

92Y wonderplay™ **early childhood learning**

Wonderplay is 92nd Street Y's early childhood initiative that strengthens our long-standing commitment to young children and families. It is the umbrella for all 92Y's programs including the Parenting Center, Nursery School, programs in art, dance, creative movement, music, and science; gymnastics, aquatics and sports; summer camps; Jewish cultural enrichment; early intervention, parent education, intergenerational activities and family concerts.

At the core of Wonderplay is a consistent, coordinated approach that reaches all of the families participating in 92Y Wonderplay programs. That approach encourages curiosity and a love of learning within a nurturing community and supportive environment. The Wonderplay staff is an experienced and dedicated team of 150 professionals—early childhood teachers, parenting educators and specialists in a broad range of disciplines—who bring their passion, enthusiasm and wealth of experience to our children and families. The 92Y Wonderplay staff participates in ongoing staff development to broaden their understanding of early childhood and insure the highest standard of excellence in every programs.

Members of the Wonderplay Advisory Board—Dr. Susan Ginsberg, Dr. Edward Hallowell, Mark Horowitz, Dr. Ron Taffel and Dr. Michael Thompson—are renowned experts in child and family development. They are an integral part of this initiative, providing Wonderplay staff training and working with us as we create future directions.

With the Wonderplay Annual Conference, we have been able to expand the reach of this initiative beyond 92Y. Each year, we bring together a community of early childhood educators here in our New York facility and across the country through web and satellite broadcasts to we address timely and relevant topics affecting young children, their families and their teachers.

For more information, visit 92Y.org/Wonderplay