

Young Athlete Program underway

DERRY — A program to introduce young children to all sorts of play continues in Derry.

The Special Olympics-sponsored Young Athletes program will offer innovative, sports play for children ages 2 through 7 with or without disabilities and is hosted by the Derry Recreation Department.

The program is held Mondays from 11:15 to noon at Veterans Hall, 31 West Broadway.

The united program began in town two years ago and

teaches foundational sports skills, and offers social, cognitive and physical development support while giving families connections to local Special Olympics programs.

The sessions also help bridge the gap between the younger children and the official Special Olympics program for the older athletes that begins at the age of 8.

Children of all developmental levels will play together, learn together and take home valuable skills.

The program is free and will benefit families who

want to get their younger children involved in early sports programs, while making those important connections to the Special Olympics organization.

There will be volunteers and instructors working with the children and teaching them simple skills like kicking, throwing and running.

The program is free and open to Derry residents and those in surrounding communities. Call Derry Recreation at 432-6136 for information.

