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 Open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Families First can be reached by train (F, G to Bergen)
 Or by bus (B75 to Warren or Kane Street)

Families First Membership

Interested in spending time at Families First? It's easy! Here's how:

First you JOIN.

Each family registers by filling out an application and paying a **\$75 membership fee**. Membership is annual from the date of registration at our office. For example, if you join on Sept. 12, 2007, your membership is good until Sept.12, 2008.

Then you're a MEMBER.

Members have access to the following.

- **Excellent classes** for young children. You must be a member to enroll.
- **Use of the Library or Art Room** when classes are not in session, during regular weekday hours.
- **Discounted rates on workshops**, events, and weekend Family Events.
- **Reserved Workspace seating**. Members may work on their laptops in our wireless-Internet-connected Workspace for an hourly fee (see below for details).

Members work a little, too. Today's Families First was developed through more than 25 years of member participation. Working together builds community, is an important model for children, and helps keep our costs down. We need you! We ask our members to work a minimum of 2 hours each year.

The DROP-IN PLAY SPACE: Getting the MOST from Membership.

Member families can take advantage of our comfortable, wide-open kid-focused Drop-In Play Space for an additional **annual fee of \$225**. **Play Space access is FREE to families with 1st children under 6 months**. An adult must accompany children at all times in the Drop-In Play Space. Our Play Space is best suited for children ages 0-4. Adults may use our wireless Internet access in the Play Space while your children play.

About Our Members-Only Workspace

Members with laptops can use our shared workspace on an hourly basis. This opportunity is useful for parents with children in classes here, or at preschool or daycare. Our workspace has wireless Internet access and a fax machine. We limit cell phone use to facilitate a quiet environment. You must reserve workspace hours, but you may drop in if time is available. Children are not allowed in the workspace, and they may only come to the center with workspace users if the family has Play Space access. In that case, another adult must supervise the children.

Workspace Access: \$10 per hour (1-hour sessions, max. 3 hours per day)
 Please call Families First to reserve hours.

Enrollment Form

Please print clearly.

Parent 1 Name:

Address:

Phone (Day)
(Evening)

E-Mail:

Occupation and Employer:

Parent 2 Name:

Address:

Phone (Day)
(Evening)

E-Mail:

Occupation and Employer:

Caregiver's full name:

Pediatrician's name and phone number:

Who will bring your child(ren) to Families First?
(check all that apply)

Mother Caregiver
 Father Other relative: _____

Please list ALL children in your family so we can better plan our events and activities.

Child's Name	Birth Date(s) dd/mm/yy	Known Allergies	School
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			



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Membership Enrollment Form
part 2

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I just want the Drop-In Play Space access?

The total cost is \$300: \$75 membership fee and \$225 for the Drop-In Play Space. You get Monday through Friday access to the comfort and convenience of the whole center. Spend your time in the rooms you like best during our normal weekday hours.

Well, I don't know if I want my child to take classes here.

Stop in during our week-long Open House in October and have your child sit (dance, sing) in on free mini-versions of our classes. Or visit our center to observe. If you decide to enroll your child(ren) in classes, fill out the application, pay the annual \$75 membership fee, and sign up for your favorite classes all year long.

So if I pay \$75, what can I do?

You can enroll your child or yourself in any classes offered throughout the year. You can use our library and the art room when there aren't any classes scheduled. You can sign up to use your laptop in our workspace. You and your family can participate in our member events.

I can't volunteer. Can I send my sitter, send a check, or help in another way?

Sure, you can help in lots of ways! Check with the office to see what projects are on the calendar and see what works best. Can you bake a cake? Send something we can use for an auction? Volunteer a service at the office? All help is welcome!

*"As working parents, it's easy to lose touch with our kid's lives. With **Families First**, we know where they're playing and what they're doing."*

*"The classes at **Families First** offer a sensible, affordable alternative to expensive pre-school programs."*

*"**Families First** gets us up and out in the morning... It provides structure to our otherwise chaotic lives."*

*"I thought I was going crazy alone all day with a baby. When I got to **Families First**, it was such a relief."*

"The program on discipline was a big help. My husband and I learned a lot and we even got to exchange our stories with other parents."

Families First, Inc., is a community-based not-for-profit organization that provides a safe, friendly gathering place for parents, caregivers and children. We offer information, community, and friendship to make it easier to care for your child.

ENROLLMENT:

BASIC MEMBERSHIP\$75

PLAY SPACE (requires Basic Membership)

Play Space\$225

Baby Play Space \$0

With your 1st child under 6 mos. When your baby is 6 months old, you may choose to become a regular Play Space member for \$100. Your Play Space membership will expire with your Basic Membership.

Donation for scholarship fund \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Families First, Inc.**

Mail to: Families First, Inc.
250 Baltic Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

A \$15 surcharge is imposed for processing any uncollected checks.

WORK CHOICES:

Please choose one event and one job. Families First will call you to confirm. Your agreement to work for at least 2 hours is made in good faith on the honor system. We rely on your contribution! Thank you!

Event:

- Atlantic Antic (September)
- Open House Week (September 25-30)
- Halloween Munchkin Parade (October 26)
- Winter Holiday Party (December 7)
- Family Music Event (February or March)
- Spring Carnival (May)

Job:

- Help with preparation
- Help at event
- Help during the week of the event
- Help at event
- Bring baked goods

OR I am interested or qualified to teach a class or workshop for kids, parents, or caretakers (e.g., storytelling, art/craft session, music.).

Topic: _____