



GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE ROCKFORD MISSION

Inspire and empower
individuals with Down
syndrome to succeed in life.

Upcoming Events:

Portal Cast Party	January 14 4-6pm
Classes and Tutoring begin	February 5
Valentine's Day Party	February 10 10am-12pm
Parent Education IEP Workshop	March 3 1-3pm
Portal Theater Workshop	March 3 2-4pm
GiGi U Pancake Breakfast	March 10 9-11am
Easter Party	March 17 10am-12pm
Classes End	March 23
Boots & Bling Gala	April 21
Tutoring Ends	April 27
Parking Lot Party	June 9
G-Force Run	June 23
Lemonade Days	July 20-21

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Spring 2018



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
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Programs and Events

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Spring Programs Feb 5-March 23

EPIC

**4th Saturday of each month
6:30pm-8:30pm**

This program provides a social outlet for participants to meet new friends, learn new skills, and most of all to have loads of fun! This session, our participants will meet at the regular time for the first week and go on community outings for the following weeks. Suitable for young adults (20-30 years old). Led by Liam Osborne.

**GiGi's Kitchen (GF Cookers)
Wednesdays , 5:30-7:00pm**

This program is geared toward building safety awareness in the kitchen and preparing healthy recipes that taste great. Suitable for ages 13 and up. Led by Michelle Thompson.

**Art Explosion
Mondays, 6-7pm**

This program provides hands on experience with multiple art media and provides an outlet for individuals with Down syndrome to express themselves, build confidence, and socialize with peers. Suitable for ages 13 years and older. Led by Mary Hampilos.



**Register online for all programs at
www.gigisplayhouse.org/rockford.
Click on the event calendar or call
the Playhouse at 815-654-7529 or
email us at
rockford@gigisplayhouse.org.**



**EDUCATE INSPIRE
BELIEVE**

Cheer Gems

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 12:00-1:15pm
Cheer Gems will continue practices and this program is not open for registration at this time.
Led by Danielle Slater

Karate Kickers

On going Tuesdays, 5:00-5:45 pm

This program will continue its normal meetings. This class will be led by Jamie Potter, at his studio in the Rockford Plaza.
Suitable for ages 10-26 years old.

Teen Tastics

3rd Saturday of each month, 6:30-9pm

This group promotes friendships, social interaction through a variety of social activities, and outings for teens. Suitable for ages 13-19 years (other diagnoses welcome to attend).
Led by Molly Satness.

Marvelous Mondays

On going Mondays, 10:00am-2:00pm.

This program helps adults with Down syndrome to learn and enhance life skills.
Suitable for ages 18 years and older.

Fantastic Friday Friends

**On going 3rd Friday of each month,
6:30-9:00pm.**

A fun night out which facilitates social interactions between adults, their peers, and the community. Suitable for ages 19 years and older (other diagnoses are welcome to attend).
Led by Cindy and Bob Denen.

**Busy Hands Handwriting Class
Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm**

This program promotes the foundations of handwriting while incorporating fine motor, sensory awareness, social interaction, and language skills. Suitable for participants who can form capital letters with minimal assistance and recognize lower case letters. Provided by the Maximus Foundation.

*All of our programs are free of charge.
Your donation is greatly appreciated.
Please make checks payable to GiGi's
Playhouse Rockford.*

LMNOP

**4th Saturday of the month,
10:00-10:45am**

This program guides parents and infants through learning basic sign language and incorporating music into daily activities to stimulate the child. Suitable for ages 6 months to 4 years. Led by Amy Dalke.

**Crawlers, Walkers, Leaps & Bounds
4th Saturday of the month 11-11:45 am**

This morning program will help strengthen gross and fine motor skills, sensory awareness, social interaction, and language skills. Suitable for ages 0-5 yrs. old.

Special Events

**Portal Theater Troupe Workshop
March 3rd, 2-4pm**

We will be working on the song Nicest Kids in Town from Hairspray. Participants will showcase their work with a small performance at the end of the workshop.



**Parent Education
Series**

**Catherine Whitecher: IEP Workshop
March 3rd, 1:00-3:00pm**

Please bring your child's IEP to walk through the document and learn ways to change your child's education. At the end of the event Catherine will be available for extra IEP help and related questions.

**Erin Hickman: File Folder Tutorial
May 5th, 10-11am**

Learn to construct a file folder to use at home with your child to reinforce skills learned at tutoring.

i have a Voice

Boots & Bling Gala

April 21, 2018

The 7th annual "i have a Voice" Gala will be held at Giovanni's Restaurant. This year's guest speakers will be Sean and Sandra McElwee.