
Family Literacy Programs in Alberta

Literacy Develops in Families First



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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide as composite a listing as possible of family literacy programs operating in communities across Alberta. The document contains information on the programs funded through Alberta Advanced Education and Technology's Parent-Child Literacy Strategy as well as other programs funded through a wide variety of sources.

Programs are listed in alphabetical order by program name. The Table of Contents at the beginning of the document lists family literacy programs by community.

This list of family literacy programs is based on program update forms provided by family literacy organizations across Alberta on a regular basis. If you do not see your program listed, or if the information is outdated, please fill out the update form in Appendix A at the end of this document or use the update form on our website www.famlit.ca. We will post an updated list of Family Literacy Programs on an annual basis.

We believe family literacy practitioners are a great source of information and expertise, and we hope you find this document useful in networking with your colleagues.

Facilitator training opportunities are offered by the Centre for Family Literacy on a provincial basis through events such as the annual "Family Literacy Training Institute" and "Food for Thought" --contact is Pat Halewich at pat_halewich@famlit.ca and on a regional basis through the Family Literacy Regional Network. Seven Regional Coordinators have been contracted to provide training and support in each region: Holly Handfield – Northwest Region (holly_handfield@famlit.ca), Jodi Rasmusson – Northeast Region (jodi_rasmusson@famlit.ca), Wendy Peverett - North Central Region (wendy_peverett@famlit.ca), Donna Arnold - South Central Region (donna_arnold@famlit.ca), Nada Jerkovic – Southwest Region (nada_jerkovic@famlit.ca) Celena Gerl – Southeast Region (celena_gerl@famlit.ca), and Colleen Crozier – Aboriginal Region (colleen_crozier@famlit.ca).

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1-2-3 Rhyme With Me

Address

Lloydminster Learning Council Association
Box 1651, 4419 – 52 Avenue
Lloydminster SK/AB S9V 1K6
Tel: (780) 875-5763
Fax: (780) 875-5793
Email: l-learn@telusplanet.net

Contact Person

Darlene MacDonald, Executive Director

Overview of Program

A program for parents/caregivers and children (1 to 3 years), which uses rhymes, songs and stories. Families come together once per week for 8 weeks. They will learn the importance of sharing rhymes, singing and storytelling.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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3,2,1, Playtime

Address

3,2,1 Playtime Board & Golden Prairie Parent Link
Box 430
Hanna AB T0J 1P0
Tel: (403) 857-9553
Fax: (403) 854-5673
Email: hanna@goldenprairiepic.ca
Website: www.goldneprairiepic.ca

Contact Person

Cori Amundrud, Coordinator
Cara Lee Finkbiner, President of 3,2,1 Playtime Board

Overview of Program

A free, non-structured play group for children birth through 6 years of age attending with a parent or caregiver offering activities, songs, stories, music, games, large motor activities, parent education and resources.

Approximate # of families served each year: 35

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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3 R's – Rhyme Rhythm Read

Address

Paintearth Community Adult Learning Council
Box 808

Coronation AB T0C 1C0

Tel: (403) 578-3817 or 888-578-3817

Fax: (403) 578-2866

Email: info@aroundpaintearth.com

Website: www.aroundpaintearth.com

Contact Person

Kimberley Dunkle, Executive Director

Mandy Fuller, Program Assistant

Overview of Program

We meet one day a week for rhymes, songs and stories. Includes snack and time to socialize.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Aboriginal Family Literacy Program

Address

Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre
Box 2338

10105 Churchill Drive

Lac La Biche AB T0A 2C0

Tel: (780) 623-3249

Fax: (780) 623-1846

Email: ed@nativefriendship.ca

mande@nativefriendship.ca

Contact Person

Donna Webster, Executive Director

Mande Ekberg, Aboriginal Family Literacy Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

A part-time trained literacy worker works within the homes of families with children 0-6 years of age to share and develop ideas for reading; writing; singing; and storytelling in the promotion of literacy. The one and a half hour session one day per week for 12 weeks is free of charge. Families are left with a library of resource materials for continuing their literacy pursuits.

Approximate # of families served each year: Just starting to serve families this year

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Acimowins

Address

Fishing Lake Metis Settlement
General Delivery
Fishing Lake AB T0A 3G0
Tel: (780) 943-2661
Fax: (780) 943-2644
Email: flmsahs@fishinglake.ca

Contact Person

Ruby Lacombe, Family Literacy Supervisor
Krista Taylor, Family Literacy Facilitator

Overview of Program

Our project is called Acimowins, which means “book/stories” in Cree. We work closely with the Head Start Program and our other partners. We have done the story sacks with the parents and several other activities. Parents do the planning with the guidance of staff and Elders. Most of our activities have cultural connections.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10
Do you offer training in this type of program?
Yes

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Ages and Stages Developmental Check-Ups

Address

Family Centre
1010 - 4 Ave South
Lethbridge AB T1J 0P6
Tel: (403) 320-4232
Fax: (403) 329-7321
Email: Cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca
Website: www.famcentre.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Skaien, Early Childhood Coordinator
Carol Orr, Early Childhood Educator

Overview of Program

Similar to the Grow Along With Me Project, Family Centre has been offering for over four years, developmental check-ups. If you have any questions about your child’s development (four months to five years), please call and make an appointment to have one of our staff help you complete this fun and informative questionnaire.

Approximate # of families served each year: 250
Do you offer training in this type of program?
Yes

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Alberta Prairie C.O.W. Project

Address

Centre for Family Literacy
201, 11456 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton AB T5K 0M1
Tel: (780) 421-7323
Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: ashima_sumaru@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person

Ashima Sumaru, Project Coordinator

Overview of Program

The Alberta Prairie Classroom on Wheels (C.O.W.) bus is a renovated school bus painted like a Holstein cow and filled with activities to encourage literacy development for children from 0 – 6 and their parents. Local literacy groups who would like to attract attention to and promote the programs they are running invite the bus into communities across Alberta. A planning committee is formed by local organizations that work with parents and children from 0 – 6 in order to sponsor and plan a visit to their areas.

Approximate # of families served each year: over 6000 visitors each year

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Acme, Carbon, Linden, Three Hills & Trochu Playtimes

Address

Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre
Box 400, 232 Main Street
Three Hills AB
Tel: (403) 443-3253
Fax: (403) 443-8539
Email: kneehill@goldenprairie.ca
Website: www.goldenprairie.plc.ca

Contact Person

Blayne Meek, Coordinator Golden Prairie PLC
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor Golden Prairie PLC

Overview of Program

Interactive playtime for children newborn to 6 years of age with a parent / caregiver. This free program includes indoor gym time, arts and crafts, music, songs and rhymes, free play, games and stories. Parent education and resources available on site for loan.

Approximate # of families served each year: 45

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Baby Packs

Address

D.V. Read and Learn
Box 6321
Drayton Valley AB T7A 2A3
Tel: (780) 621-1722
Fax: (780) 621-1722
Email: dvlit@incentre.net
Website: www.dvreadandlearn.com

Contact Person

Lori Heywood, Family Literacy Coordinator
Allie Spicer-Riess, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Supported with funding from various sources and in partnership with the Health Unit, parents are given a book package when they bring their children to the Health Unit for 4 and 12-month immunization. Packages are also available from the literacy office.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Baby Playtime

Address

Golden Prairie Parent Link
Box 430
Hanna AB T0J 1P0
Tel: (403) 857-9553
Fax: (403) 854-5673
Email: hanna@goldenprairieplc.ca
Website: www.goldenprairieplc.ca

Contact Person

Cori Amundrud, Coordinator
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor

Overview of Program

Music, activities, bounding games, finger plays, rhymes and simple stories for babies 0-12 months old and a caregiver offered in 8 weekly sessions twice per year.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Baby Signing

Address

Family Centre
1010 – 4 Ave South
Lethbridge AB T1J 0P5
Tel: (403) 320-4232
Fax: (403) 329-7321
Email: cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca
Website: www.famcentre.ca

Overview of Program

Have you ever wondered what your baby or toddler is trying to say to you? By working together during this four-week course, you and your child will learn great ways of connecting and communicating.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Bedtime Rhymes and Stories

Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre
5704 – 19A Avenue
Edmonton AB T6L 1L8
Tel: (780) 413-4521
Fax: (780) 490-1127
Email: karla@mwfrfc.org
Website: www.mwfrfc.org

Contact Person

Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

Overview of Program

An evening drop-in group for families with children birth to 5 years that encourages positive interaction and bonding through rhymes, songs and stories.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books Alive

Address

Beaver County Family Literacy Program
Box 140
Ryley AB T0B 4A0
Tel: (780) 663-3730
Fax: (780) 663-3602
Email: rcooper@beaver.ab.ca

Contact Person

Rae Cooper, Coordinator Beaver County Family Literacy Program

Cheryl Lawson, Coordinator Beaver County Community Adult Learning Council & Adult Literacy

Overview of Program

This program is for parents and children 3 – 5 years. A Facilitator guides children and parents using stories and activities that encourage them to develop a love of books and reading as well as improve fine motor skills while doing a variety of exciting crafts related to the theme of the week.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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Books, Babies and More

Address

Terra – Centre for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

9930 – 106 Street

Edmonton AB T5K 1C7

Tel: (780) 428-3772

Fax: (780) 425-5160

Email: terra@terraassociation.com

Website: www.terraassociation.com

Contact Person

Laura Fulmer, Manger Education and Early Learning

Overview of Program

Books, Babies and More is a program tailored to teen parents to encourage development of positive skills and attitudes toward literacy. Participants are introduced to interactive and fun activities to stimulate their child(ren) language development, social skills, communication and to encourage lifelong appreciation of literacy.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Words Work Literacy Society

4705 – 49 Ave

Athabasca AB T9S 1B7

Tel: (780) 675-5650

Fax: (780) 675-5650

Email: gannand@literacyalberta.ca

Contact Person

Gerry Annand, Coordinator of family literacy program

Overview of Program

Through this program, each newborn baby in the Town of Athabasca, County of Athabasca and the Village of Boyle, Calling Lake and Smith receives a gift of children's books and a free library membership.

Four Months: receives cloth "Books for Babies" book bag with one picture book, one board book, literacy promotional material and a library membership valid for two years

Six Months: received a board book

Twelve Months: received a picture book

Our Books for Babies program is delivered in partnership with Aspen Health Services, Alice B. Donahue Library, Rochester Public Library, Grassland Library, and Boyle Public Library and is currently funded through the Wild Rose Foundation.

Approximate # of families served each year: 150

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books For Babies

Address:

Bonnyville Literacy Program

Box 8087

Bonnyville AB T9N 2J7

Tel: (780) 826-3354

Fax: (780) 826-3354

Email: bonnyvilleliteracy@incentre.net

Website: www.incentre.net/bonnyvillelearning

Contact Person:

Carmen Vincent, Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Educate area parents of the importance of early literacy and family literacy.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies/JumpStart

Address

Further Education Society

Bay #52, 3033-34th Avenue NE

Calgary AB T1Y 6X2

Phone: (403) 250-5034

Fax: (403) 250-5029

Email: sphillips@furthered.ca

Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

Contact Person

Sue Phillips, Co-executive Director

Melanie Reinboldt, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

Books for Babies/Jumpstart is a family literacy program for the newest members of our community. Our program recognizes, celebrates and supports parents as their child's first teacher. The program encourages parents to read to their children early in life because the time frame from birth until 3 years is an important window of opportunity for developing language skills.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Jumpstart)

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Books for Babies

Address

Badlands Building Blocks
Box 998
Drumheller AB T0J 0Y0
Tel: (403) 823-7969
Fax: (403) 823-7086
Email: budingblocks@oldscollee.ca

Contact Person

Louise Henrickson, Literacy Facilitator
Annette Nielsen, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Book bags are delivered by Public Health nurses to families of newborns. Presentations made throughout the year to parents in partnership with other organizations.

Approximate # of families served each year: Projected number 160 families

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Centre for Family Literacy
201, 11456 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton AB T5K 0M1
Tel: (780) 421-7323
Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: Wendy_Peverett@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person

Wendy Peverett, Coordinator
Kim Chung, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Books for Babies is a program delivered in partnership with community agencies (community support agencies, public health, Edmonton Public Libraries) to encourage parents to share books with their babies, starting in their first year. It is a four-week program delivered either through one-on-one contacts or in a group setting facilitated by various community partners, including parents from the program. Locations for the sessions include family resource centers, public health centers, libraries and community centers. New parents (with their babies) are invited to attend through health centre workers or community agency contacts.

The program provides each family with a sturdy book bag, a number of books, and easy-to-read information. Ways to enjoy books together are modeled and shared, and parents are given guidance around choosing appropriate books for their baby. Parents are also introduced to their local library and other available resources. The group sessions enjoy an informal, social time with other parents around a light meal. The last session includes time for parents to give feedback about the program and how it worked for them. Each group session is about an hour and half in length with a recommended group size of 10 to 15 families.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Books for Babies (in Partnership with Centre for Family Literacy)

Address

KARA Family Resource Centre
6717 – 132 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5C 2A4
Tel: (780) 478-5396
Fax: (780) 478-1979
Email: info@kara-frc.ca
Amanda@kara-frc.ca
Website: www.kara-frc.ca

Contact Person

Amanda Gibson, Early Childhood Services Coordinator
Tracey Bink, Director of Programs and Services

Overview of Program

Parents/caregivers come to 4 weekly sessions with a baby (under 12 months). Participants get a canvas bag and a brand new book for each session that they attend. The program includes sharing books with babies, a song and rhyme time, as well as a snack. Topics covered during the sessions include: what to look for in a good quality book, how babies respond to books at different stages of their development, tips on how to use books with babies, and accessing literacy resources in the community (i.e. library, COW bus, etc.)

Approximate # of families served each year: 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

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Books for Babies

Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre
5704 – 19A Avenue
Edmonton AB T6L 1L8
Tel: (780) 413-4521
Fax: (780) 490-1127
Email: karla@mwfrc.org
Website: www.mwfrc.org

Contact Person

Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

Overview of Program

Encourages parents of infants between birth and 12 months to share books with their babies. It supports all families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies (in Partnership with Centre for Family Literacy)

Address

Norwood Child & Family Resource Centre
9516 – 114 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5G 0K7
Tel: (780) 471-3737
Fax: (780) 477-1632
Email: janieg@ncfrc.ab.ca
Website: www.norwoodcentre.com

Contact Person

Janie Gunther, Program Administrator / Facilitator
Ann Moore, Program Manager

Overview of Program

A program that encourages parents / caregivers of infants up to age 12 months to share books with their babies. To promote early literacy and language experiences in their homes

Approximate # of families served each year: 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Edson and District Community Learning Society
#201, 111 – 54 Street
Edson AB T7E 1T2
Tel: (780) 723-6247
Fax: (780) 723-6253
Email: edcls@gyrd.ab.ca
Website: www.edcls.ca

Contact Person

Jodi Mantey, Edson Literacy Coordinator
Barb Cant, Edson Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

Books for Babies encourages parents of infants between birth and 12 months to share books with their babies. It supports all families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships.

Approximate # of families served each year: 16

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9625 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel (780) 539-6077
Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: Elizabeth.bell@gppsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gplifelonglearning.com

Contact Person

Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Our program is for parents and their babies. It is offered once a week for an hour each week for a total of 4 weeks. The program encourages parent to share books with their babies starting in their first year. Information is shared and discussed regarding choosing quality books, how to interact with the books, different types of books and more. It supports all families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships. Participants receive a good quality book bag and a board book on the first week. They receive an additional book each week that they attend. A teddy bear is given out to parents on week two. They are encouraged to use the teddy as a reading buddy for their children. On week three we go to the local library for a tour and participants receive a gift certificate for a free Family Library Membership. If a tour is unavailable the Librarian comes to talk directly to the group. Snacks and social time is provided each week.

Approximate # of families served each year: 70-80

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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Books for Babies

Address

Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 – 10 Street SE
High River AB T1V 2B9
Tel: (403) 652-5090
Toll free: 1-866-652-5090
Fax: (403) 601-2389
Email: lfladmin@telus.net
Website: www.litforlife.com

Contact Person

Tracy Howk, Family Literacy Coordinator
Sue Stegmeier, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Every new parent in the MD of Foothills receives a bag from the public health nurse with books and information on the importance of reading to their baby, information on child development and a free family library membership. They receive the bag within 24 to 48 hours of the birth of their child. Envelope with another book, library membership and appropriate information is given out on the 18 month visit to the health unit.

Approximate # of families served each year: 720

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Henday Association for Lifelong Learning
#2, 4407 – 49 Street
Innisfail AB T4G 1P3
Tel: (403) 227-2866
Fax: (403) 227-3579
Email: henday@rrttinc.com
Website: www.Hendaylearning.com

Contact Person

Donna Arnold, Executive Director CALC and Family Literacy Coordinator
Bev Wild, Adult Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Offered in Red Deer County, Books for Babies is a program that encourages parents of infants between birth and 12 months to share books with their babies. It supports all families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships. It is a 4-week program delivered in a group setting. Each family is provided with a book bag, 1 book per week and easy to read information. Songs and rhymes, ways to enjoy books and book selection is also shared. Parents are also introduced to their local library and other local resources. Each week ends with a snack and social / networking time.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20 - 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional Training Available)

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Books for Babies

Address

Flagstaff Literacy Project
Box 535
Killam AB T0B 2L0
Tel: (780) 385-3900
Fax: (780) 385-3528
Email: literacy@fcal.net
Website: www.fcal.net

Contact Person

Lois Polege, Literacy Coordinator
Margaret O'Reilly, Program Manager (Volunteer)

Overview of Program

Gift bags containing children's books and information about early literacy and brain development are distributed by Public Health Nurses to families with newborns at their first well baby visit.

Approximate # of families served each year: 80

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Lloydminster Learning Council Association
Box 1651, 4419 – 52 Avenue
Lloydminster SK/AB S9V 1K6
Tel: (780) 875-5763
Fax: (780) 875-5793
Email: l-learn@telusplanet.net

Contact Person

Darlene MacDonald, Executive Director

Overview of Program

A program for parents/caregivers and babies (newborn to 1 year), which recognizes, supports and celebrates parents as their children's first teachers. Families will come together once per week for 4 weeks. They will become aware of the strong influence they have on their children's attitude towards literacy and learning. Parents are encouraged to read to their children early in life as newborn to one year is an important window of opportunity for the brain to develop language skills.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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Books for Babies

Address

Mountain View Community Literacy
B3, 5030 – 50 Street
Olds AB T4H 1S1
Tel: (403) 556-3045
Fax: (403) 556-3039
Email: mvfl@telus.net

Contact Person

Heather Dixon, Family Program Coordinator
Katharine Perich, Executive Director

Overview of Program

We have no teaching component to this project. We provide a canvas book bag with 2 children's books and information about reading to / with babies and young children. The Public Health Nurses distribute the bags during well baby clinics or as part of a home visit.

Approximate # of families served each year: 350

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

County of Ponoka Literacy Society
76, 6205 – 54 Street
Ponoka AB T4J 1M5
Tel: (403) 783-5211
Fax: (403) 783-7494
Email: mhuff@rttinc.com

Contact Person

Dorothy Houghton, Coordinator

Overview of Program

A book is delivered by the Welcome Wagon to each newborn child in Ponoka.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org

Contact Person

Celia Jaipaul, Manager

Overview of Program

We provide Books for Babies books bags, resource boxes and other materials to Family Services of Central Alberta. Home visiting staff use these materials for the literacy component when they do home visits to families with new babies in the homes.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address:

Rocky Community Learning Council
Box 2037
Rocky Mountain House AB T4T 1B5
Tel: (403) 845-4544
Fax: 403) 845-7728
Email: info@rockyclc.ab.ca

Contact Person

Donna Reid, Council Coordinator
Pat Warkentin, Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

This 4-session program encourages parents of infants from birth to 12 months to share books and rhymes with their babies. Ways to enjoy books together are modeled. Parents are introduced to their local library and other available resources. Each participant receives a book every week. Snacks, childcare and transportation are provided.

This program is presented in Rocky Mountain House, Caroline, Leslieville and Condor communities. It supports families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships. Parents are encouraged to network with other parents in the group and to use other family literacy programs and resources in the community.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Beaver County Family Literacy Program

Box 140

Ryley AB T0B 4A0

Tel: (780) 663-3730

Fax: (780) 663-3602

Email: rcooper@beaver.ab.ca

Contact Person

Rae Cooper, Coordinator Beaver County Family Literacy Program

Overview of Program

This program is for parents and children 0 – 3 years. A facilitator guides parents and children through the program by modeling ways to read books to young children and by suggesting some ideas about good books for specific ages. Each family receives a book bag with 2 gift books and some good information on books, babies, libraries, etc.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies

Address

Family Learning Initiative

Box 780

Valleyview AB T0H 3N0

Tel: (780) 524-4323

Fax: (780) 524-2537

Email: jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca

Contact Person:

Judy Smith, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Four – one-hour workshops. Parents learn the importance of rhymes, stories, songs and books in their children’s development. Parents get to see a variety of books, hear stories and practice rhymes. They receive a book to take home at each workshop. Healthy snacks are provided.

Approximate # of families served each year: 12

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Babies**Address**

Community Association for Lasting Success

Box 766

Vegreville AB T9C 1R4

Tel: (780) 632-3225

Fax: (780) 632-3252

Email: calsveg@telus.net

Contact Person

Jodi Rasmusson, Northeast Regional Coordinator & Family Literacy Coordinator / Facilitator

Marnie Kassian, Family Literacy Coordinator / Facilitator

Overview of Program

4 week program focusing on choosing / sharing books with children 0-1 years. Parents and babies are introduced to simple songs / rhymes to share together to stimulate babies early language skills. Each family receives a book bag and 4 age appropriate books along with information on community resources.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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Books for Babies**Address**

Rainbow Literacy Society

Box 180

Vulcan AB T0L 2B0

Tel: (403) 485-3107

Fax: (403) 485-1979

Email: coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com

Website: www.rainbowliteracy.com

Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator

Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

A canvas bag with suitable books, tips on making reading fun, suggestions on good books to share with your baby and a free library card is distributed to families with newborns by Health Unit nurses during the first visit. An envelope with a suitable book and additional literacy information is also distributed at the 12-month visit.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Books for Babies

Address

South Peace Family Literacy
Box 607
Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
Tel: (780) 518-7361
Fax: (780) 354-4187
Email: spf@telus.net
holly_handfield@famlit.ca
Website: www.sprcl.ca

Contact Person

Holly Handfield, Manager

Overview of Program

Our program is for parents and their babies under 18 months. It is offered once a week for an hour each week for a total of 4 weeks. The program encourages parents to share books with their babies starting in their first year. Information is shared and discussed regarding choosing quality books, how to interact with the books, different types of books and more. It supports all families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50
Do you offer training in this type of program?
Yes (Regional)

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Books for Babies

Address

Wetaskiwin Community Literacy Program
Box 6265
Wetaskiwin AB T9A 2E9
Tel: (780) 352-7257
Fax: (780) 352-5205
Email: literacy@incentre.net

Contact Person

Judy Bortnik, Literacy Coordinator
Wendy Graham, Program Facilitator

Overview of Program

Parents are given a book bag at baby's four-month check-up at the Health Unit. The book bags contain 2 books and information about early literacy development along with the baby's first library card.

Approximate # of families served each year: 200
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Books for Mommy and Me

Address

The Candora Society of Edmonton
266 Abbottsfield Mall
3210 – 118 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5W 4W1
Tel: (780) 477-5655
Fax: (780) 477-5659
Email: crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com
diane.sopher@candorasociety.com
Website: www.candorasociety.com

Contact Person

Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations & Children's Program Manager

Overview of Program

This program is delivered in partnership with Partners for kids and Youth in the Abbottsfield Mall, in conjunction with the Mommy and Me activity. A sturdy book bag is given to each family with a new book to take home each week. Parents are introduced to ways in which to share books with their babies ages 0-12 months. Songs, stories and rhymes are shared each week along with guidance on how to choose appropriate books for ages and stages of their babies. A light snack and discussion rounds out the hour-long program.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Preschoolers

Address

Norwood Child & Family Resource Centre
9516 – 114 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5G 0K7
Tel: (780) 471-3737
Fax: (780) 477-1632
Email: janieg@ncfrc.ab.ca
Website: www.norwoodcentre.com

Contact Person

Janie Gunther, Program Administrator / Facilitator
Ann Moore, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Program for children 2 1/2 years to 5 years old. Books, storytelling, puppets, crafts, games are all a part of this program. Parents and children do everything together.

Approximate # of families served each year: 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Toddlers

Address

Norwood Child & Family Resource Centre
9516 – 114 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5G 0K7
Tel: (780) 471-3737
Fax: (780) 477-1632
Email: janieg@ncfrc.ab.ca
Website: www.norwoodcentre.com

Contact Person

Janie Gunther, Program Administrator / Facilitator
Ann Moore, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Program for children 13 months to 2 1/2 years old and their parents. During the program we read books, tell stories, use puppets, do crafts, play games, sing songs, dance and meet new friends.

Approximate # of families served each year: 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books for Wee Ones

Address

Grimshaw / Berwyn District Community Adult Learning
Box 1120
Grimshaw AB T0H 1W0
Tel: (780) 332-1110
Fax: (780) 332-1152
Email: gbcals@telusplanet.net

Contact Person

Sharon Szmata, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

The canvass bag handed out at Public Health contains books, tips on making reading fun, suggestions on good books to share with your baby and a free library card and information about health and education. The goal is to ensure that all families are aware of the value of reading.

Approximate # of families served each year: 35

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books Offer Our Kids Success (B.O.O.K.S.)

Address

The Candora Society of Edmonton
266 Abbottsfield Mall
3210 – 118 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5W 4W1
Tel: 477-5655
Fax: 477-5659
Email: crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com
diane.sopher@candorasociety.com
Website: www.candorasociety.com

Contact Person

Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations and Children's Program Manger

Overview of Program

We run B.O.O.K.S. in conjunction with our Family Active Living program for 8 weeks every Friday. We explore a different book each week, discuss, and model ways in which adults can share books with their children. A craft activity that is linked to the story is done and then the participants get to take home the book and craft materials to share with their child. Each week the book is brought back and a new one is explored.

Approximate # of families served each year: 25

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Books Offer Our Kids Success (B.O.O.K.S.)

Address

Centre for Family Literacy
201, 11456 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton AB T5K 0M1
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Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: colleen_crozier@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person

Colleen Crozier, Program Coordinator
Kim Chung, Program Manager

Overview of Program

B.O.O.K.S. is based on the Homespun program developed at the Brooks Campus of Medicine Hat College. This, in turn, is based on the Motherhead program out of North Carolina. A qualified, paid facilitator models book sharing strategies with small groups of eight to ten parents, for eight weeks. Ideas and themes are discussed and the stories are extended by arts and crafts and drama activities. Parents also engage in informal writing, often writing a story for their children during the program. Parents borrow books to share with their pre-school children and they also receive gift books.

The B.O.O.K.S. programs are run in the community in partnership with Head Start programs, community development projects, schools, health centres and daycares. This program has run successfully since 1993 and is becoming well recognized among other community agencies. Please call the coordinator for details on program locations.

Approximate # of families served each year: 120
Do you offer training in this type of program?
Yes

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Books Offer Our Kids Success (B.O.O.K.S.)

Address:

Rocky Community Learning Council
Box 2037
Rocky Mountain House AB T4T 1B5
Tel: (403) 845-4544
Fax: 403) 845-7728
Email: info@rockyclc.ab.ca

Contact Person

Donna Reid, Council Coordinator
Pat Warkentin, Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Parents (of children 3-5 yrs of age) and facilitator meet weekly for 6 weeks to read and share good quality children's books, talk about ideas and themes in books, do related crafts and writing activities. Each week they take books home to share with their children. The program also encourages parents with their own reading and writing. Snacks, childcare and transportation are provided.

This program is presented in Rocky Mountain House, Caroline, Leslieville and Condor communities. It supports families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships. Parents are encouraged to network with other parents in the group and to use other family literacy programs and resources in the community.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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BOOKS

Address

Taber & District Community Adult Learning Association
Box 20, Provincial Building
5011 - 49 Avenue
Taber AB T1G 1V9
Tel: (403) 223-1146
Fax: (403) 223-3412
Email: executivedirector@taberadultlearning.com
Website: www.taberadultlearning.com

Contact Person

Marilyn Visser, Literacy Coordinator
Donna Hamilton, Project Manager

Overview of program

We run Families Learning Together at three sites in our area. We do "BOOKS" two times a week for seventeen weeks at each site. We do the program first thing in the morning for 45 minutes to an hour, which is good way for the parents and children to start the day together. We read the story and then

hand out the books and encourage everyone to follow along. Then depending on the book, we sometimes take turns reading it or telling the story. The parents then look at and read the book with their child. We always do a book related craft or game involving the parent and child so that the family can take it home and use it with the book. The parents are encouraged to take books home and read them with their children and bring them back the next time we have BOOKS.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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BOOKS

Address

Family Learning Initiative
Box 780
Valleyview AB T0H 3N0
Tel: (780) 524-4323
Fax: (780) 524-2537
Email: jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca

Contact Person

Judy Smith, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Over a six-week period, this group reads 6 traditional children's stories, discusses them and learns associated crafts. They take the books home and share the stories and craft activities with their families. Healthy snacks are shared. The first and last books are the participants to keep.

Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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BOOKS ~ Together

Address

Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9626 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel (780) 539-6077
Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: elizabeth.bell@gppsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gplifelonglearning.com

Contact Person

Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Each BOOKS~Together program will be offered once a week for 1.5 hours for 6 weeks. This program is based on the belief that parents are the children's first and most important teachers. In our Books ~Together program, parents and their children meet to read and share children's books, songs, rhymes and art activities based around the books that we use. Families also participate in a sharing time where they can bring favourite books from home to share with the group. We talk with parents about sharing books with children and how it teaches them the enjoyment of reading books; book language and the pattern of stories; how print works and how books are organized; and strategies to help in reading. Snacks and social time is provided at each session.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20-30
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Bookworm Buddies

Address

Grimshaw / Berwyn District Community Adult Learning
Box 1120
Grimshaw AB T0H 1W0
Tel: (780) 332-1110
Fax: (780) 332-1152
Email: gbcals@telusplanet.net

Contact Person

Sharon Szmata, Resouce Person
Linda Chmilar, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Children's stories, crafts, songs and activities fro ages 3-5. The goal of the program is to foster interest in literacy activities among young children and families. Listening to stories, looking a t books, and participating in songs, etc. are the most important part of the program.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Building Adolescent Skills In School (BASIS)

Address

Rainbow Literacy Society
Box 180
Vulcan AB T0L 2B0
Tel: (403) 485-3107
Fax: (403) 485-1979
Email: coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com
Website: www.rainbowliteracy.com

Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

An after school program which uses trained paid Builders (literacy support workers) to help adolescents acquire organizational skills, study skills, reading and writing skills and social interactive skills. Builders help adolescents learn strategies to help ease the transition from elementary into junior high school. Information on these strategies is conveyed to parents through meetings, phone calls or written material.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10
Do you offer training in this type of program?
Yes

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Building Blocks

Address

Sturgeon Family Literacy
Box 458
Bon Accord ABT0A 0K0
Tel: (780) 921-3589 Ext 2
Email: anittajensen@gmail.com
Website: www.sturgeon-literacy.ca

Contact Person

Anitta Jensen, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Literacy builders visit homes to share ideas about reading and learning. We offer parents some tools needed to help their children with literacy. This interactive program is designed for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-6.

Approximate # of families served each year: 15

Do you offer training in this type of program:

No

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Building Blocks, St. Paul and area

Address

Portage College
Box 1471
5205 – 50 Ave
St. Paul AB T0A 3A0
Tel: (780) 645-5223 x 224
Fax: (780) 645-5162
Email: narr-cross@hotmail.com
nicole.crossan@portagecolleg.ca

Contact Person

Marvin Bjornstad, Program Manger
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

Over of Program

We visit adults in their homes or a place in the community to teach them family time activities, songs and rhymes, English Language Learning skills, and life skills (filling out forms and applying for employment)

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Building Blocks

Address

Paintearth Community Adult Learning Council
Box 808
Coronation AB T0C 1C0
Tel: (403) 578-3817 or 888-578-3817
Fax: (403) 578-2866
Email: info@aroundpaintearth.com
Website: www.aroundpaintearth.com

Contact Person

Kimberley Dunkle, Executive Director
Mandy Fuller, Program Assistant

Overview of Program

A trained builder shows you how to have fun building literacy skills through everyday life experiences with your children 0-6 years old.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Building Blocks

Address

Hanna Literacy Program
401 Centre Street
Hanna AB T0J 1P0
Tel: (403) 854-2099
Fax: (403) 854-4166
Email: lindsay.jennings@hannalearning.com
Website: www.hannalearning.com

Contact Person

Lindsay Jennings, Hanna Literacy Services Coordinator
Elaine Wasdal, Hanna Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

We offer the Building Blocks Program in a community of just under 3,000 people. We have also recently partnered with the Health unit to connect with prenatal and postnatal moms. The entire staff is new as of September 2008.

Approximate # of families served each year: 8

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Building Blocks

Address

Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 – 10 Street SE
High River AB T1V 2B9
Tel: (403) 652-5090
Toll free: 8-866-652-5090
Fax: (403) 601-2389
Email: literacy@telus.net

Contact Person

Tracy Howk, Family Literacy Coordinator
Sue Stegmeier, Executive Director

Overview of Program

In-home program that works with parents of children aged birth to 17. Trained Literacy Builders share and model everyday strategies and activities that parents can use to support their role as their child's first and most important teacher. The tools are designed to meet the reality of each family and based on their needs and strengths. The program also introduces the concept of essential skills and their importance to a child's and parent's economic and social success.

Approximate # of families served each year: 200

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Building Blocks

Address

Camrose Family Literacy
2nd Floor
4872 – 50 Street
Camrose AB T4V 1P7
Tel: (780) 672-8754
Fax: (780) 672-7621
Email: sharilyn@camrosecalc.com
Website: www.camroselearning.com

Contact Person

Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Inhome support of 10, 1 hour visits, to families, sharing information and ideas on early literacy and learning. Emphasis on using what is in the home.

Approximate # of families served each year: 25

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Building Blocks

Address

Drumheller Family Literacy
Box 998
Drumheller AB T0J 0Y0
Tel: (403) 823-7969
Fax: (403) 823-7083
Email: buildingblocks@oldscollge.ca

Contact Person

Louise Hendrickson, Family Literacy Coordinator
Annette Nielson, Administration

Overview of Program

Badlands Building Blocks is an in-home literacy program for eligible families with children newborn to six years age. We support families to create a learning environment. Assist with your child's learning needs by focusing on family activities that are fun! Serving Drumheller and surrounding areas.

Approximate # of families served each year: 15

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Building Blocks

Address

Beaver County Family Literacy Program
Box 140
Ryley AB T0B 4A0
Tel: (780) 663-3730
Fax: (780) 663-3602
Email: rcooper@beaver.ab.ca

Contact Person

Rae Cooper, Coordinator Beaver County Family Literacy Program
Cheryl Lawson, Coordinator Beaver County Community Adult Learning Council & Adult Literacy

Overview of Program

An inter-active family literacy program. "Builders" work with parents and children in -home providing parents with strategies, ideas and knowledge on how to tap into everyday activities to promote literacy development and create a literacy-rich environment in the home.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100+-

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Building Blocks

Address

Kneehill Adult Learning Society READ Projects (READ Family)
423 Main Street
Box 639
Three Hills AB T0M 2A0
Tel: (403) 443-5556
Fax: (403) 443-5155
Email: read4me@telus.net
Website: www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Hollidge, Program Coordinator
Jaylene Capnerhurst, Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

In-home visits with caregivers and their children introduce literacy strategies in the early stages of learning. Families are introduced to simple methods of creating a literate home, which keeps the fun in learning. All activities are created from items typically found within each home and geared to individual family needs.

Approximate # of families served each year: 40
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Building Blocks Family Literacy Program

Address

Rainbow Literacy Society
Box 180
Vulcan AB T0L 2B0
Tel: (403) 485-3107
Fax: (403) 485-1979
Email: coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com
Website: www.rainbowliteracy.com

Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

This is a family literacy in-home support program which uses trained, paid Builders (literacy practitioners) to help parents learn about literacy acquisition and to learn strategies to help support their child's literacy development. The program is tailored to meet the needs of each family.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50
Do you offer training in this type of program?
Yes

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Challenges “Being the Best Me I Can Be”

Address

Brooks Community Adult Learning Council
Box 64, 107B 1 Street West
Brooks AB T1R 1B2
Tel: (403) 362-5372
Fax: (403) 793-8249
Email: bcalc@telusplanet.net

Contact Person

Tammy Goldade, Coordinator
Eileen Aebly, Receptionist

Overview of Program

Working with single, low income, barred moms, to help them provide a better environment for their families, enhance work skills, develop and improve self-esteem. The moms make crafts with their children, learn how to prepare healthy lunches, meals, snacks, read with their children and many other fun learning activities.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Chansons, Contes et comptines

Address

Société des parents pour l'éducation francophone de Canmore
P.O. Box 40018
Canmore AB T1W 3H9
Tel: (403) 609-3759
Fax: (403) 609-0056
Email: spefdecanmore@telus.net

Contact Person

Geneviève Poulin, Présidente
Patricia Marois, Coordinatrice scolaire – communautaire

Overview of Program

Once a week (period of 8 week), for approximately 1.5 hrs, parents and child (age 2 to 4 yrs old) meet with an animator for a fun time to discover the joy of reading and being read to. There is always a theme, a letter and a sound that is presented to the children. Each session starts with the animator presenting and reading a book chosen specifically to awaken the children imagination and their desire to learn. Parents and their children participate in activities related to the story, such as: drawing, craft, singing, poems, rhymes, etc. Parents have a period apart from their children for a few minutes to discuss specific subjects such as great books discovered, different topics of interest, how they implemented their reading routine, etc. Bricolo, the clown, follows the children through their learning and their imagination and brings out surprises. Parents receive an activity book including craft ideas, words of the songs and rhymes, a carrying bag and each book that was read.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20 families

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (through EDUK)

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Circle Rhyme Time

Address

Drumheller Family Literacy
Box 998
Drumheller AB T0J 0Y0
Tel: (403) 823-7969
Fax: (403) 823-7083
Email: buildingblocks@oldscollge.ca

Contact Person

Louise Henrickson, Family Literacy Coordinator
Annette Nielsen, Administration

Overview of Program

To provide an opportunity for parents / caregivers to meet and learn new songs, rhymes, and lullabies to share with their children in a warm and welcoming environment. It also provides a positive supportive environment for parents. Two facilitators lead the weekly program from January until May for 45 minutes / session. In partnership with: Golden Prairie Parent Link

Approximate # of families served each year: projected 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Classroom on Wheels (C.O.W.) Literacy Bus

Address

Centre for Family Literacy
201, 11456 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton AB T5K 0M1
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Cell: 217-0411
Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: Janice_Schneider@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person

Janice Schneider, Literacy Bus Coordinator
Kim Chung, Program Manager

Overview of Program

The Storybook C.O.W. is a children's bookmobile that travels to various sites around Edmonton. The bus carries a large collection of children's books. This program offers an opportunity for parents and children to drop in and view weekly-featured books and story props. There are two staff members on the bus; one remains at the front of the bus and the second staff members interacts with the children and parents at the back of the bus. Parents have the choice of reading to their children or having a facilitator read stories to them. The program is very individualized and based on the needs of the group that is on the bus at any given site. Books can be borrowed for two weeks and weekly draws are held in order to give parents an opportunity to own quality books. Please call the coordinator for details on program locations.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Colour Our World, Children's Settlement Program

Address

Centre for Newcomers
125, 920 – 36 Street NE
Calgary AB T2A 6L8
Tel: (403) 569-3325
Fax: (403) 248-5041
Email: z.khan@centrefornewcomers.ca
Website: www.centrefornewcomers.ca

Contact Person

Zainab Khan, Program Coordinator
Victor Lantion, Community Development Manager

Overview of Program

Colour Our World is an innovative settlement service for newly arrived immigrant and refugee children between the ages of two to twelve years. This unique learning program helps newcomer children adjust to life and school in Canada through educational and fun activities. These activities seek to address children's settlement issues such as social and emotional isolation, coping with the changing weather, preparing for school in Canada, and knowledge about sports, food and customs in Canada. Colour Our World seeks to increase cross-cultural understanding and public awareness of multiculturalism.

Approximate # of families served each year: 300 families

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Come Read With Me

Address

D.V. Read and Learn
Box 6321
Drayton Valley AB T7A 2A3
Tel: (780) 621-1722
Fax: (780) 621-1722
Email: dvlit@incentre.net
Website: www.dvreadandlearn.com

Contact Person

Lori Heywood, Family Literacy Coordinator
Allie Spicer-Riess, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Based on the B.O.O.K.S. program model the parents spend time once per week for 7 weeks to study a popular children's book and take home activities that make the story come alive for their children. The goal is to bring awareness to parents about the value of their role in their child's learning and to provide them with the tools necessary for success.

Approximate # of families served each year: 18

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Come Read With Me

Address

Lloydminster Learning Council Association
Box 1651, 4419 - 52 Ave.
Lloydminster SK/AB S9V 1K6
Tel: (780) 875-5763
Fax: (780) 875-5793
Email: l-learn@telusplanet.net

Contact Person

Darlene MacDonald, Executive Director

Overview of Program

A program for parents of children 3 to 6 years, which uses children's books for ideas, activities and crafts. Parents will come together once per week for 8 weeks. They will learn the importance of sharing books with their children in a variety of ways and will get the chance to create a book for their children.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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Community Kitchen

Address

Family Centre
1010 – 4 Ave South
Lethbridge AB T1J 0P5
Tel: (403) 320-4232
Fax: (403) 329-7321
Email: Cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca
Website: www.famcentre.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Skaien, Early Childhood Coordinator
Jessica Schmeizer, Early Childhood Educator

Overview of Program

Good food and good friends are what you and your children will get when you come to The Interfaith Chinook Country Kitchen at 1116 – 3 Ave North. Join us for FREE cooking sessions and children's programming.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Dad's and Tot's Create a Lot

Address

Edson and District Community Learning Society
201, 111 – 54 Street
Edson AB T7E 1T2
Tel: (780) 723-7247
Fax: (780) 723-6253
Email: edcls@gyrd.ab.ca
Website: www.edcls.ab.ca

Contact Person

Jodi Mantey, Edson Literacy coordinator
Barb Cant, Edson Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

This program is new and will be geared towards fathers / male caregivers. Each session will have interactive activities with leader led discussions on the importance of fathers modeling literacy skills. The facilitator will point out the literacy that is being used in each activity such as, oral communication, problem solving, numeracy and working with others etc. This program is offered for 8 weeks, 2 hours per week evenings.

Approximate # of families served each year: 16

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Early Language – Early Literacy

Address

Early Head Start – E4C
9321 – Jasper Avenue
Edmonton AB T5H 3T7
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Fax: (780) 424-1372
Email: rstill@e4calberta.org
Website: www.e4calberta.org

Contact Person

Rebecca Still, Family Literacy Coordinator
Dixie Chell, Team Leader

Overview of Program

Early Language-Early Literacy is an adaption of LAPS, Rhymes that Bind and Books for Babies which is incorporated into the regular Early Head Start programming. Families with children birth to 3 ½ years attend a comprehensive 10-month program which includes circle time, family play time, parent group and home visits.

Approximate # of families served each year: 120

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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ELL Mom's Group

Address

Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9627 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel (780) 539-6077
Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: elizabeth.bell@gppsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gplifelonglearning.com

Contact Person

Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

Overview of Program

This program is a combination of all of the other programs that we are offering but directly targeted at the ELL mom's in the area that need extra support. We run this program once a week for 1.5 hours each time. We do literacy activities in combination with life skills opportunities that the Mom's request. Snack and social time is provided. Transportation is available to those who require it.

Approximate # of families served each year: 15

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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ESL Parent Child Mother Goose Program

Address

County of Forty Mile Write Break Literacy Program
Box 508
Foremost AB T0K 0X0
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Fax: (403) 867-2242
Email: writebreak@fortymmile.ab.ca

Contact Person

Jodi Cassell, Coordinator for Family Literacy Programs in the county, Instructor
Cathy Hennebury, Instructor and CALC coordinator

Overview of Program

Our ESL Mother Goose program piggy-backs on our ESL classes that happen in 3 communities. The parents bring their children an hour and half before the English class begins. We read stories, do rhymes, sing songs and have a snack. During snack time we talk about something that's happening in the community that they may not have heard about, health issues or what ever the parents have brought or have questions about. We also have 2 more Rhyme programs that are housed in the local public libraries. They are sponsored by Parent Link.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10 to 12 families per session that runs twice a year, so approximate 20 families per year. In the library programs we have approximate 20 families who participate per year.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Family Fun Connections

Address

Rocky Native Friendship Centre
Box 1927
Rocky Mountain House AB T4T 1A3
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Fax: (403) 845-3093
Email: mduhamel.rnfc@shawlink.ca
ljohnson.rnfc@shawlink.ca

Contact Person

Melissa Duhamel, Literacy Coordinator
Louise Johnson, Literacy Facilitator

Do you offer training in they type of program?

No

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Family Reading Fun

Address

Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org

Contact Person

Celia Jaipaul, Manager

Overview of Program

We partner with local agencies to do story times and presentations for parents and children.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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First Steps

Address

South Peace Family Literacy
Box 607
Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
Tel: (780) 518-7361
Fax: (780) 354-4187
Email: spfi@telus.net
Holly_handfield@famlit.ca
Website: www.sprcl.ca

Contact Person

Holly Handfield, Manager

Overview of Program

The First Steps program is intended to be a stepping stone program for the participants that are unable or reluctant to attend regular groups for a variety of reasons. The program is offered in the

home of the participant and runs for about 1.5 hours each week for 6 weeks. Weekly programming includes rhymes, stories, songs, activities and information for families.

Approximate # of families served each year: 5-6

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Book Buddies / Food Fun

Address

Literacy for Life Foundation

#3, 1204 – 10 Street SE

High River AB T1V 2B9

Tel: (403) 652-5090

Fax: (403) 601-2389

Email: literacy@telus.net

Website: www.litforlife.com

Contact Person

Tracy Howk, Family Literacy Coordinator

Sue Stegmeier, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Book Buddies runs every other week for four sessions and is based on parents and children making their own keepsake books. Each week they follow a theme based on concepts and creativity. After this, a circle time happens where related songs, poems, stories and book sharing completes the hour. The program is most suitable for parents with children three to four years old. Food Fun runs in the weeks Book Buddies takes a break and is a creative way to mix up food, fun and literacy in a hands-on way. Again, it is suitable for parents with children 3-4 years old but all who attend are welcome to participate. This is a theme program based on the four food groups. Parents and children participate in making a snack, doing a theme related activity followed by a circle time which includes food related songs, poems, fingerplays and stories. Communities within the MD of Foothills #31.

Approximate # of families served each year: 60

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Fun on Fridays

Address

Edson Friendship Centre

13 5023 – 3 Ave

Edson AB

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Fax: (780) 723-4250

Email: tina_efc@telus.net

Contact Person

Tina Clifton, Coordinator

Valerie Findlay, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Pre-natal parents and parents with pre-school children (ages 0-6) attend Fridays from 10:00 to 2:00. Each session starts with parents in a program together to discuss issues important to them with a

focus on positive bonding through engagement in literacy and fun activities. The children will be with childcare providers who are engaging the children in meaningful literacy based fun activities. Parents join their children for lunch and an afternoon of activities together that may include crafts, visiting the library, games, bowling etc. Program ends with songs and storytelling. Transportation, snacks and lunch will be provided.

Approximate # of families served each year: 16
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Get Read Get Set

Address

D.V. Read and Learn
Box 6321
Drayton Valley AB T7A 2A3
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Fax: (780) 621-1722
Email: dvlit@incentre.net
Website: www.dvreadandlearn.com

Contact Person

Lori Heywood, Family Literacy Coordinator
Allie Spicer-Riess, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Based on the Magic Carpet Ride program model the parents and children spend time together exploring centers that are literacy-based activities. They join in a large group for rhymes, stories and snack time.

Approximate # of families served each year: 22
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Golden Prairie Playtime

Address

Golden Prairie Parent Link
Box 430
Hanna AB T0J 1P0
Tel: (403) 857-9553
Fax: (403) 854-5673
Email: hanna@goldenprairieplc.ca
Website: www.goldenprairieplc.ca

Contact Person

Cori Amundrud, Coordinator
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor

Overview of Program

Interactive playtime for children newborn to 6 years of age with a parent / caregiver. This free program includes indoor gym time, arts and crafts, music, songs and rhymes, free play, games and stories. Parent education and resources available on site for loan.

Approximate # of families served each year: 35
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Grandir avec mon enfant – LAPS adapted for Francophone Community

Address

SPEF – Franco-accueil
4617 – 50 Avenue
St. Paul AB T0A 3A3
Tel: (780) 645-5050
Fax: (780) 534-1939
Email: lreidy@atrium.ca

Contact Person

Louise Reidy, Coordinator for Franco-accueil

Overview of Program

The Literacy and Parenting Skills program (LAPS) allows parents to reaffirm what they already know and learn new skills to help them in their parenting. Participants will also learn how to help their children with their literacy development. Parents and a group leader meet for a determined number of sessions. They share their experiences and ideas in pairs and small groups.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Grandmother Turtle

Address

Awo Taan Healing Lodge Parent Link Centre
100, 1603 – 10 Ave SW
Calgary AB T3C 0J7
Tel: (403) 531-1880
Fax: (403) 531-1884
Email: info-parentlink@awotaan.org
Website: www.awotaan.org

Contact Person

Doreen Roy, Program Coordinator / Cultural Advisor
Rachel Galant, Child Support / Triple P Facilitator

Overview of Program

A learning circle for parents and children 0-6, learning to interact through play, hand drum, songs, rhymes, stories, movement and dance. Hour long sessions encourage parent/child bonding, sharing and promoting oral language and socializing.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Grow Along With Me

Address

Family Centre
1010 – 4 Ave South
Lethbridge AB T1J 0P5
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Fax: (403) 329-7321
Email: Cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca
Website: www.famcentre.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Skaien, Early Childhood Coordinator
Carol Orr, Early Childhood Educator

Overview of Program

Just like visiting the dentist, having an eye appointment or seeing a doctor, it's important to schedule a developmental check-up for your child. Grow Along With Me is a three-year project that is focused on reaching children 18-36 months and ensuring their families receive the support they need to foster healthy growth and development. For more information on this project, visit www.growalongwithme.ca

Approximate # of families served each year: 15
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Growing Child . . . Growing Parent

Address

L.E.A.R.N.
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Medicine Hat AB T1A 3Y6
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Tel: (403) 504- 3513 Deanna Arelis
Email: cgerl@mhc.ab.ca
Email: darelis@mhc.ab.ca
Website: www.learn-council.ca

Contact Person

Celena Gerl, Manager Family Literacy Programs
Deanna Arelis, Executive Director

Overview of Program

It is a program where families meet for 3 hours once a week for 20 weeks (14 weeks 2008/09 year). For the first hour and a half of the program the parents and children are in separate programs. The parent portion of the programming follows the LAPS model and also incorporates the B.O.O.K.S. model (2009/2010 and 2010/2011 program years). Parents come together to work on their literacy and parenting skills and learn ways to share books with their children. The children are in a separate room taking part in literacy activities including crafts, stories, songs and rhymes. We bring the families together to share a nutritious lunch and then we end the day with a Rhyme Time session. Parents receive a weekly grocery bag of fresh produce as an incentive to attend the program. Assistance with transportation is also available to program participants.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Help Your Child To Read and Write

Address

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201, 11456 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton AB T5K 0M1
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Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: Kim_Chung@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person

Kim Chung, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Parents or parents and their elementary school-aged children meet once a week for 1 1/2 hour sessions for 4 to 6 weeks. They look at children's strengths and abilities, use good quality children's books to practice making meaning from print and review writing skills, comprehension strategies and study skills.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) Calgary

Address

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association
200, 138 4th Ave SE
Calgary AB T2G 4Z6
Tel: (403) 263-4414
Fax: (403) 264-3914
Email: yuliam@ciwa-online.com
Website: www.ciwa-online.com

Contact Person

Yulia Minakova, HIPPY Coordinator

Overview of Program

HIPPY Calgary works with low income, low literacy immigrant families in targeted community locations throughout Calgary. Through weekly home visits, parents learn to become their child's first and best educator. Using the HIPPY curriculum, 3-5 year old children develop strategies that will help them be successful in school.

Approximate # of families served each year: 60

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Homespun

Address

Further Education Society
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE
Calgary AB T1Y 6X2
Tel: (403) 250-5034
Fax: (403) 250-5029
Email: ecairns@furthered.ca and sphillips@furthered.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

Contact Person

Sue Phillips, Co-executive Director
Melanie Reinboldt, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

Homespun is a program for adults who want to learn more about reading, writing and interacting with their children.

Approximate # of families served each year: Dependent on funding

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Home Reader Program

Address

Calgary Learning Centre
3930 20 Street SW
Calgary AB T2T 4Z9
Tel: (403) 686-9300
Fax: (403) 686-0627
Email: info@calgarylearningcentre.com

Contact Person

Nada Jerkovic, Manager of Family Literacy Services
Anne Price, Chief Executive Officer

Overview of Program

Home Reader Program involves working with families in the family's own home over a period of 12 consecutive weeks. Through meeting with the "reader", parents are made aware of information on early literacy development, child development, and methods of incorporating learning into daily lives. Strategies for parenting, promoting positive discipline, dealing with behavioural difficulties, and communicating with children are modeled and practiced. Connections with community resources and appropriate support services are facilitated.

Approximate # of families served each year: 60

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Home Visitation

Address

Lamont County CALC
5303 – 50 Ave
Lamont AB T0B 2R0
Tel: (780) 895-2874
Fax: (780) 895-7404
Email: adultlearning@lamontcounty.ca
Sara.r@lamontcounty.ca
Website: www.lamontcounty.ca

Contact Person

Debbie Holland, Director CALC
Sara Rindero, Facilitator Home Visitation

Overview of Program

Family literacy programming including play, rhymes, books and parenting support provided in home to individuals identified as “at risk” and are unable to attend regular programs offered for a variety of reasons

Approximate # of families served each year: Just started so unsure at this time

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Homewords

Address

Grande Prairie Family Education Society
Box 493
Grande Prairie AB T8V 3A7
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Fax: (780) 830-0921
Email: betty.miller@pchr.ca
Email: gwen.vekved@pchr.ca

Contact Person

Betty Miller, Executive Director
Gwen Vekved, Coordinator

Overview of Program

In home visits with the focus on family literacy, using the various literacy models, Books for Babies, Rhymes that Bind, Parent Child Mother Goose.

Approximate # of families served each year: first year aiming for 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Kids Club

Address

Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org

Contact Person

Celia Jaipaul, Manager

Overview of Program

Parkland Mall, a north side mall location in Red Deer, provides a mall story time once a month for parents and caregivers with pre-school children. Free refreshments are provided by the food court vendor "Pretzels & More".

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Kiskinwahamakewin - Teachings (Otenaw Iyniuk Literacy)

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Ben Calf Robe Society
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Edmonton AB T5B 2G7
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Fax: (780) 479-6199
Email: shannon@bcrsociety.ab.ca
marg@bcrsociety.ab.ca
Website: www.bencalfrobessociety.ca

Contact Person

Shannon Marquette, Program Facilitator
Marg Mitchell, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Kiskinwahamakewin – Teachings component is about parents and children interacting in literacy activities while being enrolled in our Traditional Parenting Program.

Approximate # of families served each year: 60

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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La main dans la main / 1, 2, 3, Prêt-à-conter

Address

SPEF – Franco-accueil
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St. Paul AB T0A 3A3
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Fax: (780) 534-1939
Email: lreidy@atrium.ca

Contact Person

Louise Reidy, Coordinator for Franco-accueil

Overview of Program

Using the workshops from the “Grandir avec les livres” (Growing with Books) program, which proposes to parents means and resources that respect their individual needs and re-enforce their abilities in literacy, we present the use of a books as a developmental tool for the child and as communication tool between the parent and the child. We then use two other programs Les contes sur roués (Stories on Wheels) and 1, 2, 3 Prêt-à-conter (Story Sacs), to make ready to use kits available for use by the parents with their child at home.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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LAPS

Address

Further Education Society
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE
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Fax: (403) 250-5029
Email: ecairns@furthered.ca and sphillips@furthered.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

Contact Person

Sue Phillips, Co-executive Director
Melanie Reinboldt, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

Literacy and parenting skills (LAPS) is an innovative family literacy program designed to provide literacy and parenting skills to at-risk parents and to help parents assist in the development of their children’s literacy.

Approximate # of families served each year: Dependent on funding

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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ALAPS – Aboriginal Literacy and Parenting Skills

Address

Further Education Society
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE
Calgary AB T1Y 6X2
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Fax: (403) 250-5029
Email: ecairns@furthered.ca and sphillips@furthered.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

Contact Person

Sue Phillips, Co-executive Director
Melanie Reinboldt, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

ALAPS is a program designed for people with an Aboriginal background who may need help in assessing their children's literacy development and who may wish to discuss parenting strategies while improving their own literacy skills.

Approximate # of families served each year: Dependent on funding

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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LAPS – ESL

Address

Further Education Society
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE
Calgary AB T1Y 6X2
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Email: ecairns@furthered.ca and sphillips@furthered.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

Contact Person

Sue Phillips, Co-executive Director
Melanie Reinboldt, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

ESL LAPS is a culturally sensitive program designed especially for the ESL population. Participants learn how to assist in their child's literacy development while discussing positive parenting strategies and improving their own literacy skills.

Approximate # of families served each year: Dependent on funding

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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A-LAPS (Cardston and District)

Address

Cardston & District Community Adult Learning Programs
Box 10
Cardston AB T0K 0K0
Tel: (403) 653-4991
Fax: (403) 653-4641
Email: kathy.richards@westwind.ab.ca

Contact Person

Kathy Richards, Director of Community Programs
Shannon Palmer, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Aboriginal LAPS will be delivered to the growing number of aboriginal parents of children zero to six living off the Blood Indian Reserve in the County of Cardston.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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LAPS (Literacy & Parenting Skills)

Address

Camrose Family Literacy
2nd Floor
4872 – 50 Street
Camrose AB T4V 1P7
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Fax: (780) 672-7621
Email: sharilyn@camrosecalc.com
Website: www.camroselearning.com

Contact Person

Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

Overview of Program

8 week program – Literacy and parenting skills offered to families in the TIPS program in Camrose for 1 ½ hours. One half hour of parent child literacy activities follows.

Approximate # of families served each year: 8-10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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LAPS (Literacy and Parenting Skills)

Address

Edson and District Community Learning Society
#201, 111 – 54 Street
Edson AB T7E 1T2
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Fax: (780) 723-6253
Email: edcls@gyrdab.ca
Website: www.edcls.ab.ca

Contact Person

Jodi Mantey, Edson Literacy Coordinator
Barb Cant, Edson Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

An innovative family literacy program designed to provide literacy and parenting skills to at-risk parents.

Approximate # of families served each year: 36

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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LAPS (Literacy and Parenting Skills)

Address

Family Learning Initiative
Box 780
Valleyview AB T0H 3N0
Tel: (780) 524-4323
Fax: (780) 524-2537
Email: jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca

Contact Person

Judy Smith, Coordinator

Overview of Program

A parenting program which runs for eight 2.5 hour sessions. A basic parenting topic is covered each week. Parents learn strategies to use and discuss with the group. They also learn the importance of family literacy and how they can use it in their homes situation. Each week a children's story is read and discussed. Participants get a book at the end of the workshops. Lunch is provided each week.

Approximate # of families served each year: 6

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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LAPS

Address

Hanna Learning Centre
401 Centre Street
Box 1255
Hanna AB T0J 1P0
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Fax: (403) 854-4166
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Website: www.hannalearning.com

Contact Person

Lindsay Jennings, Literacy Services Coordinator

Overview of Program

Based on the LAPS model, we offer combined parent and child programming. Our most successful program is a monthly / bimonthly Story Time event at local libraries.

Approximate # of families served each year: 15
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Laugh & Learn Playgroup

Address

Community Association for Lasting Success
Box 766
Vegreville AB T9C 1R9
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Fax: (780) 632-3252
Email: calsveg@telus.net

Contact Person

Jodi Rasmusson, Northeast Regional Coordinator & Family Literacy Coordinator / Facilitator
Marnie Kassian, Family Literacy Coordinator / Facilitator

Overview of Program

1 1/2 hour interactive parent / child playgroup – program provides parents / children opportunity to socialize and learn new ways to turn everyday play into a learning moment – strong focus placed on increasing oral language through song and rhyme.

Approximate # of families served each year: 70
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Learning Together

Address

Centre for Family Literacy
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Edmonton AB T5K 0M1
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Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: Janice_Schneider@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person

Janice Schneider Program Coordinators
Kim Chung, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Learning Together is a free, pre-registered program designed to support both adult and children's literacy skills. Parents attend all sessions with their children. The program consists of preschool classes for the children, adult literacy and parenting classes for the parents, and time for the children and parents to share time with each other.

Approximate # of families served each year: 15

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Let Loose with Mother Goose

Address

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9628 Prairie Road
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Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: elizabeth.bell@gppsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gplifelonglearning.com

Contact Person

Elizabeth Bell, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

This is an oral literacy program. This program is offered once a week for 10 weeks. Each session is 1 hour long. Parents come to learn to enjoy rhymes, stories, finger plays, songs and simple movement games with their infants and toddlers in a supportive peer group. Teaching is directed at the parents with the children joining in. Sitting in a circle on the floor, the parents learn rhymes and songs, which lead naturally to holding, touching and bouncing the children. Snack and social time is provided.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Literacy Connects Families

Address

Connect Society
113342 – 127 Street
Edmonton AB T5M 0T8
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Email: smccullough@connectsociety.org

Contact Person

Sheonagh McCullough, Family Literacy Coordinator
Cheryl Redhead, Manager, Early Childhood Services

Overview of Program

“Literacy Connects Families” is a unique family literacy project that serves families who have a member (parent or child) with a hearing loss. This project uses culturally and linguistically appropriate strategies to meet the participants’ complex communication needs. Connect Society is the agency through which these unique literacy services are provided.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Little Visitors

Address

Kneehill Adult Learning Society
Box 639
Three Hills AB T0M 2A0
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Email: admin@kals3hills.ca
Website: www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Hollidge, Program Coordinator
Jaylene Capnerhurst, Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

Little Visitors (modified Rhymes that Bind, Books for Babies, Building Blocks) an in-home program for parents of newborns and babies under 1 year. Little Visitors encourages interaction and early literacy development between parent and child. Parents are encouraged to explore rhyme and song as a means to soothe and bond with their baby while they develop early literacy skills.

Approximate # of families served each year: 5

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Rhymes that Bind, Books for Babies)

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Living Well, Elk Point and St.Paul

Address

Alberta Health Services and partners (Portage College)
Box 1471
5205 – 50 Ave
St. Paul AB T0A 3A0
Tel: 1-877-349-5711
Fax: (780) 645-5162
Website: www.aspenrha.ab.ca

Contact Person

Sarah Greenfield, Program Manager
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

Overview of Program

Do you live with diabetes, arthritis, asthma, emphysema, heart condition, high blood pressure, migraines or other ongoing conditions? This free program helps support persons and families dealing with chronic condition. **BENEFITS:** Better control of symptoms, maintain daily activities, medication management, become more physically active, and fewer visits to the doctor. This helps us to have healthier families and healthier lives. Call today to find a course near you.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Magic Carpet Ride

Address

Calgary Learning Centre
3030 – 20 Street SW
Calgary AB T2T 4Z9
Tel: (403) 686-9300
Fax: (403) 686-0627
Email: info@calarylearningcentre.com

Contact Person

Nada Jerkovic, Manager of Family Literacy Services
Anne Price, Chief Executive Officer

Overview of Program

Magic Carpet Ride is a family literacy program for parents and their preschool-aged children. Families learn together in sessions that include stories, songs and various hands-on learning activities. Parents share their parenting experiences and gain important peer support. Specific topics such as discipline, nutrition and child development are discussed in informative workshops with professionals from our partnering agencies. Magic Carpet Ride is facilitated by community volunteers, who are mentored and supported by the Calgary Learning Centre's staff.

Approximate # of families served each year: 130

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Magic Carpet Ride

Address

Stettler & District Adult Learning Council
Box 636
Stettler AB T0C 2L0
Tel: (403) 742-2999
Fax: (403) 742-1391
Email: read.stettlerlearning@telus.net
Website: www.stettlerlearning.com

Contact Person

Marilyn Crow Shuman, Literacy Coordinator
Bonnie Ireland, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Bring your children up to age 5 for a time of learning rhymes and songs together in a group setting. There will be snacks and time to discover new toys. The fun time is free of charge.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Magic Carpet Ride

Address

Paintearth CALC
Box 808
Coronation AB T0C 1C0
Tel: (403) 578-3817
Fax: (403) 578-2866
Email: patking@wildroseinternet.ca

Contact Person

Pat King, Program Manger (Executive Director)
Mandy Fuller, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

This is a program for both parent and child. It builds on literacy behaviours and strengths already present in the families. It introduces additional strategies to further literacy activities in the home. It involves a weekly 2-hour session with songs, stories, snacks and play time.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Mainly Mother Goose

Address

Strathcona County Library
Unit 300, 2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park AB T8A 5P7
Tel: (780) 449-5801
Fax: (780) 467-6861
Email: cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca
Website: www.sclibrary.ab.ca

Contact Person

Emily Springer, Early Literacy and Outreach Librarian
Donna Riehl, Supervisor, Youth Services

Overview of Program

Music, bouncing games, finger plays, rhymes and simple stories for children 0-24 months and a caregiver

Approximate # of families served each year: 75

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Me & My Buddy

Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre
5704 – 19A Avenue
Edmonton AB T6L 1L8
Tel: (780) 413-4521
Fax: (780) 490-1127
Email: karla@mwfrc.org
Website: www.mwfrc.org

Contact Person

Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

Overview of Program

Children ages birth to 5 and their male role model (dad, step-dad, grandpa, uncle, etc.) enjoy playing in the "Indoor Playground" at Mill Woods Recreation Centre. The group includes half an hour of circle time with rhymes and songs and half an hour of free play where children have fun while enhancing their gross motor and social skills. The objective is to encourage language development and social interaction through early literacy and play activities as well as encouraging a social support network for male caregivers.

Approximate # of families served each year: 45

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Mosaic Cross-Cultural Parent and Child Literacy Program

Address

Immigrant Services Calgary
#520 910 – 7 Avenue SW
Calgary AB T2P 3N8
Tel: (403) 265-6093
Fax: (403) 538-8374
Email: info@immigrantservicescalgary.ca
Website: www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca

Contact Person

Wendy Auger, Manager
Puneet Kullar, Team Leader

Overview of Program

A community-based program that provides activities to promote literacy and language development for immigrant parents and their children age 3-5 years on a weekly basis throughout the school year in two schools. This program is also offered at the central location during the summer.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50-75

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Mother Goose

Address

County of Ponoka Literacy Society
#76, 6205 – 54 Street
Ponoka AB T4J 1M5
Tel: (403) 783-5211
Fax: (403) 783-7494
Email: mhuff@rttinc.com

Contact Person:

Dorothy Houghton, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Through stories, rhymes and songs parents interact with their child / children

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Parent Child Mother Goose / Mother Goose on the Loose

Address

Calgary Family Services
Bowness Montgomery Early Literacy Project
300, 906 8th Ave SW
Calgary AB
Tel: (403) 807-8867
Fax: (403) 205-5281
Email: susangarrow@shaw.ca

Contact Person:

Susan Garrow, Project Coordinator
Lisa Hurrle, PCMG Coordinator

Overview of Program

Stories, rhymes and parent time. A combination of LAPS/PCMG and Magic Carpet Ride

Approximate # of families served each year: Brand new program as of Jan/09

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Otenaw Iyniuk Literacy Project

Address

Ben Calf Robe Society
12046 – 77 Street
Edmonton AB T5B 2G7
Tel: (780) 477-6648
Fax: (780) 479-6199
Email: reception@bcrsociety.ca
Website: www.bcrsociety.ca

Contact Person

Shannon Marquette, Family Literacy Facilitator
Marg Mitchell, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Two components: Auntie's Storytelling: in home literacy activities with child and parent together. This is open to anyone.

Kiskinwahamakewin: literacy component that is combined with our Traditional Parenting program morning activities. This is open to persons enrolled in the parenting program.

Approximate # of families served each year: Total: approximately 50 families per year for both components

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Nursery Rhymes & Happy Times

Address

Strathcona County Library
Unit 300, 2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park AB T8A 5P7
Tel: (780) 449-5801
Fax: (780) 467-6861
Email: cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca
Website: www.sclibrary.ab.ca

Contact Person

Emily Springer, Early Literacy & Outreach Librarian
Donna Riehl, Supervisor, Youth Services

Overview of Program

Children 0-24 months and their caregivers learn nursery rhymes, fingerplays and simple folk songs through weekly repetition and group participation.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised January 2009

Parent Child Mother Goose

Address

Calgary Family Services
Bowness Montgomery Early Literacy Project
300, 906 8th Ave SW
Calgary AB
Tel: (403) 807-8867
Tel: (403) 205-5281
Email: susangarrow@shaw.ca

Contact Person

Susan Garrow, Project Coordinator
Lisa Hurtle, PCMG Coordinator

Overview of Program

To help families build relationships with their children through words, rhythm, fun and rhyme

Approximate # of families served each year: 75

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Parent-Child Mother Goose

Address

Further Education Society
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE
Calgary AB T1Y 6X2
Tel: (403) 250-5034
Fax: (403) 250-5029
Email: ecairns@furthered.ca and sphillips@furthered.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

Contact Person

Sue Phillips, Co-executive Director
Melanie Reinboldt, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

This program is a group experience for parents and their babies and young children. Parents learn rhymes, songs and stories to teach their children about language.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Parent-Child Mother Goose Program – Rhymes & Storytimes

Address

Families First Society
Box 3285
Fort Saskatchewan AB T8L 2T3
Tel: (780) 998-5595 ex 223
Fax: (780) 998-5503
Email: heatherb@familiesfirstsociety.ca

Contact Person

Heather Boonstra, Program Coordinator
Melissa Kondro, Families First Director

Overview of Program

The program is a free of charge group experience for parents / caregivers and their babies and young children, focusing on the pleasure and power of using oral rhymes, songs and stories together. Program is offered once a week for 10 weeks – 3 times a year. The atmosphere is relaxed, with time for repetition, discussion, and of course, a snack!

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Parent Child Mother Goose

Address

High Level Parent Link Centre
P.O. Box 3147
High Level AB T0H 1Z0
Tel: (780) 926-4668
Fax: (780) 926-4602
Email: vcrosby@telus.net

Contact Person

Val Crosby, PLC Program Delivery Worker
Rhodora Martens, PLC Executive Director

Overview of Program

Parents and children meet together for 1 hour weekly for 10 weeks. Under the guidance of a trained facilitator parents learn and share rhymes, songs and traditional oral story telling in supportive atmosphere.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Parent Child Mother Goose

Address

Northern Links Parent Link Network
Box 1030
Slave Lake AB T0G 2A0
Tel: (780) 849-4103
Fax: (780) 849-2633
Email: Luanne.parentlink@telus.net
Website: www.nlphln.ca

Contact Person

Theresa Racine, Facilitator, Parent Link Programmer
Luanne Murphy, Co-facilitator, Parent Link Programmer

Overview of Program

There are no storybooks here! Rhymes, songs, poems and stories shared with families in a one-hour session each week for 8 weeks. Building the bond between caregiver and child through oral story telling, songs, finger plays and rhymes. For children aged 0-6 and Moms, Dads and Caregivers of all ages. It's never too early or too late to learn to tell and enjoy stories!

Approximate # of families served each year: 15 – 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Parenting and Literacy Program

Address

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
#11713 – 82 Street
Edmonton AB T5B 2V9
Tel: (780) 424-7709
Fax: (780) 424-7736
Email: sgross@emcn.ab.ca

Contact Person

Susan Gross, Coordinator
Salma Ahmed, Administrator

Overview of Program

The Multicultural Language and Literacy Enhancement Project is a partnership between ASSIST Community Services Centre, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers and Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative to address the needs of refugee and immigrant families with preschool children new to Canada living throughout Edmonton.

The project enhances family literacy by addressing the issues related to settlement and parenting in Canada. Families are encouraged and supported to maintain and value their home language and culture as a means of supporting their children's academic achievement, literacy development and appreciation of language and culture.

Approximate # of families served each year: 140

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Address

Family Centre
1010 – 4 Ave South
Lethbridge AB T1J 0P5
Tel: (403) 320-4232
Fax: (403) 329-7321
Email: cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca
Website: www.famcentre.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Skaien, Early Childhood Coordinator
Sarah Drummond, Early Childhood Educator

Overview of Program

Weekly play groups for all families with children ages 0-5 provide a nurturing time for parents and children to share experiences, story times, singing and free play.

Approximate # of families served each year: 90

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Parents for Partnership Home Visitor Program

Address

Crowsnest Pass Literacy Foundation
Box 458
Coleman AB T0K 0M0
Tel: (403) 563-5022
Fax: (403) 563-3011
Email: moosemountaingrill@shaw.ca
Website: www.crowsnsteducation.com

Contact Person

Carol Ann Smith, Home Visitor Facilitator

Overview of Program

A trained literacy staff person works with referred families of school-aged children who would benefit from literacy support within the home

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Parents Learning Together

Address

The Candora Society of Edmonton
266 Abbottsfield Mall
3210 – 118 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5W 4W1
Tel: 477-5655
Fax: 477-5659
Email: crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com
diane.sopher@candorasociety.com
Website: www.candorasociety.com

Contact Person

Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations & Children's Program Manager

Overview of Program

We now run Parents Learning Together on Friday mornings in conjunction with Family Active Living immediately following the conclusion of the BOOKS sessions. The parents are the "teachers" as they lead the discussions based on their interests. We do a literacy based activity and craft that is linked to the discussion as well. The children go into the gym and participate in Family Active Living, but a half hour "active literacy" activity is planned each week. A nutritious lunch and snack is provided in which the parents help out with.

Approximate # of families served each year: 25

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Partnership Approach to Literacy (PAL)

Address

County of Ponoka Literacy Society
#76, 6205 – 54 Street
Ponoka AB T4J 1M5
Tel: (403) 783-5211
Fax: (403) 783-7494
Email: mhuff@rttinc.com

Contact Person

Dorothy Houghton

Overview of Program

Parents receive training in helping their school age children with reading skills.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Past Your Bedtime

Address

Drumheller Public Library
Box 599
224 Centre Street
Drumheller AB T0J 0Y0
Tel: (403) 823-5382
Fax: (403) 823-3651
Email: drumlib@magtech.ca
Website: www.drumhellerlibrary.ca

Contact Person

Lachie MacFadden, Children's Librarian
Yvonne Markotic, Parent Link Coordinator for Golden Prairie PLC

Overview of Program

Families come for stories, cookies, crafts, hot chocolate, and fun. Wear your pajamas, bring a flashlight and your teddy bear.

Approximate # of families served each year: 12

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Pat-a-Cake Kids

Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre
5704 – 19A Avenue
Edmonton AB T6L 1L8
Tel: (780) 413-4521
Fax: (780) 490-1127
Email: karla@mwfrc.org
Website: www.mwfrc.org

Contact Person

Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

Overview of Program

A drop-in group that helps children birth to 5 years build language and social skills through rhymes, songs and activities.

Approximate # of families served each year: 120

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Pebbles in the Sand

Address

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association
200, 138 – 4 Avenue SE
Calgary AB T2G 4Z6
Tel: (403) 263-4414
Fax: (403) 264-3914
Email: language@ciwa-online.com
Website: www.ciwa-online.com

Contact Person

Mara Hawkins, Language Training and Childcare Department Manager
Linda Faulkner, Program Facilitator

Overview of Program

Pebbles in the Sand is an ESL and Literacy program that serves multi-barriered immigrant and refugee women and their children. Participants have 0-7 years of education in their home countries. The Family Literacy methodology is a teacher-student approach that is based on techniques from mainstream models and information from Alberta Learning's Family Literacy programs. Our children's portion of the program is geared toward children aged 0-6 years old. We introduce age appropriate activities and a classroom setting (nursery rhymes, storybooks, writing your name, etc.). All of this is done in a manner that fosters their skills in the English language and helps them integrate and be successful in the Canadian school system.

Approximate # of families served each year: 150

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Pillowslip Stories (P.S.)

Address

Rainbow Literacy Society
Box 180
Vulcan AB T0L 2B0
Tel: (403) 485-3107
Fax: (403) 485-1979
Email: coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com
Website: www.rainbowliteracy.com

Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Each Pillowslip Story bag contains: a fiction book, a non-fiction book, a backdrop and related toys or puppets, extension ideas and activity ideas. These bags are housed in our local libraries. Workshops on the rationale and use of the Pillowslip Story bags are held monthly at the end of a Time For Rhyme session.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Play & Stay (Drumheller, Rosedale & Morrin)

Address

Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre
Box 400, 323 Main Street
Three Hills AB T0M
Tel: (403) 820-5157
Fax: (403) 823-7739
Email: drumheller@goldenprairieplc.ca
Website: www.goldenprairieplc.ca

Contact Person

Yvonne Markotic, Coordinator, Golden Prairie PLC
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor, Golden Prairie PLC

Overview of Program

Interactive playtime for children newborn to 6 years of age with a parent / caregiver. This free program includes indoor gym time, arts and crafts, music, songs and rhymes, free play, games and stories. Parent education and resources available on site for loan.

Approximate # of families served each year: 35

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Pool Time Rhymes

Address

Community Association for Lasting Success
Box 766
Vegreville AB T9C 1R9
Tel: (780) 632-3225
Fax: (780) 632-3252
Email: calsveg@telus.net

Contact Person

Jodi Rasmusson, Northeast Regional Coordinator, Family Literacy Program Coordinator /
Facilitator
Marnie Kassian, Family Literacy Program Coordinator / Facilitator

Overview of Program

This 6-week program is offered to our community in partnership with the Vegreville Aquatic Center. Parents with children 0-6 yrs are introduced to the importance of rhyming and singing in oral language development. Each week new early literacy and numeracy activities are introduced with story sharing ideas being modeled during story time. The last ½ hour of the program is spent in the water. This program offers a gentle introduction into the water during which time songs and rhymes are shared.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Prenatal Family Literacy

Address

Camrose Family Literacy
2nd Floor
4872 – 50 Street
Camrose AB T4V 3M7
Tel: (780) 672-8754
Fax: (780) 672-7621
Email: sharilyn@camrosecalc.com
Website: www.camroselearning.com

Contact Person

Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Introduction talk to prenatal classes on early literacy and learning and the important role parents play. Sharing of a rhyme, board book distribution and information on programs in the community.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Preschool Storytime

Address

Slave Lake Municipal Library
Box 540
Slave Lake AB T0G 2A0
Tel: (780) 849-5250
Fax: (780) 849-3275
Email: programs@slavelakelibrary.ab.ca
Website: www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca

Contact Person

Carrie MacDonald, Assistant Librarian – Programming
Lori Herdzik, Library Manager

Overview of Program

Children ages 3 – 5 come to listen to stories, songs, and rhymes. Stories come in many forms: movement stories where the children help to act out the story, brand new books, books on CD, etc. a small craft is done at the end of the program.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Raising Readers Family Literacy Program

Address

Community Reading Program
1201 Main Street SE
Slave Lake AB T0G 2A3
Tel: (780) 849-8626
Fax: (780) 849-8704
Email: slavelakeread@literacyalberta.ca

Contact Person

Martha Urquhart, Literacy Specialist

Overview of Program

Families that are unable to access community programs and / or services are visited in their homes and helped to develop the skills to help facilitate their young (six and under) children's pre-literacy, literacy, and oral skills

Approximate # of families served each year: 10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Reaching for Rainbows

Address

Rainbow Literacy Society
Box 180
Vulcan AB T0L 2B0
Tel: (403) 485-3107
Fax: (403) 485-1979
Email: coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com
Website: www.rainbowliteracy.com

Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Reaching for Rainbows is a free once a week drop-in program for ELL parents / caregivers of preschool aged children. Parents learn reading strategies and related activities. The program is offered by a trained literacy support worker.

Approximate # of families served each year: 6
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Read and Rhyme

Address

Words Work Literacy Society
4705 – 49 Ave
Athabasca AB T9S 1B7
Tel: (780) 675-5650
Fax: (780) 675-5650
Email: gannand@literacyalberta.ca

Contact Person

Gerry Annand, Program Coordinator

Overview of Program

Through our Read and Rhyme program we offer three six week cycles to parents and their babies / preschool children in three different locations. The importance of early literacy is modeled by a facilitator through rhymes, finger plays, simple stories as well as discussions on how to incorporate literacy in every day activities.

Approximate # of families served each year: 50
Do you offer training in this type of program?
No

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Read Early and Discover (R.E.A.D.)

Address

Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org

Contact Person

Celia Jaipaul, Manager

Overview of Program

Kindergarten children and their parents have fun learning through stories, rhymes, songs and activities to help improve literacy skills and prepare for Grade One. The program is done in a number of high needs schools in Red Deer.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Read to Me

Address

Camrose Family Literacy
2nd Floor
4872 – 50 Street
Camrose AB T4V 1P7
Tel: (780) 672-8754
Fax: (780) 672-7621
Email: sharilyn@camrosecalc.com
Website: www.camroselearning.com

Contact Person

Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Bags are distributed by Public Health at the 4-month visit, they contain a board book, information on early literacy and learning in the community programs.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Red Deer Firefighter's Reading Pals

Address

Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org

Contact Person

Celia Jaipaul, Manager

Overview of Program

This program, held in July and August, is for elementary school-age students who are referred by their teachers. Students are paired with a “pal” and receive assistance in reading and writing from a qualified tutor. The program includes games, storytelling, family nights and prizes.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhymes Alive

Address

South Peace Family Literacy
Box 607
Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
Tel: (780) 518-7361
Fax: (780) 354-4187
Email: spf@telus.net
holly_handfield@famlit.ca
Website: www.sprcl.ca

Contact Person

Holly Handfield, Manger

Overview of Program

This is an oral literacy program that is based on Rhymes that Bind. This program will be offered to parents and caregivers with children 0-6 once a week for 10 weeks. Each session will be 1 hour long.

Families will come to learn to enjoy rhymes, stories, finger plays, songs and simple movement games with their infants and toddlers in a supportive peer group. Facilitation is directed at the parents with the children joining in. Sitting in a circle on the floor, the families learn rhymes and songs, which lead naturally to holding, touching and bouncing the children.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30-40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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Rhymes and Happy Times

Address

Beaver County Family Literacy Program
Box 140
Ryley AB T0B 4A0
Tel: (780) 663-3730
Fax: (780) 663-3602
Email: rcooper@beaver.ab.ca

Contact Person

Rae Cooper, Coordinator Beaver County Literacy Programs
Cheryl Lawson, Coordinator Beaver County Adult Learning Council & Adult Literacy

Overview of Program

This program is for parents and their children 0 – 3 years. It is an oral literacy program in which parents and children interact and enjoy rhymes, songs and finger plays. Trained facilitators guide parents and children in this interactive, informal program.

Approximate # of families served each year: 100 +-

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhymes, Pool Rhymes

Address

Camrose Family Literacy
2nd Floor
4872 – 50 Street
Camrose AB T4V 1P7
Tel: (780) 672-8754
Fax: (780) 672-7621
Email: sharilyn@camrosecalc.com
Website: www.camroselearning.com

Contact Person

Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Parents and children meet for an hour for 10 weeks for rhymes, songs, lullabies, finger plays and stories. This includes a snack time. Pool Rhymes takes place for 6 weeks at the pool with water based rhymes.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhymes, Songs & Story Time

Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre
5704 – 19A Avenue
Edmonton AB T6L 1L8
Tel: (780) 413-4521
Fax: (780) 490-1127
Email: karla@mwfrc.org
Website: www.mwfrc.org

Contact Person

Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

Overview of Program

A drop-in group for families with children birth to 5 years of all abilities. This group has a structured and repetitive routine, which helps children to increase their memory and language skills.

Approximate # of families served each year: 400

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhymes That Bind

Address

Buffalo Lake Aboriginal Head Start
Box 15
Caslan AB T0A 0R0
Tel: (780) 689-3855
Tel: (780) 689-3868
Email: blheadstart@mcsnet.ca

Contact Person

Lorna Delorme, Program Planning Home Visitation
Debra Lien, Program Planning

Overview of Program

Meets with families with children in need from Aboriginal Head Start.

Approximate # of families served each year: 5

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhymes That Bind

Address

Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement

Box 16

Caslan AB T0A 0R0

Tel: (780) 689-2170

Tel: (780) 689-2024

Email: mdaniels@buffalolakemetis.com

Contact Person

Margaret Daniels, Administrator

Marie Sparklingeyes, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Meets with families with children in need from schools and Aboriginal HeadStart.

Approximate # of families served each year: 25

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Address

D.V. Read and Learn

Box 6321

Drayton Valley AB T7A 2A3

Tel: (780) 621-1722

Fax: (780) 621-1722

Email: dvlit@incentre.netWebsite: www.dvreadandlearn.com

Contact Person

Lori Heywood, Family Literacy Coordinator

Allie Spicer-Riess, Executive Director

Overview of Program

To provide an opportunity for parents, grandparents and caregivers to meet and learn new songs, rhymes, lullabies and stories to share with each other and their children in a warm and welcoming environment. In partnership with: Brighter Futures (Breton, Buck Lake & Drayton Valley), Nutritious Beginnings, Young Moms, Berrymoor Thyme Time, Shangri-La Lodge, Parent Link Centre and Alberta Health Services. The goals of the program are to bring to parents the awareness of the important role they play in their child's literacy journey and to support and encourage early childhood development.

Approximate # of families served each year: 115

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Rhythm N' Rhymes

Address

The Candora Society of Edmonton
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diane.sopher@candorasociety.com
Website: www.candorasociety.com

Contact Person

Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations & Children's Program Manger

Overview of Program

We run Rhythm N' Rhymes in conjunction with our Cruisers and Crawlers Too (0-3 with parent/caregiver) program that meets 3 times a week. We run R & R 1 session per week for an hour for 10 weeks twice a year. Our program is based on the Rhymes That Bind model and focuses on rhymes, stories and songs. We also have discussions based on parenting issues that may come up. Our goal is to provide a positive and supportive peer group that focuses on oral language development for children ages 0-3.

Approximate # of families served each year: 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhymes That Bind

Address

Centre for Family Literacy
201, 11456 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton AB T5H 0M1
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Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: Valinda_Oswald@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person

Valinda Oswald, Program Coordinator
Kim Chung, Program Manager

Overview of Program

Rhymes That Bind is an oral language development program that also promotes positive parenting. This program focuses on rhyme, story and song and is held in partnership with community agencies. Adapted from the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program in Toronto, Rhymes That Bind promotes oral language development in infants. It also provides a positive supportive environment for parents. The program involves circle time with parents and infants up to three years old, during which rhymes, songs and stories are shared. Two facilitators lead the program for 10 weekly sessions, for one hour per week. This program is often run in collaboration with local health centres, which target high needs families. A lunch or snack is provided either before or after the sessions.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

Revised February 2009

Rhymes That Bind

Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre
5704 – 19A Avenue
Edmonton AB T6L 1L8
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Fax: (780) 490-1127
Email: karla@mwfrc.org
Website: www.mwfrc.org

Contact Person

Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

Overview of Program

A drop-in group where parents and their children birth to 3 years gain the tools to form a strong bond through songs and rhymes.

Approximate # of families served each year: 120

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised February 2009

Rhymes That Bind

Address

Edson and District Community Learning Society
#201, 111 – 54 Street
Edson AB T7E 1T2
Tel: (780) 723-6247
Fax: (780) 723-6253
Email: edcls@gyrd.ab.ca
Website: www.edcls.ab.ca

Contact Person

Jodi Mantey, Edson Literacy Coordinator
Barb Cant, Edson Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

Rhymes that Bind is being offered as an oral language development program that promotes positive parenting. We are running this model in a rural Cree community. The program is facilitated by two experienced facilitators with support from the community. Respected members of the community (Elders) come in to tell stories and rhymes in their mother language.

Approximate # of families served each year: 16

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Rhymes That Bind

Address

Kikino Aboriginal Head Start
Box 101
Kikino AB T0A 2B0
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Fax: (780) 623-7004
Email: kihead@telusplanet.net

Contact Person

Mrs. Jean Cardinal, Supervisor
Edna Desjarlais, Classroom Coordinator

Overview of Program

Doing rhymes to music using the fiddle, guitar and keyboards. Using flannel boards for rhymes. Using Cree songs, action songs, storytelling and puppets.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10-12

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised February 2009

Rhymes That Bind

Address

High Level Parent Link Centre
10905 – 100 Ave.
High Level AB T0H 1Z0
Tel: (780) 926-4668
Fax: (780) 9216-4602
Email: ronalda2@telus.net

Contact Person

Ronalda Wolfe, PLC Coordinator / Administrative Support
Rhondora Martens, PLC Executive Director

Overview of Program

Parents and children (0-6) meet for 1 hour a week for 10 weekly sessions. We share rhymes, songs, lullabies and finger plays in a relaxing, supportive non-threatening atmosphere.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Rhymes That Bind

Address

Taber & District Community Adult Learning Association
Box 20, Provincial Building
5011 - 49 Avenue
Taber AB T1G 1V9
Tel: (403) 223-1146
Fax: (403) 223-3412
Email: literacy@taberadultlearning.com
Website: www.taberadultlearning.com

Contact Person

Marilyn Visser, Literacy Coordinator
Donna Hamilton, Project Manager

Overview of program

We run Families Learning Together at three sites in our area. We do "Rhymes That Bind" two times a week for seventeen weeks at each site. We do the program first thing in the morning for 45 minutes to an hour, which is good way for the parents and children to start the day together.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of project?

No

Revised February 2009

Rhymes That Bind

Address

Sturgeon Family Literacy
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Bon Accord AB T0A 0K0
Tel: (780) 921-3589 x 2
Email: anittajensen@gmail.com
Website: www.sturgeon-literacy.ca

Contact Person:

Anitta Jensen, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

This is an interactive pre-literacy program that combines two programs, Rhymes that Bind and Books for Babies. This is provided in a relaxed environment where parents can support one another.

Approximate # of families served each year: 36

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Rhyme Time

Address

Lethbridge Public Library
810 – 5 Avenue South
Lethbridge AB T1J 4C4
Tel: (403) 380-4278
Fax: (403) 329-1478
Email: pmcgeorge@lethbridgepubliclibrary.ca
Website: www.lethbridgepubliclibrary.ca

Contact Person

Paige McGeorge, Librarian – Children’s & Information Services
Elisabeth Hegerat, Coordinator – Children’s & Young Adult Services

Overview of Program

Rhymes, songs, stories and reading – develops relationships between parents and children, promotes variety of literacy skills – basis of Rhymes That Bind

Approximate # of families served each year: 150

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhyme Time

Address

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299 College Drive SE
Medicine Hat AB T1A 3Y6
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Tel: (403) 504-3513 Deanna Areils
Fax: (403) 504-3680
Email: cgerl@mhc.ab.ca
Email: darelis@mhc.ab.ca
Website: www.learn-council.ca

Contact Person

Celena Gerl, Manager, Family Literacy Programs
Deanna Areils, Executive Director

Project Overview

This program is offered to the families living at Musasa House (2nd stage transition housing unit with Medicine Hat Women’s Shelter). “Relating through Rhymes”, a 10 week program based on the Rhymes that Bind model. Through rhymes and songs parents gain the tools to form a strong bond with their children.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhyme Time

Address

Mountain View Community Literacy Society
B3 5030 – 50 Street
Olds AB T4H 1S1
Tel: (403) 556-3045
Fax: (403) 556-3039
Email: mvfl@telus.net

Contact Person

Heather Dixon, Family Program Coordinator
Katharine Perich, Executive Director

Overview of Program

A one hour facilitated oral language program for parent / caregivers and their children (0-3 years) with a focus on rhymes, finger plays, songs and simple movement games

Approximate # of families served each year: 115

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhyme Time

Address

CLASS: Community Learning for Adult Student Services
Box 3401
Vermilion AB T9X 2B3
Tel: (780) 853-8787
Fax: (780) 853-5460
Email: chandra.blair@classab.ca
Website: www.class.ab.ca

Contact Person

Carmen Zayac, Facilitator
Chandra Blair, Supervisor

Overview of Program

Rhyme Time is for parents/guardians/support workers with their babies, toddlers and/or preschoolers from 0-6 years. This valuable program supports language development and pre-beginning reading skills with rhymes, songs and finger plays. Parenting tips and skills will be integrated into the sessions while singing, doing actions and watching others. Juice and cookies are offered at the end of the 1 hour session, and parent networking is encouraged. We meet at the Vermilion Public Library on Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:30 am September – April. Call CLASS for details and / or for transportation if needed: #780-853-8787. Come and give your child a head start with learning.

Approximate # of families served each year: 8-10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Rhyme Tyme

Address

Family Learning Initiative
Box 780
Valleyview AB T0H 3N0
Tel: (780) 524-4323
Fax: (780) 524-2537
Email: jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca

Contact Person

Judy Smith, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Our story circle program for parents with preschooler runs once per week. The group enjoys a variety of rhymes and songs. One story is read towards the end of the session. Healthy snacks are provided at the end of the 10-week session, participants are given a book or a rhyme CD.

Approximate # of families served each year: 15

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rhyming Round-Up

Address

Kneehill Adult Learning Society READ Projects (READ Family)
423 Main Street
Box 639
Three Hills AB T0M 2A0
Tel: (403) 443-5556
Fax: (403) 443-5155
Email: read4me@telus.net
Website: www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Hollidge, Program Coordinator
Jaylene Capnerhurst, Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

Rhyming Round-Up is a 10-week program for families and their children ages 0-6 years. Rhymes, songs and stories are shared each week. Parents develop family literacy skills through this fun-filled collection of language builders.

Approximate # of families served each year: 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

Revised February 2009

Rhyming Tots

Address

Wetaskiwin Community Literacy Program
Box 6265
Wetaskiwin AB T9A 2E9
Tel: (780) 352-7257
Fax: (780) 352-5205
Email: literacy@incentre.net

Contact Person

Judy Bortnik, Literacy Coordinator
Wendy Graham, Program Facilitator

Overview of Program

Oral language program for parents / caregivers and their preschoolers with focus on rhymes, finger plays, songs and simple movement games.

Approximate # of families served each year: 75

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Rhythm & Rhyme

Address

Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 – 10 Street SE
High River AB T1V 2B9
Tel: (403) 652-5090
Toll free: 1-866-652-5090
Fax: (403) 601-2389
Email: lfladmin@telus.net
Website: www.litforlife.com

Contact Person

Tracy Howk, Family Literacy Coordinator
Sue Stegmeier, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Parents and children (aged birth to 1 year) attend 1/2 hour sessions with trained facilitators where they learn songs, rhymes, and story telling. Social time occurs after sessions. Information on literacy and child development is shared formally and informally.

Approximate # of families served each year: 450

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Regional)

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Rhyme with Me for Parents-to-Be

Address

Kneehill Adult Learning Society
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Three Hills AB T0M 2A0
Tel: (403) 443-5556
Fax: (403) 443-5155
Email: edmin@kals3hills.ca
Website: www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Hollidge, Program Coordinator
Jaylene Capnerhurst, Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

Rhyme with Me for Parents-to-Be (modified Rhymes that Bind, Building Blocks, Books for Babies) an in-home program for expectant parents. Rhyme with Me encourages interaction and early literacy development even before their child arrives. Parents are encouraged to explore rhyme and song as a means to soothe and bond with their baby.

Approximate # of families served each year: 4

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Rhymes that Bind, Books for Babies Regional Training)

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Rise & Shine Storytime

Address

Strathcona County Library
Unit 300, 2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park AB T8A 5P7
Tel: (780) 449-5801
Fax: (780) 467-6861
Email cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca
Website: www.sclibrary.ab.ca

Contact Person

Emily Springer, Early Literacy and Outreach Librarian
Donna Riehl, Supervisor, Youth Services

Overview of Program

Preschoolers 3-6 and their families learn through stories, fingerplays and activities.

Approximate # of families served each year: 200

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Rocky Rhymes

Address

Rocky Community Learning Council
Box 2037
Rocky Mountain House AB T4T 1B5
Tel: (403) 845-4544
Fax: (403) 845-7728
Email: info@rockyclc.ab.ca

Contact Person

Donna Reid, Council Coordinator
Pat Warkentin, Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

This program is presented in Rocky Mountain House, Caroline, Leslieville and Condor communities. It supports families in developing early literacy and language experiences and promotes healthy family relationships. Parents are encouraged to network with other parents in the group and to use other family literacy programs and resources in the community.

This 8-session oral language development program promotes positive parenting. Parents learn to enjoy rhymes, finger plays, songs, simple movement games and storytelling with their infants and toddlers in a supportive peer group. Snacks and transportation are provided.

Approximate # of families served each year: 40

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Address

Henday Association for Lifelong Learning
#2, 4407 – 49 Street
Innisfail AB T4G 1P3
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Fax: (780) 227-3579
Email: henday@rttinc.com
Website: www.hendaylearning.com

Contact Person

Donna Arnold, Executive Director Calc and Family Literacy Coordinator
Bev Wild, Adult Learning Coordinator

Overview of Program

This 1.5 hour, 16 week program runs in the County of Red Deer for parents and their children from 0-6 contains elements from a variety of programs including Rhymes that Bind, BOOKS, Story sacks, Storytelling and Magic Carpet Ride. The program begins with songs and rhymes, a form of storytelling followed by activity centres. The program then ends with a snack and social / networking time. Parents learn new ways to interact with their children and help with their child's language development. Children learn about rhyme, rhythm and playing with language. The goals are to have parents and children read and play together and just have fun sharing time together. This will help the child to develop language and early literacy skills and the parents gain skills and feel more confident helping their children. It also build's the child's social skills and allows the parents time for networking and sharing with other parents

Approximate # of families served each year: 100

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Share the Magic

Address

Calgary Learning Centre
3930 20 St SW
Calgary AB T2T 4Z9
Tel: (403) 868-9300 X 136
Email: marilyn.martin@calgarylearningcentre.com

Contact Person

Marilyn Martin, Program Coordinator
Nada Jerkovic, Manager of Family Literacy Services

Overview of Program

Books donated by the community are cleaned and sorted before our volunteers go into high-needs daycares, preschools and playschools to read to the children and hand out two books for every child to keep.

Approximate # of families served each year: 900

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Story Bags (based on Story Sacks)

Address

#2, 4407 – 49 Street
Innisfail AB T4G 1P3
Tel: (403) 227-2866
Fax: (403) 227-3579
Email: henday@rttinc.com
Website: www.hendaylearning.com

Contact Person

Donna Arnold, Executive Director CALC and Family Literacy Coordinator
Bev Wild, Adult Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

The story bags are held in our location but we often do have them available in the various towns in Red Deer County through the libraries or other agencies. Story bags are available to anyone in our programs, to any group, family etc. in Red Deer County for free. Parents take the bag home for up to 2 weeks. Each sack contains a good quality story fiction book, a non-fiction book relating to the subject, all of the characters in the story, a back drop, activity, a parent card which also contains other songs and activities, and inventory card. The families are encouraged to play with the story bag together.

Approximate # of families served each year: 300

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Story Circle

Address

Strathcona County Library
Unit 300, 2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park AB T8A 5P7
Tel: (780) 449-5801
Fax: (780) 467-6861
Email: cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca
Website: www.sclibrary.ab.ca

Contact Person

Emily Springer, Early Literacy & Outreach Librarian
Donna Riehl, Supervisor, Youth Services

Overview of Program

Stories, rhymes and musical activities for preschoolers aged 3-5, with a caregiver. Siblings may register too.

Approximate # of families served each year: 120

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised January 2009

Storysacks

Address

Camrose Family Literacy
4872 – 50 Street, 2nd Floor
Camrose AB T4V 1P7
Tel: (403) 672-8754
Fax: (403) 672-7621
Email: Sharilyn@camrosecalc.com
Website: www.camroselearning.com

Contact Person

Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

Overview of Program

4 Story sacks provided each year at the Learning Together Program in Battle River Region. Young mothers, finishing High School create literally bags that contain activities and games. Bags are used in our Building Blocks Program.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Story Sacks

Address

Edson and District Community Learning Society
#201, 111 – 54 Street
Edson AB T7E 1T2
Tel: (780) 723-6247
Fax: (780) 723-6253
Email: edcls@gyrd.ab.ca
Website: www.edcls.ab.ca

Contact Person

Jodi Mantey, Edson Literacy Coordinator
Barb Cant, Edson Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

Parents and interested community members create a Story sack that consists of a good quality storybook, props, scenery and characters, a non-fiction book linked to the story, reading tips and activity ideas for parents, word or number games based on the story, and an audio tape of the story.

Approximate # of families served each year: 6

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Storysacks (Aboriginal)

Address

Edson Friendship Centre
5023 – 3rd Ave #13
Edson AB T7E 1X7
Tel: (780) 723-5494
Fax: (780) 723-4359
Email: efc99@telus.net

Contact Person

Tina Clifton, Program Coordinator
Reneé Beck, Facilitator

Overview of Program

Storysacks is a large bag made by Aboriginal parents and other volunteers in the community, that contains a good quality picture book (Aboriginal) and supporting materials to stimulate reading activities and other language based play and interactions. It includes soft toys, props and scenery relating to story.

Approximate # of families served each year: 18-24

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2007

Story Sacks

Address

High Level Parent Link Centre
10905 – 100 Ave.
High Level AB T0H 1Z0
Tel: (780) 926-4668
Fax: (780) 926-4602
Email: ronalda2@telus.net

Contact Person

Ronalda Wolfe, PLC Coordinator / Administrative Support
Rhodora Martens, PLC Executive Director

Overview of Program

The aim of a storysack is to help parents gain the confidence to enjoy books and reading together with their children. A storysack contains a variety of things such as a book, toys that go along with the story, puzzles, games, songs and reading material. Parents are encouraged to be a role model and to bring their own skills, imagination and creativity into using literacy in this way with their child.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Storysacks ('Acimow Muskimota')

Address

Lac La Biche Regional Awasisak & Family Development Circle Association
Box 2360
Lac La Biche AB T0A 2C0
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Fax: (780) 623-7890
Email: deandar@telus.net

Contact Person

Darlene Thompson, CEO
HeadStart Programs & Contact Information:
Buffalo Lake Aboriginal HeadStart – Lorne Delorme, Centre Supervisor
Tel: (780) 689-3855

Kikino Aboriginal HeadStart – Jean Cardinal, Centre Supervisor
Tel: (780) 623-7001

Lac La Biche Aboriginal HeadStart – Tilda Hayward, Centre Supervisor
Tel: (780) 623-3641

Overview of Program

Our project is titled Acimow Muskimota meaning Storysacks in the Cree language. We are developing Storysacks with HeadStart parents and children in the communities of Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, Kikino Metis Settlement and the town of Lac La Biche. Utilizing elders and other resources within the three communities allows our project to extend the Storysacks by incorporating Aboriginal traditional knowledge and culture within the development of each Storysacks e.g. Cree language, oral story-telling.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised February 2009

Storysacks

Address

County of Ponoka Literacy Society
76, 6205 – 54 Street
Ponoka AB T4J 1M5
Tel: (403) 783-5211
Fax: (403) 783-7494
Email: mhuff@rttinc.com

Contact Person

Dorothy Houghton, Coordinator

Overview of Program

Storysacks are placed in nursery, Parent Link Centers, Day Homes for parents to take home. Each sack contains a fiction and non fiction book, tape / CD, props for the story, questions on the story, and helpful hints how to use the sack.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised January 2009

Storytime with Norma

Address

Rainbow Literacy Society
Box 180
Vulcan AB T0L 2B0
Tel: (403) 485-3107
Fax: (403) 485-1979
Email: coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com
Website: www.rainbowliteracy.com

Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Storytime with Norma is a free once a week drop-in program for parents/caregivers of preschool aged children. Parents learn the importance of sharing books with their children in a variety of ways. The program is offered by a trained in-home literacy support worker (Builder).

Approximate # of families served each year: 15

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Storytellers, St. Paul and area

Address

Portage College
Box 1471
5205 – 50 Ave
St. Paul AB T0A 3A0
Tel: (780) 645-5223 x 224
Fax: (780) 645-5162
Email: harr-cross@hotmail.com
nicole.crossan@portagecollege.ca
Website: portagecollege.ca

Contact Person

Marvin Bjornstad, Program Manager
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

Overview of Program

Group program that brings ELL learners and ECD educators together to learn how to teach and learn language and make learning fun for our children using stories from various cultures. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings (7-9pm) and Thursday afternoons 2:30 – 3:30 pm starting the third week of January and ending the last week of April.

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Summer Playtime

Address

Golden Prairie Parent Link
Box 430
Hanna AB T0J 1P0
Tel: (403) 857-9553
Fax: (403) 854-5673
Email: hanna@goldenprairieplc.ca
Website: www.goldenprairieplc.ca

Contact Person

Cori Amundrud, Coordinator
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor

Overview of Program

Interactive playtime for children newborn to 6 years of age with a parent / caregiver. This free program includes outdoor play in a local park with exploration play, arts and crafts, songs, rhymes, games and stories. Parent education and resources available on site for loan.

Approximate # of families served each year: 25

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised January 2009

Tales for Tots

Address

Strathcona County Library
Unit 300, 2020 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park AB T8A 5P7
Tel: (780) 449-5801
Fax: (780) 467-6861
Email: cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca
Website: www.sclibrary.ab.ca

Contact Person

Emily Springer, Early Literacy and Outreach Librarian
Donna Riehl, Supervisor, Youth Services

Overview of Program

Children aged 24-42 months explore stories and learn through picture books, rhymes, fingerplays and music with a caregiver. Siblings may register too.

Approximate # of families served each year: 120

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised January 2009

Talk Box

Address

High Level Parent Link
10905 – 100 Ave.
High Level AB T0H 1Z0
Tel: (780) 926-4668
Fax: (780) 926-4602
Email: ronalda2@telus.net

Contact Person

Rhodora Martens, PLC Executive Director
Ronalda Wolfe, PLC Coordinator / Administrative Support

Overview of Program

The Talk Box is used to encourage speech and language development. It provided resources for parents to use with their children. These resources show developmental skills, games and activities, which are age appropriate.

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Teen Mom's Group

Address

Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9625 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel: (780) 539-6077
Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: Elizabeth.bell@gppsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gplifelonglearning.com

Contact Person

Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

Overview of Program

This group is support to teen mothers with parenting information and literacy as the focus of the sessions. This group meets once a week for 1.5 – 2 hours every week for 35 weeks. Literacy activities, promotion and support are included in each week. Some weeks the main focus of the group will be based on the BOOKS program as well as other literacy elements from other models. The purpose is to model positive literacy strategies in both the parenting sessions and the nursery, and promotes the importance of reading and learning new things for themselves. Literacy will be embedded into all aspects of current programming within the Teen Group.

Approximate # of families served each year: 15 – 20

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Time For Rhymes

Address

Rainbow Literacy Society
Box 180
Vulcan AB T0L 2B0
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Fax: (403) 485-1979
Email: coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com
Website: www.rainbowliteracy.com

Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

Trained literacy facilitators provide weekly group interactive sessions of singing, rhyming, chanting and oral storytelling to parents / caregivers with children ages 0-5. These sessions partner with community members and are held in schools, libraries, community halls, etc.

Approximate # of families served each year: 65-75

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

Revised November 2009

Toddler Time

Address

Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 – 10 Street SE
High River AB T1V 2B9
Tel: (403) 652-5090
Toll Free 1-888-652-5090
Fax: (403) 601-2389
Email: lfladmin@telus.net
Website: www.litforlife.com

Contact Person

Tracy Howk, Family Literacy Coordinator
Sue Stegmeier, Executive Director

Overview of Program

Parents and children (aged 18 months to 30 months) attend ½ hour sessions with trained facilitators where they learn songs, rhymes, storytelling and crafts. Social time occurs after sessions. Information on literacy and child development is shared formally and informally.

Approximate # of families served each year: 110

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes

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Toddler Time

Address

Slave Lake Municipal Library
Box 540
Slave Lake AB T0G 2A0
Tel: (780) 849-5250
Fax: (780) 849-3275
Email: programs@slavelakelibrary.ab.ca
Website: www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca

Contact Person

Carrie MacDonald, Assistant Librarian – Programming
Lori Herkzik, Library Manager

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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You Make the Difference

Address

Family Centre
1010 – 4 Ave South
Lethbridge AB T1J 0P5
Tel: (403) 320-4232
Fax: (403) 329-7321
Email: cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca
Website: www.famcentre.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Skaien, Early Childhood Coordinator
Jennifer Duffy, Early Childhood Educator

Overview of Program

Come learn how to connect with your child, follow their lead during play and help them learn through everyday routines and activities.

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Word Windows

Address

Kneehill Adult Learning
Box 639
Three Hills AB T0M 2A0
Tel: (403) 443-5556
Fax: (403) 443-5155
Email: admin@kals3hills.ca
Website: www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person

Cheryl Hollidge, Program Coordinator
Jaylene Capnerhurst, Literacy Assistant

Overview of Program

Word Windows (modified Rhymes that Bind, BOOKS, Books for Babies) parents and children 3 to 6 years old meet to enjoy rhymes, stories and songs. This program fosters parent-child interaction and instills a love of literacy through multiple venues. Over the course of the program, families create their own story together. Children's art, make-believe and family stories are encouraged so that participants have their own material to share at home.

Approximate # of families served each year: 12

Do you offer training in this type of program?

Yes (Books for Babies, Rhymes that Bind)

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WRAPS Rhyme with Me, St. Paul and area

Address

Portage College
Box 1471
5205 – 50 Ave
St. Paul AB T0A 3A0
Tel: (780) 645-5223 x 224
Fax: (780) 645-5162
Email: harr-cross@hotmail.com
Website: nicole.crossan@portagecollege.ca

Contact Person

Marvin Bjornstad, Manager
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

Overview of Program

Held at the St. Paul Library on Saturdays, this program begins with songs and rhymes. Then we march into the program room for crafts, games and reading.

Approximate # of families served each year: 10

Do you offer training in this type of program?

No

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Appendix A: Update of Family Literacy Programs in Alberta

This information will be used to update our mailing list and the document "Family Literacy Programs in Alberta."
Please note: if you offer more than one type of family literacy program, **please use a separate form for each.**

Name of Family Literacy Program	
Name of Organization	
Our information has changed	Yes ___ No ___
Mailing Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail Address	
Website	
Contact Person 1	
Role of contact person 1	
Contact Person 2	
Role of contact person 2	
Overview of Program	
Approximate # of families served each year	
Do you offer training in this type of program?	Yes ___ No ___
Date	