

## BIG List of Kalamazoo Mom Groups, Playgroups & Parenting Organizations- 2024

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## Facebook Groups

Kalamazoo Babywearing Love: Local group for caregivers to connect with other babywearers.

Kalamazoo Dads Group: Dads-only group for discussions and playdates.

Kalamazoo Heart: Homeschooling-focused support group for Christian families.

Kalamazoo La Leche League: Local chapter to virtually support breastfeeding moms.

Kalamazoo Mom Friends: Local group for parenting discussions, meetups and advice.

**So NOT Together Moms**: Provides a support network for moms of all backgrounds. They offer meetups and moms' nights out.

**Stay-at-Home Parents Southwest Michigan**: Stay-at-home parents/caregivers in the Southwest Michigan share ideas, organize playgroups and find new friends.

**Zoo Mama**: Kalamazoo area moms group focused on parenting advice, local recommendations, and other parenting-related discussions.

Facebook groups are typically large, **informal discussion-focused groups that** do not have participation requirements.

## MOPS Groups (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Centerpoint Church	Second & Fourth Thursdays
2345 N 10th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Centerpoint Church – MOPS & MOMSNEXT	Second & Fourth Thursdays
2345 N 10th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
First Reformed Church of Portage 7905 S Westnedge Portage, MI 49002	First & Third Wednesdays 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Gracespring Bible Church	First & Third Thursdays
8643 Gull Rd Richland, 49083-9647	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
North Avenue Church of God 1079 North Ave Battle Creek, 49017	Second & Fourth Fridays 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM



Oakwood Bible Church 4100 Oakland Dr Kalamazoo, MI 49008	First & Third Fridays 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church – Weekday Group 1150 W Centre Ave, Portage, MI 49024	First & Third Thursdays 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church – <u>Evening</u> <u>Group</u> 1150 W Centre Ave, Portage, MI 49024	Second & Fourth Sundays 6:30 PM
St. Mark Lutheran Church 114 E Minges Rd Battle Creek, MI 49015	Second & Fourth Tuesdays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Westwood Christian Reformed Church 620 Northampton Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49006	Second & Fourth Wednesdays 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**MOPS** is an international, Christian organization founded in 1972 and is focused on mothers of young children. MOPS sessions meet twice a month, providing free childcare while the moms meet separately. The website has recently been renamed MomCo, or Mom Community Groups.

All moms are welcome to join MOPS/MomCo Groups; you do not need to be a member of the sponsoring church.



## Other Local Parenting Groups

4DAD Local community group providing support for dads in Kalamazoo and surrounding cities.

Baby Talk & Toddler Talk In-person class and playgroup offered through Bronson.

Early Childhood Connections Resources and playgroups for Calhoun County Facebook Page

**Kalamazoo County Early Childhood Families** Supports children aged 0-8 by sharing information and events for families.

**Kalamazoo County Talking is Teaching** KRESA initiative supporting literacy for families with local events, resources and virtual playgroups.

Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) Community Playgroups Virtual groups with KRESA

MOMS Club Non-profit group supporting moms with activities and community service projects.

- Battle Creek Chapter
- Portage Chapter (Portage/Kalamazoo/Vicksburg) Facebook Page

Pathfinder M.O.M.s (Pathfinder Church) 8740 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002

• Group for moms of children of all ages to promote faith, love, and friendship.

**The Chat Factory**: language-based playgroups for children 6 months – 3 years and their caregivers, led by speech pathologists.

Tiny Treasures (Haven Church) 5350 N Sprinkle Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Faith-based playgroup at Haven Church.

