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Childcare Open Spaces

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Childcare Open Spaces are places for children and families to gather and interact with other children and families. Activities and events held here are usually organized and carried out by local citizens and take place at community halls (*kōmin-kan*), children's community centers (*jidō-kan*), or meeting places (*shūkaisho*). Everyone is welcome to join in with these events. Here is information about Childcare Open Spaces organized by the municipal government. For information about childcare open spaces organized by private sectors, please check at the City's official website.

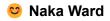
The City of Hiroshima official website (in Japanese)

https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/84/4644.html



Inquiries: Maternal Child Health Division (Boshi hoken tanto) Tel: 082-504-2623

Childcare Open Spaces



🔅 Tsudoi no Hiroba, Gen Kids

Location: 3-8-6 Senda-machi, Naka-ku (inside Hiroshima City Health Promotion Center 5F) Hours: 10 am – 3 pm (Sun, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri and Sat)

Available on August 6 and during Obon holidays

Closed: Mondays (except national/public holiday), and days following national/public holidays, and the new year's holiday

- Available on Mondays if they fall on public holidays.
- Always available in Saturday and Sunday even if the previous day is a national/public holiday.

Inquiries: Health Science Museum (Kenko Kagaku Kan) Tel. 082-246-9100

😊 Higashi Ward

🔅 Poppo Higashi

Location: 9-34 Higashi-kaniya-cho, Higashi-ku

(inside Higashi Ward General Welfare Center 3F)

Hours: 10 am - 3 pm (Mon-Fri)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national/public holidays, Obon holidays, August 6 and new year's holidays

Inquiries: Higashi Ward Community Childcare Support Center (*Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā*) Tel. 082-261-0315

😊 Minami Ward

🔅 Kids Hiroba Minami

Location: 1-4-46 Minami-machi, Minami-ku (inside Minami Ward Office Annex Building 3F) Hours: 10 am – 3 pm (Mon-Fri)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national/public holidays, Obon holidays, August 6 and new year's holidays

Inquiries: Minami Ward Community Childcare Support Center (*Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā*) Tel. 082-250-4134

😊 Nishi Ward

🔅 Nishi-ku Niko Niko Hiroba

Location: 2-24-1 Fukushima-cho, Nishi-ku (inside Nishi Ward Community Welfare Center 4F) Hours: 10 am – 3 pm (Mon-Fri)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national/public holidays, Obon holidays, August 6 and new year's holidays

Inquiries: Nishi Ward Community Childcare Support Center (*Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā*) Tel. 082-503-6288

😊 Asaminami Ward

🔅 Oasis Asaminami

Location: 1-38-13 Nakasu, Asaminami-ku

(inside Asaminami Ward Community Welfare Center 4F)

Hours: 10 am – 3 pm (Mon-Fri)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national/public holidays, Obon holidays, August 6 and new year's holidays

Inquiries: Asaminami Ward Community Childcare Support Center (Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā) Tel. 082-877-2146

😊 Asakita Ward

🔅 Smile Asakita

Location: 3-19-22 Kabe, Asakita-ku (inside Asakita Ward Community Welfare Center 5F) Hours: 10 am – 3 pm (Mon-Fri)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national/public holidays, Obon holidays, August 6 and new year's holidays

Inquiries: Asakita Ward Community Childcare Support Center (*Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā*) Tel. 082-819-0617

😊 Aki Ward

🔅 Aozora Akikko

Location: 3-2-16 Funakoshi-minami, Aki-ku (inside Aki Ward Community Welfare Center 4F) Hours: 10 am – 3 pm (Mon-Fri)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national/public holidays, Obon holidays, August 6 and new year's holidays

Inquiries: Aki Ward Community Childcare Support Center (*Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā*) Tel. 082-821-2821

😊 Saeki Ward

🔅 Oyakokko Saeki

Location: 1-4-5 Kairoen, Saeki-ku (inside Saeki Ward Community Welfare Center 6F) Hours: 10 am – 3 pm (Mon-Fri)

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national/public holidays, Obon holidays, August 6 and new year's holidays

Inquiries: Saeki Ward Community Childcare Support Center (*Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā*) Tel. 082-921-5010

Note: Obon holidays usually take place between August 13 to 16.

* Childcare Support Information

Below, you can find information about support offered by the City of Hiroshima to parents. If you have feelings of anxiety or uneasiness about taking care of your children, this is a great service to help alleviate any anxieties you may have about parenting.

🐤 Community Childcare Support Center (Chi'iki Kosodate Shien Sentā)

Community Childcare Support Centers are located in your local ward offices. Feel free to drop in for advice on childcare from public health nurses, childcare workers, and nutritionists.

Each center is located inside the Community Support Division (Chi'iki Sasaeai Ka) of your local ward office.

Ward	Telephone	Hours
Naka	082-504-2174	Monday to Friday 8:30 am-5:15 pm Closed: National/pubic holidays, August 6, 12/29-1/3
Higashi	082-261-0315	
Minami	082-250-4134	
Nishi	082-503-6288	
Asaminami	082-877-2146	
Asakita	082-819-0617	
Aki	082-821-2821	
Saeki	082-921-5010	

Monthly Health Guidance

During these monthly meetings, health nurses or childcare workers from the Childcare Support Center perform infant health checks and offer childcare advice to parents.

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