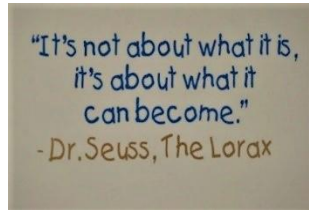




Top stories in this newsletter



Executive Director's Desk

Community Outreach

Fun & Learning

RCP Mission

Robbins Children's Programs provides quality, affordable child care to families in local communities. The agency is committed to creating an environment where children can develop age appropriate cognitive, social, physical and emotional skills. Robbins Children's Programs partners with local families to help their children learn and grow into healthy, happy, successful members of society.

From the Executive Director's Desk

In 2023, we are focusing on the organization's future. Much of my efforts will be centered around increasing our overall enrollment back to its pre-pandemic levels in March of 2020, just after I started in this position. Numerous obstacles over the past several years related to the pandemic have impacted enrollment. Families reluctant to send their children back to group care for fear of illness, increased number of professionals working from home and not needing child care and a shortage of qualified staff to care for the children have been temporary roadblocks that, thankfully, we are turning the corner on. In recent months, we have seen an increase in the number of families looking for care as families return to the workplace. We are confident that this trend will continue. We have hired several highly qualified staff and we continue to go above and beyond with our COVID protocols to keep the children and staff healthy.

Our focus on enrollment resulted in the establishment of an Enrollment Committee who has developed several new innovative ways to reach out to prospective families in need of care and is working on both short term and long-term solutions to enrollment and retaining children once in care.

We are currently in "grant season". We have sent out several funding requests in the first quarter and plan on sending several more in the second quarter of 2023. Grant funding is the backbone of our organization's ability to continually enhance the quality of our programs. We are fortunate to be awarded the Lloyd G. Balfour Grant for 2022-2023, which will allow us to make major improvements to our preschool playgrounds. Development of the play areas will include a new bike track and bikes, outdoor playhouse, clubhouse climber, balance beams, music panels and many other gross motor games/toys/equipment to further improve the quality of outside learning opportunities for the children.

Our goal is to have these amazing playground updates completed by summer 2023 thanks to our partnership with Sensata Corporation's Day of Caring.

RCP will be conducting a Community Connections Resource Fair on June 7, 2023. Our goal is to build a "wrap around" model of care by bringing together some of the area's community providers. Bringing the many community resources together will allow the organizations and agencies attending to learn about each other's programs, have a greater understanding of their services and develop future partnerships to support a family's emerging needs. We understand that many families have more complex needs to support the overall growth and development of their child. While RCP does offer many on site services that other centers do not, such as a full-time Social Service Coordinator, a charitable fund to assist with emergency family needs, a variety of tuition subsidies and transportation, there are other social services that we don't have the capacity to support such as mental health, WIC, food assistance, fuel assistance and public school. The goal of this resource fair is to become partner agencies with other social service programs working together to support the family as a whole which allows for a better overall outcome for each member of the family.

Janice Chabot
Executive Director
Robbins Children's Programs



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Serving Children & Families from Attleboro, North Attleboro, Mansfield, Plainville, Norton & Rehoboth

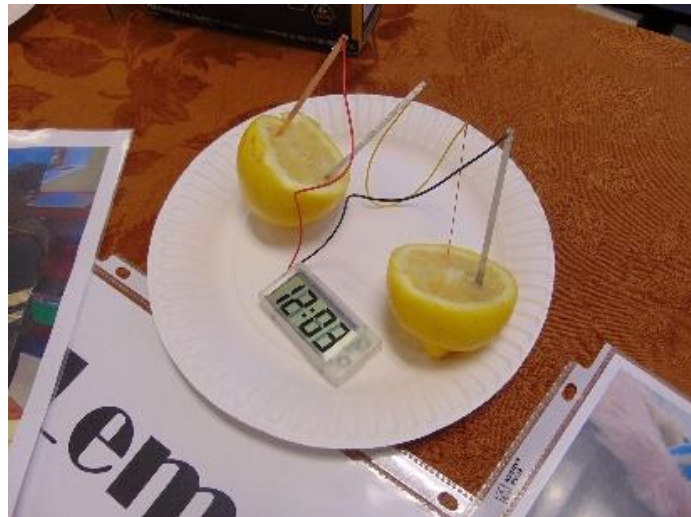
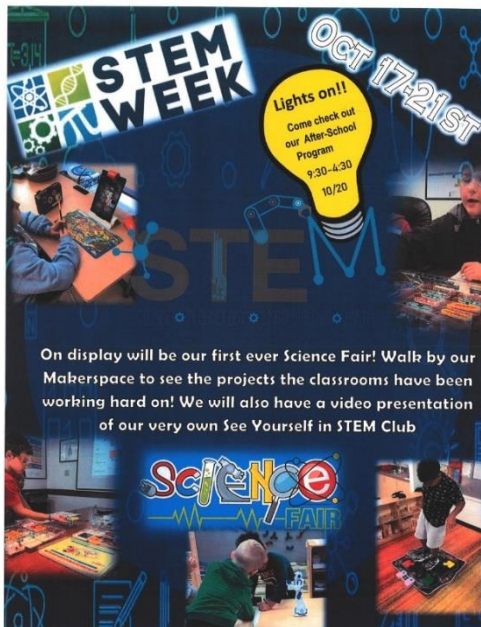
STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math

Here at Robbins STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) is an integral part of our ongoing curriculum, and every class participates in a variety of projects, experiments, and experiences that help keep their brains engaged.

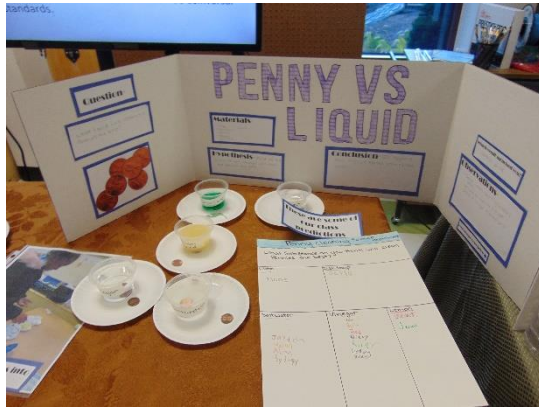
We have had a long-standing relationship with the Southeastern Massachusetts STEM Network. RCP Program Coordinator, Debra Garvin, has been an integral part of that network and in bringing STEAM curriculum to Robbins Children's Programs over the years, developing the agency as a leader in preschool STEAM curriculum.

During STEM week the children in the school age classrooms took part in a Science Fair. They followed the steps of the Scientific Method to create different science experiments. They followed STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) concepts and methodology when creating their science experiments. The younger school age classrooms used Kibo a coding robot. Friends in Lee's pond focused on engineering and applied different concepts when creating their experiments. Examples include a pinball machine, made their own drum sets, and mummified hot dogs. A group of school age girls made a video of Females in History for our "See yourself in STEM".



The children demonstrated principles of electricity by producing a simple electric circuit with only a few electrodes, couple of wires and a lemon, in place of a battery. Once the children connected the copper and zinc electrodes to the lemon, they triggered a chemical reaction between the metals and citric acid, which produced a small electric current, strong enough to power a small digital clock.

STEM WEEK SCIENCE FAIR (continued)



RCP Kids 2023 Community Outreach Project

RCP Kids are reaching out to support the community by conducting their 2023 **Dish It Up** food drive during the month of July.

Watch for the Drop Off Box in your child's room.

**** Grow your Donation ****

Take advantage of this exciting chance to have your generosity matched!

The Robbins Charitable Fund will donate \$1 for every item donated until we reach our goal of \$2000.00.

2000 items=\$2000.00

Funds raised through this matching effort will be used to purchase and donate additional food, health care items and other day-to-day essentials.

Thank You for your support of this wonderful service project conducted by the school age children.

2022 Donation to the Murry Church Food Pantry



♥ GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY ♥



NAEYC Accreditation

Robbins Children's Programs has achieved a new five-year term of accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Congratulations to the administration, teaching staff, and families of Robbins Children's Program, Inc. for earning this mark of quality.



NAEYC Accreditation Early Learning Programs
NAEYC.org/academy

Congratulations!

You have chosen a program for your child that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). For over 30 years, families have relied on NAEYC Accreditation to ensure that high quality education and care are provided in programs for young children.



What is NAEYC Accreditation?

Early childhood programs accredited by NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs have voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study and continuous quality improvement.

What does high-quality mean for an early childhood program?

A high-quality program will provide a safe and nurturing environment while promoting healthy development for young children. NAEYC-Accredited programs demonstrate their quality by meeting the 10 NAEYC Early Learning Program Standards, which are research-based best practices for young children's development and learning.



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These standards were created with input from experts and educators from around the country. The standards define what NAEYC—the world's largest organization of early childhood professionals—believes all early learning programs should provide.

According to these standards, all NAEYC-Accredited programs must:

1. Promote **positive relationships** for all children and adults to encourage each child's sense of individual worth.
2. Implement a **curriculum** that fosters all areas of child development: cognitive, emotional, language, physical, and social.
3. Use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and **effective teaching practices**.
4. Provide ongoing systematic, formal, and informal **assessment tools** to provide information on children's learning and development.
5. Promote the **nutrition and health** of children and protect children and staff from illness and injury.
6. Employ and support a **teaching staff** with the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children's learning and development and to support families' diverse needs and interests.
7. Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with each child's **family** to foster children's development in all settings.
8. Establish relationships with and use the resources of the children's **communities** to support the achievement of program goals.
9. Provide a safe and healthful **physical environment**.
10. Implement policies, procedures, and systems that support stable staff and strong personnel, and fiscally responsible program management so all children, families, and staff have **high-quality experiences**.



NAEYC Accreditation is awarded for a five-year term. During that period, programs submit annual reports documenting that they are consistently meeting the NAEYC program standards. All NAEYC-Accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits by skilled and reliable NAEYC program assessors to ensure that they continue to meet the standards. To verify a program's accreditation, please visit www.naeyc.org.

For more information about the standards and NAEYC Accreditation, visit naeyc.org/academy.

For additional resources for your family, visit families.naeyc.org.

NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs is not affiliated with and is not responsible for the administration, acts, personnel, property, or practice of the accredited programs.



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NAEYC Week of the Young Child

Family Friday

Donuts with a grown-up!



NAEYC Week of the Young Child- Artsy Thursday

Henry Matisse inspired art from our friends in Butterfly Way.



Jackson Pollock Splatter Art inspired friends in our Star Circle classroom.



2023 EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS



ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

803 North Main Street, Attleboro, MA

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10am-1pm

Elves Café

Baked Goods

Kid's General Store

Fantastic Raffles

Children's Activities & Entertainment

Open to All

Proceeds to benefit the RCP Charitable Fund activities.



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Terri Lynn Nuts & Chocolates
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COOKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Delicious recipes from family & friends of the agency

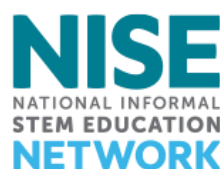
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- Bristol County Savings Bank
- Department of Early Childhood Education and Care (EEC)
- Engineered Materials Solutions (EMS)
- Environmental Strategies & Management (ES&M)
- Family Network – Attleboro Public Schools
- Massachusetts Department of Education and Children
- Project Connect
- RCP Board of Directors
- **Robbins Family**
- Rotary Club of Attleboro
- Sensata Technologies
- Southeast STEM Network
- Starkweather & Shepley Insurance
- United Way Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley



[Regional STEM Networks | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/regional-stem-networks)



How Can You Show Your Support for the Children, Families and Agency?

Donations to Robbins Children's programs may be made in the following ways:

- Send a Check made payable to: **Robbins Children's Programs**, 803 North Main Street, Attleboro, MA 02703. Attn: Executive Director
- **On-Line Donation:** Click on the **Donate Now** website link
<https://go.thryv.com/site/w6iz1zcyqidh0jm/make-payment?action=z3lgr73ikztqqujp>
In the **FOR** field enter the word **Donation** and continue with the additional information needed to process the donation.
- Attend an event such as Stand Up for Families held every May. (see poster in the newsletter)
- Donate an item(s) on our website **WISH LIST. (List below)**
- Discuss with us how you can make an everlasting impact on the children and families through an endowment or directed donation. Contact the Executive Director at 508-226-0282 x107 or Email: executivedirector@robbinsCP.org

Please visit our Website to learn more: www.RobbinsCP.org

Like us on Facebook at [Robbins Children's Programs](#)
[Instagram – Robbinschildrensprogram803](#)

Thank You for all your support!



Robbins Children's Programs Wish List

Please share our Wish List with Friends, Family, Co-workers and Company Representatives.

Agency Needs

Program Needs

New Refrigerators (2)	Fence Netting for School Age Playground
Gas Cards for Transportation Vans used to transport children to/from schools & home	Outdoor Gross Motor Games
Walmart/Target/ Stop & Shop/Shaw's/Market Basket/Big Y Gift Cards Target Gift Cards to support Staff & Families	Basketballs/Footballs/Soccer Balls
Pencils & Highlighters	Board games/playing cards
Storage Containers (small, medium and large)	Arts and Craft Supplies Preschool & School Age
Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards	Passes to Capron Park Zoo
	Passes to Roger Williams Zoo
	Sunscreen
	Extra clothing for children sizes 2T-10/12 Socks and underwear always needed
	Pool Pass Sponsorship
	Children's Workshop Sponsorship Kid's Cooking; STEM; Art; Rhythm Room
	Field Trip Sponsorship Oak Knoll; WWI Park; Mini Golf
	National Programs Sponsorships Lights On After School & STEM Week

Please Contact Cheryl Brennan at 508-226-0282 x 102

- or -

Email: enrollment@robbinscp.org
to discuss helping with the Wish List.