

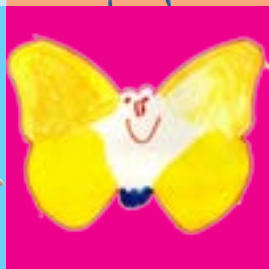
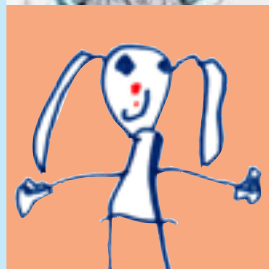
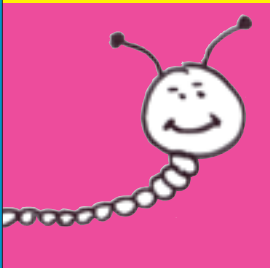
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» Many families of 4 Kids children live in poverty. National research demonstrates that such children typically start school 1.5 years behind their more advantaged peers—but after receiving services at 4 Kids, high-risk children show average or better developmental progress when they start school. They do well in both academics and behaviors.

» Although 4 Kids is nationally recognized for its excellence, it still relies on a patchwork of funding to stay in operation. Despite budget uncertainty, no child is ever turned away because of family finances.

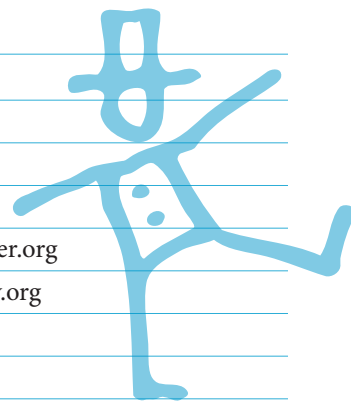
» 4 Kids maintains research partnerships with several area universities, pioneering and adapting successful new educational approaches to ensure optimum learning for every child.

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## 50 Places to Go in the Area

<b>1</b>	Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	412-322-5058	<a href="http://www.pittsburghkids.org">www.pittsburghkids.org</a>
<b>2</b>	National Aviary	412-323-7235	<a href="http://www.aviary.org">www.aviary.org</a>
<b>3</b>	Good Ship Lollipop cruises	412-355-7980	<a href="http://www.gatewayclipper.com">www.gatewayclipper.com</a>
<b>4</b>	Carnegie Museum of Natural History	412-622-3131	<a href="http://www.carnegiemnh.org">www.carnegiemnh.org</a>
<b>5</b>	Carnegie Science Center	412-237-3400	<a href="http://www.carnegiesciencecenter.org">www.carnegiesciencecenter.org</a>
<b>6</b>	Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens	412-622-7363	<a href="http://www.phipps.conservatory.org">www.phipps.conservatory.org</a>
<b>7</b>	Kennywood Park	412-461-0500	<a href="http://www.kennywood.com">www.kennywood.com</a>
<b>8</b>	Idlewild Park	724-238-3666	<a href="http://www.idlewild.com">www.idlewild.com</a>
<b>9</b>	Sandcastle water park	412-462-6666	<a href="http://www.sandcastlewaterpark.com">www.sandcastlewaterpark.com</a>
<b>10</b>	Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium	412-665-3640	<a href="http://www.pittsburghzoo.org">www.pittsburghzoo.org</a>
<b>11</b>	Gemini Theatre Company (Children's theater and summer camp)	412-243-5201	<a href="http://www.geminitheater.org">http://www.geminitheater.org</a>
<b>12</b>	Round Hill Farm, Elizabeth PA (1,100 acres with walking trails, picnic areas, and a working farm)	412-384-8555	<a href="http://www.visitpa.com/visitpa/details.pa?id=217825">www.visitpa.com/visitpa/details.pa?id=217825</a>
<b>13</b>	Just Ducky Tours	412-402-3825	<a href="http://www.justdukytours.com">www.justdukytours.com</a>
<b>14</b>	Ride the Duquesne or Monongahela Incline		<a href="http://www.aviewoncities.com/pittsburgh/inclines.htm">www.aviewoncities.com/pittsburgh/inclines.htm</a>
<b>15</b>	Hartwood—Mansion, concerts, trails, Celebration of Lights	412-767-9200	<a href="http://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/hwfac.aspx">www.alleghenycounty.us/parks/hwfac.aspx</a>
<b>16</b>	Walk/Bike the Eliza Furnace Trail		<a href="http://www.localhikes.com/Hikes/Eliza_Furnace_6280.asp">www.localhikes.com/Hikes/Eliza_Furnace_6280.asp</a>
<b>17</b>	Walk/Bike the Montour Trail	412-257-3011	<a href="http://www.montourtrail.org">www.montourtrail.org</a>
<b>18</b>	Ice Skating at Schenley Park	412-422-6523	<a href="http://www.pittsburghparks.org/_76.php">www.pittsburghparks.org/_76.php</a>
<b>19</b>	Ice Skating at PPG Place	412-394-3641	<a href="http://www.ppgplace.com/rink">www.ppgplace.com/rink</a>
<b>20</b>	Walk around the Strip District		
<b>21</b>	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	412-622-3114	<a href="http://www.carnegielibrary.org">www.carnegielibrary.org</a>
<b>22</b>	Pirates baseball games at PNC Park	412-323-5000	<a href="http://pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com">pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com</a>
<b>23</b>	Walk through Station Square and see the dancing waters	800-859-8959	<a href="http://www.stationsquare.com/">www.stationsquare.com/</a>
<b>24</b>	Pittsburgh Penguins hockey game	412-642-7367	<a href="http://penguins.nhl.com">penguins.nhl.com</a>
<b>25</b>	Movies in the Pittsburgh parks (summer)		<a href="http://pittsburgh.about.com/od/movies/p/cinema_park.htm">pittsburgh.about.com/od/movies/p/cinema_park.htm</a>



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<b>26</b>	Performances at Benedum Center	412-456-6666	<a href="http://www.pgharts.org/venues/benedum.aspx">www.pgharts.org/venues/benedum.aspx</a>
<b>27</b>	Great views from the West End and Mt. Washington overlooks		<a href="http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/">http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/</a>
<b>28</b>	Three Rivers Regatta	412-875-4841	<a href="http://www.threeriversregatta.net">www.threeriversregatta.net</a>
<b>29</b>	Three Rivers Arts Festival	412-281-8723	<a href="http://www.artsfestival.net">www.artsfestival.net</a>
<b>30</b>	Take a ride on the T	412-566-5500	<a href="http://www.portauthority.org">www.portauthority.org</a>
<b>31</b>	First Night on New Year's Eve (Downtown)	412-201-7380	<a href="http://www.firstnightpgh.org">www.firstnightpgh.org</a>
<b>32</b>	PA Fish for Free Days		<a href="http://www.fish.state.pa.us/promo/fff/fffindex.htm">www.fish.state.pa.us/promo/fff/fffindex.htm</a>
<b>33</b>	Wave Pools at Allegheny County parks: Boyce, South, and Settler's Cabin	412-350-7275	<a href="http://www.alleghenycounty.us/parks">www.alleghenycounty.us/parks</a>
<b>34</b>	Greater Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival	724-872-1670	<a href="http://www.pgh-renfest.com">www.pgh-renfest.com</a>
<b>35</b>	Pittsburgh International Children's Festival	412-456-6666	<a href="http://www.pghkids.org">www.pghkids.org</a>
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<b>38</b>	YMCA sports leagues and swim lessons		<a href="http://www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org">www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org</a>
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<b>40</b>	Robert Morris University Island Sports Center (Neville Island)	412-397-3335	<a href="http://www.rmuislandsports.org">www.rmuislandsports.org</a>
<b>41</b>	Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour	412-323-8884	<a href="http://www.alleghenywest.info/christmastour.html">www.alleghenywest.info/christmastour.html</a>
<b>42</b>	Christmas at Old Economy Village	724-266-4500	<a href="http://www.oldeconomyvillage.org/events.html">www.oldeconomyvillage.org/events.html</a>
<b>43</b>	Tour Point State park and visit the Fort Pitt Museum	412-281-9284	<a href="http://www.fortpittmuseum.com/WelcomePage.html">www.fortpittmuseum.com/WelcomePage.html</a>
<b>44</b>	The Southside Mid-Winter Soup Contest		<a href="http://www.southsidepgh.com">www.southsidepgh.com</a>
<b>45</b>	Race for the Cure	412-342-0500	<a href="http://www.pittsburghraceforthecure.org">www.pittsburghraceforthecure.org</a>
<b>46</b>	Steelers game at Heinz Field	412-323-1200	<a href="http://www.steelers.com">www.steelers.com</a>
<b>47</b>	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix	412-471-7847	<a href="http://www.pittsburghvintagegrandprix.com">www.pittsburghvintagegrandprix.com</a>
<b>48</b>	Visit nearby state parks for outdoor fun		<a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks">www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks</a>
<b>49</b>	Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh	412-624-6000	<a href="http://www.pitt.edu/~natrooms">www.pitt.edu/~natrooms</a>
<b>50</b>	Beechwood Farms Nature Preserve (Audubon)	412-963-6100	<a href="http://www.aswp.org/beechwood.html">www.aswp.org/beechwood.html</a>

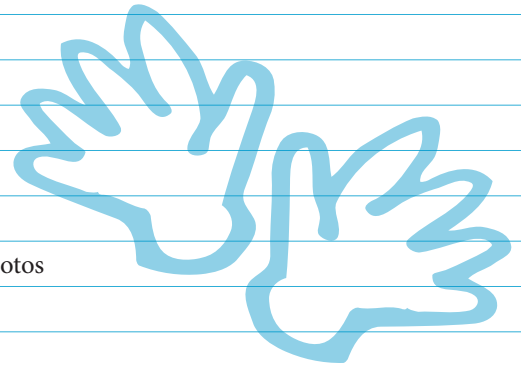
## 50 Fun Learning Experiences for a Rainy Day

- 1 Create an idea box—all children in the family put ideas in it to use on a rainy day
- 2 Play Look at Me!—child observes you, you leave room and change something about yourself (maybe remove an earring) and then see if they can notice what is missing
- 3 Play home Jeopardy (either buy the game or make up your own categories and questions)
- 4 Paint a kite
- 5 Play a board game
- 6 Build an edible bridge with toothpicks and gumdrops or marshmallows
- 7 Discuss the stages of a butterfly using rice (egg), macaroni (caterpillar), shell pasta (cocoon) bowtie pasta (butterfly)
- 8 Trace letters or words on another person's back (or hand) using your finger—he or she tries to guess what you wrote
- 9 Build a tent using blankets, pillows, and household furniture
- 10 Play “will it float or will it sink” in the bathtub
- 11 Make homemade playdough, oobleck, putty, etc. (find recipes online or at the library)
- 12 Paint with old toothbrushes
- 13 Make music with pots and pans
- 14 Bake cookies, cakes, etc
- 15 Make sock puppets
- 16 Paint noodles and then string them on yarn to make jewelry
- 17 Sort playing cards by color, number, symbol
- 18 Sort buttons by color, shape, and size
- 19 Bake crayon stubs in oven in cupcake tins—makes rainbow crayons
- 20 Read a good book
- 21 Have an indoor picnic in your living room
- 22 Conduct a scavenger hunt
- 23 Look at old photo albums
- 24 Make a family meal together
- 25 Interview an older family member



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- 26 Play in the rain and puddles (as long as there's no lightning)
- 27 Watch movies (you can probably check some out at your library)
- 28 Solve puzzles
- 29 Play cards
- 30 Exercise together
- 31 Enjoy family bonding time—just hang out and talk
- 32 Make a collage using old magazines and greeting cards
- 33 Make jigsaw puzzles out of old magazines, greeting cards, and family photos
- 34 Gather all the loose change in the house and put it in coin wrappers
- 35 Play dress-up
- 36 Put on a play of a favorite book
- 37 Play charades
- 38 Create cities using boxes of various sizes
- 39 Make paper airplanes
- 40 Make all sorts of things from recyclable materials like milk jugs and coffee cans (find suggestions online or at the library)
- 41 Cooking lessons—either take them together or teach your kids some basics
- 42 Make masks out of paper plates and brown paper bags
- 43 Practice letter writing and word writing by using shaving cream or whipped cream on the table or counter
- 44 Make your own trail mix (find recipes online or at the library)
- 45 Make boats out of milk jugs and styrofoam containers
- 46 Take a bath and make shampoo hairdos
- 47 Enjoy fingerpainting
- 48 Sing every song you know together—and make up new ones
- 49 Write a story book, and illustrate it
- 50 Write a letter to a family member or friend (ask for a reply), then address and mail it.



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