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## National Event: Week of the Young Child

With The Children's Workshop

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(WPRI) - An upcoming event, called the [Week of the Young Child](#), is taking place nationwide April 22-28.

Heather Grocott from [The Children's Workshop](#) tells us the event "originated with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and now it's celebrated countrywide and various different types of programs. Early learning programs, libraries celebrate the event, even some public schools."

It is a week to celebrate children, and also a time for adults to re-commit themselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences healthy and happy learning environments.

While focusing on your young child, The Children's Workshop has the advice for determining the quality of your daycare center or school.

"There are a variety of ways in the state of Rhode Island you may or may not know a program is high quality, one being the [Bright Stars Rating System](#), which I encourage all parents to visit online," said Grocott. "When you visit centers you know is there a core curriculum taking place or is it just a facility that is providing your child with care, that they are being fed meals? Are they encouraged to make healthy and safe and kind choices throughout their day? Or is it sort of a free for all and an open program where there's really no rhyme or reason to it?"

To get involved in the Week of the Young Child, you could coordinate with community members to plan events in public places, or publicly recognize those who work with and for young children in your community.

You could also spend some special time with your child, or find ways to volunteer your time and work with some local kids.

For more information about The Children's Workshop, check out their website at [www.childrensworkshop.com](http://www.childrensworkshop.com).

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