenue <u>Fridays</u> 10:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-In
Storytime & Craft (3 - 6 years)	Join us for fun stories, rhymes, and songs followed by a simple craft.	New Westminster Library Main Branch • 716 Sixth Avenue <u>Tuesdays</u> 10:30 - 11:00 am	Drop-In
Family Building (8 years + under)	Creative free play with Lego and KEVA planks! All ages, caregiver participation required for children ages 8 and under.	New Westminster Library Main Branch • 716 Sixth Avenue <u>Wednesdays</u> 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Drop-In
Queensborough Crafternoon (5 - 12 years)	Explore a different craft activity every week, from button making to cross stitch. Caregiver participation required for children aged 8 and under.	Queensborough Library • 920 Ewen Avenue <u>Wednesdays</u> 3:00 – 4:00 pm	Drop-in

Purpose Society

Program Name	Description	Location/Time	Registration Details
Single Parents Program (0-6 years)	Support group for single parents raising children aged birth- 6yrs. Opportunity to learn about community resources and connect with other single parents.	Lower Mainland Purpose Society • 422 6th St, New Westminster <u>Saturdays</u> 10:00 – 11:30 am ONGOING	Free. To register or for more information email mail@purposesociety.org or phone 604 368 0776
Summer Park Program (0 – 3 years)	For families with children aged 0 – 3yrs. Join us for a fun filled outdoor program at Queen’s park. Come play, make new friends, participate in circle time, create arts and crafts and so much more!	Queen’s Park • New Westminster <u>Tuesdays</u> 10:00 – 11:30 am July 7 – July 28	Free. To register or for more information email mail@purposesociety.org or phone 778 727 0786, ext. 205
Summer Park Program (3 – 6 years)	For families with children aged 3 – 6yrs. Join us for a fun filled outdoor program at Queen’s park. Come play, make new friends, participate in circle time, create arts and crafts and so much more!	Queen’s Park • New Westminster <u>Thursdays</u> 10:00 – 11:30 am July 9 – July 30	Free. To register or for more information email mail@purposesociety.org or phone 778 727 0786, ext. 205

Spirit of the Children Society (SOTCS)

Program Name	Description	Location/Time	Registration Details
Hlulu Family Drop-In (0-6 years)	Free play, cultural teachings, snacks, stories, circle, parent and child facilitation, support/resources and more.	SOTCS Office • 768 Columbia St <u>Thursdays & Fridays</u> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Offered year-round.	Register when you come in or email: t.hausch@sotcs.ca or n.dionicio@sotcs.ca

YMCA BC Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR)

Program Name	Description	Location/Time	Registration Details
Summer Drop-In at the Park (0-5 years)	For parents and care providers with children 0-5 years of age. Come to play and join us for fun activities and story time.	Queen’s Park • New Westminster <u>Tuesdays:</u> 10:00 – 11:30 am August 4 - 25	Drop-In

New Westminster Schools Welcome Centre

Provides support to new families entering SD40. Connect with a City Navigator — a reference specialist who can help local residents explore and connect with all that the city has to offer. A City Navigator can also connect families new to Canada with community and in-house supports and services, such as settlement workers who can provide support in a variety of languages.

Located at: 820 6th Street, New Westminster

Phone: 604-517-6200

Website: newwestschools.ca

Leo Street Youth and Family Services - SMILE Young Parent Program

We offer a variety of programs for youth ages 26 and under who reside in Burnaby and New Westminster. Our monthly Prenatal Workshops are available both online and in person, providing flexible options for participation. With ongoing intakes and continuous programming, we're here to support young individuals and families throughout their journey.

Location: Located near Gilmore SkyTrain Station, with activities held in Burnaby and New Westminster.

Phone: 604-298-6245

Email: smile@stleo.ca

Location: <https://www.mnbc.ca/work-programs/programs-services/miyoopimatishihk-wellbeing-program>

Phone: 778.312.3052

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Métis Nation – Child Care Benefit Program

A service offered by the Metis Child Care Navigation and Support Program, for families with Metis children birth to 12 years. Through this program, families can access additional funding, bridging the connection to the Affordable Child Care Benefit. The Métis Child Care Benefit (MCCB) is a monthly benefit to support parents with their Licensed or Registered License-Not-Required childcare and Licensed Preschool fees.

Location: <https://www.mnbc.ca/work-programs/programs-services/metis-child-care-benefit-program>

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