

# Judy Center expands

FOR THE WEEKENDER

OAKLAND — Garrett County Judy Center is expanding playgroups for children ages birth to 4 to more locations throughout Garrett County.

The playgroups provide young children and their parents or caregivers an opportunity to connect to other families as well as community and school resources.

The professional staff of the Judy Center playgroups utilizes developmentally-appropriate activities that support active learning and promote children's progress in all developmental areas to support school readiness.

Judy Center playgroups provide parents with information regarding child development, effective parenting techniques, and successfully transitioning into early care and education programs or kindergarten.

Playgroups are fun and free; children participate in playtime, songs, puppets, stories, crafts, snacks, and more. Dates, times, and locations for December playgroups are Dec. 5, 9:45-11 a.m. at Broad Ford Elementary School; Dec. 8, 10:15-11:30 a.m. at Yough Glades Elementary School; Dec. 15, 9:45-11:00 a.m. at Friendsville Elementary School' and Dec. 18, 9:45-11 a.m. at Grantsville Elementary School.

Everyone is welcome; no registration is required. Call the Judy Center at 301-334-4211 for more information. Garrett County Judy is part of a statewide effort to promote school readiness and is operated in partnership with Garrett County Community Action Committee Inc. and the Garrett County Public Schools.

Judy Center supports GCCAC's mission to improve the quality of life by providing essential services in collaboration and cooperation with partners.