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Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to school! This is an exciting time of year for everyone—but it can also be a stressful one. We wanted to make sure everyone knew about the great offerings we have now for the families of youth and young adults in our community through the **Island Wide Youth Collaborative (IWYC)**.

The IWYC opened its doors officially on May 1, 2015 and opened the doors to its new fabulous building on the Martha's Vineyard Community Services campus on November 1, 2015. We are open 9-7 on Mondays and 9-5 Tuesday through Friday. We are also open the third Saturday of the month. Please feel free to call or walk in anytime.

At the IWYC we offer information and referral services for any individual with a family member age 0-26. We can help figure out what your options might be for afterschool programming or camps. We will be offering a few groups for youth as well as parenting support groups as well this school year. Please head to our website for more information, or feel free to call or stop by at any time!

Through a great partnership with multiple Island entities, we will continue to offer trainings and workshops for teachers, coaches, parents, caregivers and other professionals on the Island through the school year to ensure our community feels confident in their ability to raise and support the children of our Island with any and all their needs as they arise. Please see the back of this letter and save the date for many great family-friendly activities this year at the IWYC at 111 Edgartown Road in Oak Bluffs, across from MVRHS and next door to the YMCA. Please check out our website for upcoming parent/caregiver programming

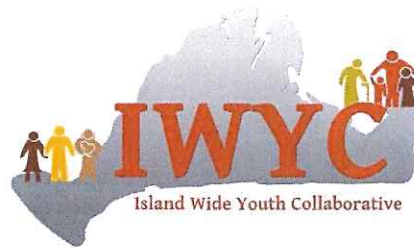
<http://www.mvcommunityservices.com/programs-and-services/iwyc-2/>

We wish you and your student(s) the best this 2016-2017 school year! Please drop by the IWYC any time to get to know the staff, ask questions, or just to say hello!

Sincerely,

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## **Saturday Events at the Island Wide Youth Collaborative (IWYC) 2016-2017**

<b>September 17</b>	<b>Family Yoga</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Island Grown Schools Activity</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Games Day</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Create Your Own Snow Globe</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Family Zumba!</b>
<b>February 11</b>	<b>Stories &amp; PJ's</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Family Movie</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Spring Sidewalk Activities</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>IWYC Birthday Bash Cookout</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Make Your Teacher a Gift</b>

**All Saturday events will run from 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
No registration required, drop-in's welcome!**

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