

DIRECTORY - *Programs and Initiatives for*

Family Literacy Education and Support in New Brunswick (English)

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New Brunswick Directory of Programs and Initiatives Providing Family Literacy Education and Support -English

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INTRODUCTION

This directory lists programs and initiatives that provide family literacy education and support in New Brunswick. It provides helpful information for those wanting to access programs in their localities, and for educators and others who refer people for literacy education and support. In addition, it will be useful to organizations wanting to build liaisons, and for communities seeking to create more coherent, comprehensive and connected provisions for literacy learning. This directory is intended to be a living document that will be updated on a regular basis.

The creation of this directory takes place at a time when there is widespread public interest in and concern about family literacy learning in New Brunswick. It is generally accepted that school alone cannot produce the knowledge, skills and dispositions that citizens need to lead literate lives in the 21st century. A great deal of literacy learning is deeply embedded in home, workplace, and community life, and is reflective of the diverse cultural backgrounds of New Brunswickers. Family based programs that recognize this social and cultural diversity tailor their teaching to participants' strengths and interests. They help participants to negotiate the literacy challenges of their daily lives and participate more fully in social dialogue and decision-making.

The directory is organized in two sections:

- Province-wide programs and initiatives - led provincially, they offer programs or services in many localities around the province.
- Local programs and initiatives – listed by county.

For each entry, the directory provides information about when, where and for whom the program or initiative is offered, and who to contact for further information or to enroll. Where a fee is involved, that is noted.

The field of family literacy education and support is continually changing, lacking, as it does, the necessary infrastructure and guaranteed funding required for program stability. Consequently, programs may disappear and pop up in your locality. If you know of any such, please forward that information to us by email nbliteracy@nb.aibn.com so that this directory can be updated on an ongoing basis.

DEFINITIONS

What do we mean by *literacy*?

Literacy is more than a set of neutral and objective skills. It involves using the *different forms of communication beyond reading and writing*, which give us further opportunities in our society – for ourselves, our families, and our communities. Literacy helps us understand the world we live in and also helps us understand ourselves and express our identity, our ideas and our culture.

How do we define *family literacy*?

Defining what is meant by family literacy and family literacy programs is an on-going conversation. No one definition suits all contexts. For the purpose of this Directory:

Family literacy refers to the literacy practices of parents, children and family members as they go about their daily lives and negotiate relationships both within the family and between the family and the broader community (Strategic Framework for Family Literacy in NB 2008).

What qualifies as a family literacy program or initiative for this Directory?

Compared to other provinces, there are very few stand-alone family literacy programs in New Brunswick. Most family literacy support in New Brunswick is embedded in programs with broader mandates. For example, many family resource centres offer a wide range of programs for children and their families which focus on literacy knowledge, skills and dispositions in the years before school.

Family Literacy support may be only *one component* of a program or it may be the program's whole *reason for being*.

For the purpose of the NB Directory of Programs for Family Literacy Education and Support: *A program or initiative will qualify as a family literacy program if it provides literacy education that focuses on the literacy practices of parents, children and family members as they go about their daily lives.*

Family literacy practices are many and varied. They change under ever-changing circumstances. They are carried out within the social context of the family in the home or broader community

Comprehensive models

In New Brunswick, we know that there is an absence of comprehensive models of family literacy programming. Yet according to research findings, these comprehensive programs have been considered to have the greatest impact.

Comprehensive models are defined as programs that are of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable impact, and that integrate the following critical

components: (1) interactive literacy activities for parents and children together (2) parent support to enhance their capacity to promote their children's literacy development (3) literacy education for adults independent of their role as parents, and (4) a specific program for children with emphasis on literacy development.

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Province-Wide Programs

Born to Read/Le gout de lire

A book give-away program originated by the IODE (Shirley Downey) in 1991. The program works in partnership with libraries, the NB Department of Health, IODE, UNB Early Childhood Centre, and other community volunteers. By providing parents with guidance and books to begin the process from the first few months of life, it is hoped to establish the foundation for early and lifelong learning.

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Program: Provides a bag of children's books to every new mother giving birth in a New Brunswick hospital. The books are accompanied by a letter for parents, outlining the importance of reading to their child. Information is also included on early childhood development.

Program recipients: Babies born in hospitals. The program serves about 5,700 English speaking families per year.

Location: Bathurst, Campbellton, Edmundston, Fredericton, Miramichi, Moncton (City), Moncton (George Dumont), Saint John, Waterville

Delivery: This is a one-time event for every child born in a hospital in the province.

Learning Disabilities Association of New Brunswick

The Learning Disabilities Association of New Brunswick promotes the understanding and acceptance of the ability of persons with learning disabilities to lead meaningful and successful lives. Membership is open to all who are interested in the well-being of those with learning disabilities. LDANB is affiliated with the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada.

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LINKS Literacy Project (a pilot project offering one-on-one tutoring after school in reading and/or writing)

Program recipients: Children from grades K-6

Location: Barker's Point

Workshops: Workshops are offered by the organization on a needs basis. The most commonly offered workshops are called 'Screening for Success', and sessions on general learning disabilities.

Program recipients: The workshops are offered to the general public, families, and people working in the field of learning disabilities.

Locations: Upon request

Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick

The Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick is a registered non-profit charitable organization. It is an umbrella organization which acts as the voice for community Anglophone literacy in New Brunswick. Their aim is to increase the literacy rate in New Brunswick in partnership with others.

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Programs: The Coalition provides coordination and support for the literacy Anglophone community. Examples: Forums for information sharing, training and resource materials on Family Literacy (i.e. the Family Literacy Travelling Trunk, Practitioner's Guide to Family Literacy Sessions with Parents of Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers), public awareness and engagement – keeping literacy and its impact in the public forum; literacy research studies and liaison with government, giving input into policy development on literacy.

Program recipients: Anglophone literacy community and general public

Location: Province-wide

New Brunswick Public Library Service

The New Brunswick Public Library System provides access to a provincial collection of more than 1.8 million items, as well as to programs and services ranging from story hour to public lectures to services such as reference, Inter-Library loan and public access workstations.

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Programs:

Babies in the Library: Movement, songs, finger plays and rhymes for parents/caregivers and babies.

Book-based programs: Toddler Time, Preschool Story Hour (young children are exposed to reading and language-based activities in a group setting.

Step Into Reading (Kindergarten Library Card Invitation): Each September, colourful invitation cards resembling postcards are given to students entering kindergarten.

Summer Reading Club is a free, non-competitive reading program for children. Children commit to reading a certain amount over the course of the program, and use reading logs to keep track of the amount of time, and number of books read. A certificate of achievement is given at the end of the program.

Literacy for Kids: Children (grades 1-3) who are experiencing reading difficulties build confidence by practicing reading in a fun, relaxed learning environment with games and activities.

Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award for children grades 4-6. They are given the opportunity to read and vote for their favourite books. There is an award presentation each spring.

General Book Clubs are programs through which participants are encouraged to read a book and then come together and discuss what they have taken from the books.

Workshops and Training for teens and adults on a variety of subjects.

Program recipients: Families and individuals of all ages

Location: Public libraries across the province

LITERACY PROGRAMS BY COUNTY

ALBERT COUNTY

Imagine – A Solution for Dyslexia

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David Program: A program to help people cope with various disorders in a learning setting. Disorders may include dyslexia, language-based learning disabilities, reading disabilities, attention deficit disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorders, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, phonemic awareness disability, visual processing disorder, and auditory processing disorder. The program is individualized and delivered one-on-one. Participants are required to pre-register and pay a fee.

Program recipients: Clients are people of all ages

Location: Riverview

Delivery: The program is delivered as a week-long intensive service, with some follow-up.

Riverview Boys and Girls Club

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Afterschool Homework Program: A drop-in program run by both staff and volunteers, it offers a space for students to complete homework supervised and assisted by adults.

Program recipients: Students from K-12

Location: Riverview

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 4:00-4:45pm, from September to June.

Book Club: A drop-in program offering books for sign-out and a quiet place to read.

Program recipients: Open to the public, it typically receives fifteen clients weekly.

Location: Riverview

Delivery: Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00pm, from September to June.

Comic Book Club: Encourages members to bring and share comic books with others.

Program recipients: Open to the public, it typically receives fifteen members weekly.

Location: Riverview

Delivery: Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00pm, from September to June.

Cooking Club: A drop-in program that teaches basic cooking skills. Relevant literacy skills taught include reading recipes, and using and converting measurement.

Program recipients: Open to the public, it typically receives thirty members weekly.

Location: Riverview

Delivery: Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00pm, from September to June.

South East Rural Early Intervention

This is a home-based support and teaching program designed to give children a good start in life. Parents are offered guidance and information on child development and parenting skills. The program is designed to help children optimize their development and become school-ready. An extensive resource library is also available for families. This is a targeted program intended to promote attachment and child development.

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Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A 5 minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Petitcodiac, Elgin, Riverview, Hillsborough, Fundy Point, Salisbury, Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin, Cape Tormentine

Delivery: The program is delivered as part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Regular Intervention: A program of home-visits done with the purposes of: improving childhood outcomes; enhancing child school readiness; enhancing family self-sufficiency; assisting families in understanding and accepting their child's conditions (learning or health – related) and their behaviors; encouraging families to provide opportunities for their children to reach their optimal potential; developing individual plans for each child to enhance their strengths and their needs within the family; encouraging and enriching learning in the child's home; facilitating the involvement of the child in family and communication; and assisting families in getting any other needed assistance through referrals. The program also works on school readiness skills for children who will be starting school in the following year.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Petitcodiac, Elgin, Riverview, Hillsborough, Fundy Point, Salisbury, Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin, Cape Tormentine

Delivery: The program is delivered as a series of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

CARLETON COUNTY

Talk With Me/Parle-moi Woodstock/Perth

Talk With Me/Parle-moi is a free program for the promotion and prevention of speech-language development difficulties in pre-school children. Open to the public, it provides information on speech and language development geared towards those who interact with pre-school children.

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Valley Family Resource Center

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Mother Goose: Designed for children and their parents, it encourages fluency in oral language using nursery rhymes, songs, and reading. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves ten to fifteen children per site.

Location: Woodstock, Nackawic, Bath, Centerville, Hartland

Delivery: Fluctuates based on need.

School Readiness: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children, with a maximum of ten children per site.

Location: Woodstock, Centerville, Nackawic

Delivery: Offered weekly, from April to June.

Baby Chat: Created to foster reading between mothers and their infants, Baby Chat is delivered in a group setting.

Program recipients: Mothers and their infants. The program typically serves ten families per group.

Location: Varies between Woodstock, Nackawic, Bath, Centerville, Hartland

Delivery: Offered weekly in the fall and spring.

Imagination Library/Dolly Parton Foundation: Parents of infants born in the Woodstock area can fill out an application form to receive one free children's book per month, until the child's fifth birthday. Parents can apply in the hospital, or at the Valley Family Resource Centre, after which the application is mailed to the Dolly Parton Foundation in Toronto.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their families.

Location: Woodstock area

Delivery: Books are mailed monthly to clients.

Woodstock Early Intervention Program

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Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A 5 minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Nackawic, Woodstock, Hartland, Florenceville, Centerville, Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Grand Falls

Delivery: The program is delivered as part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Regular Intervention: A program of home-visits done with the purposes of: improving childhood outcomes; enhancing child school readiness; enhancing family self-sufficiency; assisting families in understanding and accepting their child's conditions (learning or health – related) and their behaviors; encouraging families to provide opportunities for their children to reach their optimal potential; developing individual plans for each child to enhance their strengths and their needs within the family; encouraging and enriching learning in the child's home; facilitating the involvement of the child in family and communication; and assisting families in getting any other needed assistance through referrals. The program also works on school readiness skills for children who will be starting school in the following year.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Nackawic, Woodstock, Hartland, Florenceville, Centerville, Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Grand Falls

Delivery: The program is delivered as a series of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

1234 Parent: A program meant to encourage parent-child interactions involving language. It is based on the ages and stages of child development, and includes alphabet and numeracy learning.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Can be offered at Nackawic, Woodstock, Hartland, Florenceville, Centerville, Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, and Grand Falls, based on need.

Delivery: The program is delivered one morning each week.

Note: The program is not currently operating.

Woodstock First Nation Aboriginal Headstart

Tel: 506-328-4332

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Charlotte County Early Intervention

This is a home-based support and teaching program designed to give children a good start in life. Parents are offered guidance and information on child development and parenting skills. The program is designed to help children optimize their development and become school-ready. An extensive resource library is also available for families. This is a targeted program intended to promote attachment and child development.

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Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A 5 minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: St. Stephen, St. Andrews, St. George, Grand Manan, Campobello, Deer Island, Whitehead Island

Delivery: The program is delivered as part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Regular Intervention: A program of home-visits done with the purposes of: improving childhood outcomes; enhancing child school readiness; enhancing family self-sufficiency; assisting families in understanding and accepting their child's conditions (learning or health – related) and their behaviors; encouraging families to provide opportunities for their children to reach their optimal potential; developing individual plans for each child to enhance their strengths and their needs within the family; encouraging and enriching learning in the child's home; facilitating the involvement of the child in family and communication; and assisting families in getting any other needed assistance through referrals. The program also works on school readiness skills for children who will be starting school in the following year.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: St. Stephen, St. Andrews, St. George, Grand Manan, Campobello, Deer Island, Whitehead Island

Delivery: The program is delivered as a series of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Charlotte County Family Resource Center

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Play Group: Offers crafts, music, stories, and free play to children and their parents.
Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves forty children in St. Stephen, thirty in St. George and St. Andrews, twelve in Deer Island and Campobello, and twenty in Grand Manan.

Location: St. Stephen, St. George, St. Andrews, Deer Island, Campobello, Grand Manan

Delivery: Two hour sessions weekly, year-round.

Be a Reading Star: Affiliated with the Play Group program mentioned above, children are read to by their parents, and given a star for each completed book. When they have accumulated twenty stars, they may select a book to keep.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: St. Stephen, St. George, St. Andrews, Deer Island, Campobello, Grand Manan

Delivery: Monday to Friday, in the morning.

The ABCs of Being 3: Available individually or in groups, the ABC's of Being 3 is designed to help parents realize their role as their child's first educator. Delivered by trained volunteers, the curriculum includes thinking, colours, textures, shapes, and the alphabet.

Program recipients: Three-year-old children and their families. There program typically serves thirty-five families.

Location: Lawrence Station, Back Bay, St. Andrews, St. Stephen

Delivery: Weekly, from 10:00-11:00am.

1234 Parent: Encourages positive parent-child interactions involving language. Based on the ages and stages of child development, it includes alphabet and numeracy literacy.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves fifteen children in St. Stephen and Grand Manan.

Location: St. Stephen, Grand Manan

Delivery: Over three consecutive evenings, with each session lasting approximately two hours.

Learning Begins: Is affiliated with both the 1234 Parent and Born to Read programs.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 2 and their families. The program typically serves eight families per session.

Location: St. Stephen

Delivery: Monthly on Thursdays for three hours, from September to June.

Teddy Bears Picnic: Wherein children read and are read to, and are encouraged to write stories themselves.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves fifteen families.

Location: St. Stephen

Delivery: Daily during July and August.

Baby Talk: Created to foster reading between mothers and their infants, Baby Talk is delivered in a group setting.

Program recipients: Mothers and their infants. The program typically serves ten families per group.

Location: St. Stephen

Delivery: Weekly, from January to March.

Parent and Children's Library: A travelling library based in St. Stephen, it offers a wide selection of books for children and their families, including parenting literature.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: Based from St. Stephen, the program travels to Lawrence Station, Back Bay, St. Andrews, St. George, Deer Island, Campobello, and Grand Manan.

Delivery: Weekly

Mother Goose: Built to encourage oral language, the Mother Goose curriculum includes nursery rhymes, songs, and reading.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6, and their families. The program serves twelve families per session.

Location: St. Stephen

Delivery: Weekly, for ten weeks.

Getting Ready for School: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children, with a maximum of ten children per site.

Location: St. Stephen, Lawrence Station, Grand Manan. Occasionally offered from Deer Island and Blacks Harbour.

Delivery: Twice weekly in St. Stephen, and weekly in Lawrence Station and Grand Manan, from April to June.

Storytent: Facilitated by staff and volunteers, Storytent involves building 'tents' out of blankets and sheets under which children read and are read to.

Program recipients: Children of all ages and their families. The program typically has 8 families per session.

Location: St. Stephen, Middletown Heights, St. George

Delivery: Tuesdays in St. Stephen, Mondays in Middletown Heights, and Thursdays in St. George, for eight weeks during the summer.

Grand Manan Boys and Girls Club

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Contact person: Tonia Leavitt, Executive Director

Preschool Readiness: A program helping children learn school readiness skills. The program includes learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and story times. Participants must pre-register.

Program recipients: Clients are 4-year-olds. The program services 22 people.

Location: Grand Harbour (Grand Manan)

Delivery: The program is delivered Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30am, from September to June.

Playschool: A program helping children learn about the alphabet, numeracy and story times. Participants must pre-register.

Program recipients: Clients are 2 and 3-year-olds. The program services 14 people.

Location: Grand Harbour (Grand Manan)

Delivery: The program is delivered Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00-11:30am, from September to June.

Afterschool Program: A drop-in center run by staff, offering homework help and reading time.

Program recipients: Clients are people of all ages. The program services 20 to 25 people.

Location: Grand Harbour (Grand Manan)

Delivery: The program is offered Monday to Friday from 2:00-5:00pm, during the school year.

Grand Manan Community Programming

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Contact person: Treena Mersereau, Executive Director

The ABCs of Being 3: A structured program dealing with cognitive skills, colours, textures, shapes, and the alphabet. The program is delivered one-on-one or in groups, by volunteers who are trained by a paid facilitator. It aims to assist parents in realizing the important role they play as the first educator in their child's life. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Clients are 3-year-olds and their parents. They hear about the program through word-of-mouth, community television, and occasional flyers mailed out by the organization. The program services about 15 families.

Location: Woodward Cove (Central Grand Manan)

Delivery: The program is delivered in weekly 1:30pm sessions for 5 weeks. It is usually offered five times per year.

Play Group: A program including learning, crafts, music, stories, and free play for children and parents.

Note: This program is currently under development for January 2009.

Reading Star: A program encouraging parents to read to their children. When parents finish reading a book to their child, they are given a star. The aim is to accumulate these stars.

Note: This program is currently under development for January 2009.

Talk With Me/Parle-moi St. Stephen

Talk With Me/Parle-moi is a free program for the promotion and prevention of speech-language development difficulties in pre-school children. Open to the public, it provides information on speech and language development geared towards those who interact with pre-school children.

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GLOUCESTER COUNTY

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KENT COUNTY

Bouctouche First Nation Aboriginal Headstart

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Elsipogtog First Nation Aboriginal Headstart

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Kent Family Resource Center

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Richibucto, NB
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Fax: 506-524-9915
Website: frc-crf.com/richibucto/
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Contact person: Sylvie Lozier, Executive Director

Tunes for Tots: Offers free play, story time, educational games, singing, and crafts.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their families.

Location: Richibucto

Delivery: Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00am, year round, on a drop-in basis.

Preschool: A program helping children learn school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and story times.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children. The program typically serves ten to fifteen children per group.

Location: Richibucto

Delivery: One morning weekly, from September to June.

KINGS, QUEENS & SUNBURY COUNTIES

Care 'N Share Family Resource Center Inc.

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Email: chipman@frc-crf.com
Contact person: Valerie Blyth, Executive Director

Read to Me Reading Club: Designed to foster a love of reading through stories, songs, and crafts. Children keep logs of their completed books, and their totals are graphed and displayed for the group to see.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6, and their families. The program typically serves seventy-five families.

Delivery: 10:00-10:30am, weekly.

School Readiness: A program helping children learn school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and story times.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children registered to start kindergarten the following year.

Location: Boiestown, Doaktown, Minto, Chipman, Coles Island

Delivery: Weekly, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Parenting Program: A series of workshops for parents, including a library visit.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: Boiestown, Doaktown, Minto, Chipman, Coles Island

Delivery: Fluctuates based on need, typically in the mornings.

Havelock Boys and Girls Club

13 Cross Street
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Email: havelockbg@yahoo.com
Contact person: Amy Thorne, Executive Director

Preschool Playschool: The curriculum includes learning about the alphabet, numeracy, games and story times. Participants must pre-register and pay a fee.

Program recipients: Three and 4-year-old children. The program typically serves twenty families weekly.

Location: Havelock

Delivery: Monday to Thursday from 9:00-11:30am, from September to June.

Homework Club: Offers a place for elementary and middle school students to work on homework after school. Participants are picked up from their school if necessary.

Program recipients: Children ages 5 to 13. The program typically serves fifteen children weekly.

Location: Havelock

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 3:30-4:30pm during the school year, on a drop-in basis.

Hampton Alliance for Lifelong Learning

The Hampton Alliance for Lifelong Learning is a charitable community association dedicated to providing information and educational resources and supports to parents and caregivers of young children in Hampton and surrounding areas.

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Hampton, NB

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Email: haforll@nbnet.nb.ca

Programs for Parents: Infant CPR and First Aid; Ready for School; Self Esteem-How I see Me; Learning Begins; Early Learning Canada; Secrets of Discipline

Program recipients: Parents of young children ages 0 to 6.

Location: Hampton and surrounding area

Delivery: Fluctuates depending on need and availability.

Activities for Parents & Children: Family Resource Library; Celebrate Baby; Funshops;

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: Hampton and surrounding area

Delivery: Fluctuates depending on need and availability.

Preschool Summer Camp: A weekly summer program filled with fun and discovery just for preschoolers. Swimming, activity centers and weekly themes designed to encourage learning through play.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6.

Location: Hampton and surrounding area

Delivery: Fluctuates depending on need and availability.

Kings County Family Resource Center

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Contact person: Linda Sadler, Executive Director

1234 Parent: Encourages positive parent-child interactions involving language. Based on the ages and stages of child development, it includes alphabet and numeracy literacy.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves twenty families.

Location: Sussex, Hampton

Delivery: Weekly, from 10:00-11:00am.

Mother Goose: Built to encourage oral language, the Mother Goose curriculum includes nursery rhymes, songs, and reading.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6, and their families. The program typically serves twenty families.

Location: Sussex, Hampton, Belyea Cove, Belleisle, Kingston

Delivery: Weekly, from 9:00am-12:00pm, for ten weeks.

Learning Begins: Is affiliated with both the 1234 Parent and Born to Read programs.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 2 and their families. The program typically serves ten to fifteen families.

Location: Sussex, Hampton, Kingston, Belleisle, Belyea Cove

Delivery: Weekly, from 9:00-10:00am.

Canadian Parenting Workshops “Preparing children for school success”: Teaches parents methods for helping their children prepare for kindergarten. The curriculum includes teaching about colours and letters, discipline techniques, and healthy eating.

Program recipients: Families of children ages 3 to 5. The program typically serves six to twelve families.

Location: Sussex

Delivery: Two hours on Thursday mornings, for six to eight weeks.

Musical Moments: Teaches musical literacy, which includes listening to music and lyrics, and learning to read words and music.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves ten to fifteen families.

Location: Sussex, Hampton, Kingston, Belleisle, Belyea Cove

Delivery: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00am, from September to June.

Family Arts and Crafts: Participants must read instructions to successfully create a craft.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves fifteen families.

Location: Sussex, Hampton, Kingston, Belleisle, Belyea Cove

Delivery: Weekly from 10:00-11:00am.

Kids and Caregivers Lending Library: Offers free book loans, as well as a space for reading.

Program recipients: Open to the public.

Location: Sussex

Delivery: Available on a continual basis.

Cozy Corner Drop-in: Run by volunteers, who read with children.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6, and their families. The program typically serves twenty families.

Location: Sussex

Delivery: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am, from September to June.

KV3C – Kennebecasis Valley – Community, Capacity, Children

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Contact person: Kathy English, Coordinator

KV Kids Family Playgroup: A program of circle time, activities, snacks, crafts, and playtime with other families.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their families. The program services 10 to 20 children.

Location: Rothesay, Quispamsis

Delivery: The program is offered Tuesday mornings from 9:45-11:30am at the Rothesay location, and Friday mornings from 9:45-11:30am at the Quispamsis location.

Babytime: An opportunity for parents to meet in a relaxed atmosphere and learn about the early parenting process. Guest speakers are invited to share their expertise on a variety of early childhood issues.

Program recipients: Clients are parents of children ages 0 to 1. The program services 10 to 20 children.

Location: Rothesay

Delivery: The program is delivered Mondays from 10:30am-12:00pm, for 6 weeks, based on need.

Step-Up Parent Workshop Series: A series of short evening workshops with guest speakers to offer parents insights into a diverse selection of child development issues.

Program recipients: Clients are parents of children.

Location: Rothesay

Delivery: The program is delivered in evening sessions on demand.

Learning Begins: An interactive workshop program for parents, celebrating the role of the parent while exploring how children learn and develop essential skills through everyday activities and interaction. The workshop is free, and includes materials and refreshments.

Program recipients: Clients are parents of children ages 0 to 2.

Location: Rothesay

Delivery: The program is delivered over 2 evenings, based on demand.

Early Learning Canada: A fun workshop for parents, celebrating parents and giving them the skills to help their children be ‘smarter for life’ by using everyday activities and interactions.

Topics include the 15 essential thinking skills, language development, learning styles, motivation, self-esteem, health, and much more.

Program recipients: Clients are parents of children ages 0 to 5. The program services 10 to 15 children.

Location: Rothesay

Delivery: The program is delivered over 8 short modules, based on demand.

Making Connections: A workshop for parents, focusing on reading, phonology, and information processing. The workshop outlines simple processes to help children achieve success in school and lifelong learning.

Program recipients: Clients are parents of school-age children. The program services 10 to 15 children.

Location: Rothesay

Delivery: The workshop is delivered based on demand.

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Contact person: Charlena Keenan Borque, Director

Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A 5 minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Sussex area, Havelock, Hampton, Cambridge Narrows

Delivery: The program is delivered as part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Regular Intervention: A program of home-visits done with the purposes of: improving childhood outcomes; enhancing child school readiness; enhancing family self-sufficiency; assisting families in understanding and accepting their child's conditions (learning or health – related) and their behaviors; encouraging families to provide opportunities for their children to reach their optimal potential; developing individual plans for each child to enhance their strengths and their needs within the family; encouraging and enriching learning in the child's home; facilitating the involvement of the child in family and communication; and assisting families in getting any other needed assistance through referrals. The program also works on school readiness skills for children who will be starting school in the following year.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Sussex area, Havelock, Hampton, Cambridge Narrows

Delivery: The program is delivered as a series of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Mother Goose: An oral program for children and their parents, aimed at encouraging oral language time. It uses nursery rhymes, finger play, songs, and reading.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5, and their parents.

Location: Can be run in Sussex area, Havelock, Hampton, and Cambridge Narrows, based on need.

Delivery: The program is delivered weekly for 10 weeks.

Note: The program is not currently operating.

Positive Parenting Program (PPP): A pilot program which offers training on positive discipline, structured family life, nurturing, healthy eating, and the value of learning. The program lasts 8 weeks, including 4 weeks of programming, 3 weeks of follow-up experience, and 1 final week of programming.

Program recipients: Clients are parents of children ages 0 to 5.

Delivery: The program lasts 8 weeks.

Note: The program is not currently operating, the organization has applied for a grant to begin the program in 2009.

Preschool Readiness: A program helping children learn school readiness skills. The program includes learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and story times. Participants must pre-register.

Program recipients: Clients are 4-year-olds.

Location: Sussex

Delivery: The program is delivered one day each week.

Note: The program is not currently operating, the organization has applied for a grant to begin the program in 2009.

Talk With Me/Parle-moi Sussex

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MADAWASKA COUNTY

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Madawaska-Victoria Family Resource Center

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Grand Falls, NB
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1-866-905-9900
Fax: 506-473-5211
Website: frc-crf.com/grand-sault
Email: amy.soucy@frc-crf.com
Contact person: Amy Soucy, Executive Director

School Readiness Program: Teaches school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, story time, and social skills. Separate morning and afternoon groups are offered. Information sessions for parents are also offered.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children and their families. The program serves one hundred and twenty families from three locations.

Location: Grand Falls, Edmundston, St. Francis

Delivery: Weekly, from April to June.

Resource Library: A travelling library based in Grand Falls, it offers a wide selection of books for children and their families, including parenting literature.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: Based from Grand Falls, and travels to Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, and St. Leonard.

Delivery: The program travels to each site weekly.

Learning Begins: A two part program which teaches about brain development, particularly the capacity to learn from conception to age two.

Program recipients: Parents who are expecting, and parents with children ages 0 to 2.

Location: Grand Falls, Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, St. Leonard

Delivery: Fluctuates based on need.

Play Group: Offers crafts, music, stories, and free play.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their families. The program typically serves fifteen to thirty families per site.

Location: Grand Falls, Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, St. Leonard

Delivery: One morning weekly, per site. Available year round.

MAGGIE- Milieu Activities Growing and Group Including Enfants: A program for the parents of children in Play Group. The program runs a series of workshops, based on needs and interest, about topics including, but not limited to: crafts, children and stress, reading and quiet time for children, teaching the alphabet, and how to foster a love of reading.

Program recipients: Families of children in Play Group. The program typically serves ten to fifteen parents per session.

Location: Grand Falls, Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, St. Leonard

Delivery: Weekly in a ten week series in the fall and spring.

Starting Literacy: Fosters literacy with 3-year-old children.

Program recipients: Three-year-old children and their families. The program typically serves twelve families per session.

Location: Grand Falls

Delivery: Monthly, from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Talk With Me/Parle-moi Edmundston

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

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Miramichi Boys and Girls Club

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Contact person: Janet Creighton, Program Director

Afterschool Program: A center run by staff, offering homework help and reading time. Participants are required to pre-register. The program picks-up children from Ian Bailey Elementary School and St. Andrews Elementary school and brings them to their site in Miramichi.

Program recipients: Clients are in grades K-12. The program is licensed by Big Brothers Big Sisters to service 45 people.

Location: Newcastle, Chatham, Miramichi

Delivery: The program is delivered Monday to Friday from 2:00-5:30pm during the school year.

Note: The program is offered in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Northumberland County Early Intervention Program

The Early Intervention Program is a home-based support and teaching program designed to give children a good start in life. Parents are offered guidance and information on child development and parenting skills. The program is designed to help children optimize their development and become school-ready. An extensive resource library is also available for families. This is a targeted program intended to promote attachment and child development.

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Contact person: Jane Woods, Director

Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A 5 minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Northumberland County, Eel Ground First Nation, Burnt Church First Nation, Newcastle, Chatham, Douglastown, Blackville, Neguac, Rivière-du-Portage, Legacyville, Brantville, Rogersville, Baie-Sainte-Anne, Tabusintac, Barryville, Lower Derby

Delivery: The program is delivered as part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Regular Intervention: A program of home-visits done with the purposes of: improving childhood outcomes; enhancing child school readiness; enhancing family self-sufficiency; assisting families in understanding and accepting their child's conditions (learning or health – related) and their behaviors; encouraging families to provide opportunities for their children to reach their optimal potential; developing individual plans for each child to enhance their strengths and their needs within the family; encouraging and enriching learning in the child's home; facilitating the involvement of the child in family and communication; and assisting families in getting any other needed assistance through referrals. The program also works on school readiness skills for children who will be starting school in the following year.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Northumberland County, Eel Ground First Nation, Burnt Church First Nation, Newcastle, Chatham, Douglastown, Blackville, Neguac, Rivière-du-Portage, Legacyville, Brantville, Rogersville, Baie-Sainte-Anne, Tabusintac, Barryville, Lower Derby

Delivery: The program is delivered as a series of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Northumberland Family Resource Center

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Contact person: Joan D'Arc Doucette, Executive Director

Preparation for School: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children and their families. The program typically serves one hundred families between all locations.

Location: Chatham, Newcastle, Rogersville, Baie-Sainte-Anne, Blackville, Sunny Corner, Neguac, St.-Wilfrid, Rivière-du-Portage

Delivery: Weekly, from January to June.

The ABCs of Being 3: Available individually or in groups, the ABC's of Being 3 is designed to help parents realize their role as their child's first educator. Delivered by trained volunteers, the curriculum includes cognitive thinking, colours, textures, shapes, and the alphabet.

Program recipients: Three-year-old children and their families. The program typically serves forty families between all locations.

Location: Chatham, Newcastle, Rogersville, Baie-Sainte-Anne, Blackville, Sunny Corner, Neguac, St.-Wilfrid, Rivière-du-Portage

Delivery: Weekly, from 10:00-11:00am, in groups of five to ten children.

Library Program: A travelling library.

Program recipients: Open to the public, it typically serves 50 clients weekly.

Location: Chatham, Newcastle, Rogersville, Baie-Sainte-Anne, Blackville, Sunny Corner, Neguac, St.-Wilfrid, Rivière-du-Portage

Delivery: Weekly.

Mother Goose: Designed for children and their parents, it encourages fluency in oral language using nursery rhymes, songs, and reading. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their families.

Location: Chatham, Newcastle, Rogersville, Baie-Sainte-Anne, Blackville, Sunny Corner, Neguac, St.-Wilfrid, Rivière-du-Portage

Delivery: Weekly for ten weeks, based on need.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY

Eel River Bar Boys and Girls Club

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Afterschool Program: A drop-in center offering homework help, quiet reading time, and activities.

Program recipients: Students from K to 12. The program typically serves fifteen to twenty students.

Location: Eel River Bar

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 4:00-8:00pm, from September to June.

Preschool Readiness: Teaches school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, story time, and social skills. Separate morning and afternoon groups are offered.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children. The program typically serves ten children per session.

Location: Eel River Bar

Delivery: Monday to Thursday from 10:00am-12:00pm, and 1:00-3:00pm.

Head Start: Pre-school program that includes learning about letters, social skills, and story time. Separate morning and afternoon groups are offered.

Program recipients: Two and 3-year-old children, with twelve children per group.

Location: Eel River Bar

Delivery: 9:00-10:00am, and from 1:00-3:00pm, Monday to Thursday.

Eel River Bar First Nation Aboriginal Headstart

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Restigouche Resource Center for Parents

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Email: campbellton@frc-crf.com
Contact person: Lisette Boudreau, Executive Director

Learning with My Parents: Designed to teach children school readiness skills, which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and story times.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children and their families. The program typically serves ten families per location.

Location: Lorne and Jacket River, St. Quentin, Kedgwick, Atholville, Campbellton

Delivery: Weekly, from 9:00-11:00am from September to May.

Storytime: A drop-in program offered in partnership with the library in Campbellton.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their parents.

Location: Campbellton

Delivery: Tuesdays from 9:00-10:30 year-round.

Parents to Be: A prenatal program for parents which teaches the importance of reading to children, and emphasizes teaching children appreciation for music.

Program recipients: Adults aged twenty-five and older.

Location: Campbellton, Kedgwick, Clinton

Delivery: Fluctuates, based on need.

Mother Goose: Designed for children and their parents, it encourages fluency in oral language using nursery rhymes, songs, and reading. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their families. The program typically serves ten to fifteen families per site.

Location: Campbellton, Lorne, Kedgwick

Delivery: Weekly, for ten weeks.

Toy Lending Library: A drop-in toy library.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their families.

Location: Kedgwick

Delivery: Thursdays from 9:00-11:00am year-round.

Postnatal: A postnatal program for parents which teaches the importance of reading to children, and emphasizes teaching children appreciation for music.

Program recipients: Parents of infants.

Location: Campbellton, Kedgwick

Delivery: Fluctuates based on need.

Storytent/Lire en plein-air Program Partnership

This program is a partnership with the Early Language Services Talk with me/Parle moi; Campbellton Centennial Library and the Department of Social Development.

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Storytent: A program where canopies, blankets and ground sheets are set up outside, along with popular books, including picture, story and chapter books, and two or three staff. Reading is the core activity inside a storytent: reading to or with children; listening to children read; supporting children as they read to themselves or to one another.

Program recipients: Children of all ages and their families.

Location: Tingley-Dover Neighbourhood (Campbellton)

Delivery: Twice weekly, for seven weeks during July and August.

Talk With Me/Parle-moi Campbellton/Dalhousie

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SAINT JOHN COUNTY

Quality Learning New Brunswick

Quality Learning New Brunswick is a Quality (Choice Theory) organization that responds to communities' learning requests and provides opportunities for individuals and families to become independent learners.

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Website: <http://www.nald.ca/sjfamlit/>
Email: sjfamlit@nbnet.nb.ca
Contact person: Cheryl Brown, Community Literacy Coordinator

Quality Storytent: A program where canopies, blankets and ground sheets are set up outside, along with popular books, including picture, story and chapter books, and two or three staff. Reading is the core activity inside a storytent: reading to or with children; listening to children read; supporting children as they read to themselves or to one another.

Program recipients: Clients are children of all ages and their families. The program typically serves one hundred and seventy families.

Location: Crescent Valley (Saint John)

Delivery: Twice weekly in five locations in Crescent Valley, for nine weeks during the summer.

Book Wagon: A travelling library which goes door-to-door offering books for borrowing.

Program recipients: Open to the public. The program typically serves forty families.

Location: Crescent Valley (Saint John)

Delivery: Saturday mornings in the summer, and every second Saturday during the rest of the year.

Community Library: A check out library.

Program recipients: Open to the public.

Location: Crescent Valley Resource Center (Saint John)

Delivery: Offered five days per week, year-round.

Mother Goose: Designed for children and their parents, it encourages fluency in oral language using nursery rhymes, finger play, songs, and reading. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves ten to fifteen children per site.

Location: Saint John area

Delivery: Weekly for six to ten weeks, based on need.

Saint John Boys and Girls Club

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Contact person: Debbie Cooper, Executive Director

Early Childhood Education: A program designed to teach school readiness skills. The program is provincially licensed, and clients must pre-register and pay a fee to participate. The program follows a curriculum including learning about literacy, the alphabet, numbers, brain developments, language, colours, and story times.

Program recipients: Clients are 2 to 5-year-olds. The program services 24 children.

Location: Paul Harris St. (Saint John)

Delivery: The program is delivered Monday to Friday from 7:30am-12:00pm during the school year.

Afterschool: A program offering a place for students in grades K-5 to work on homework afterschool. The program has a library, and offers help with computer literacy.

Program recipients: Clients are students in grades K- 5. The program services 120 people at the Paul Harris St. location, and 80 to 120 people at the South End Community Center location.

Location: Paul Harris Street (Saint John), and South End Community Center (Saint John). The program is able to pick up children from 12 schools to participate in the programs.

Delivery: The program is delivered Monday to Friday from 2:00-5:30pm at the Paul Harris St. location, and Monday to Wednesday from 3:00-9:00pm at the South End Community Center. Both programs are offered for the length of the school year.

Evening Program: A program offering help with homework, reading circles and individual reading space, a library to sign out books, and recreation activities.

Program recipients: Clients are 5 to 17-year-olds. The program services about 100 people weekly at the Paul Harris St. location, and 80 to 120 people weekly at the South End Community Center location.

Location: Paul Harris Street (Saint John), and South End Community Center (Saint John)

Delivery: The program is offered Monday to Friday from 5:30-10:00pm at both locations, during the school year.

Summer Program: A program including reading, story telling, music, library visits, and guest speakers.

Program recipients: Clients are 5 to 12-year-olds. The program services about 100 people.

Location: Paul Harris Street (Saint John)

Delivery: The program is delivered Monday to Friday from 7:30am-5:30pm for 10 weeks during the school summer vacation period.

Youth Choices Career Link: An individualized and self-paced drop-in program focusing on academics, employability, life skills, and self-sufficiency. Clients and facilitators work together to achieve goals. Career Link offers a comfortable and non-judgmental space where clients and paid facilitators work together to achieve goals. These goals based in part on an entry assessment of each learner's literacy and numeracy skills. Participants commit to work on these goals for a minimum of 360 hours over a minimum 24 week period. Clients who complete this requirement are awarded \$500.

Program recipients: Clients are youth ages 15 to 30. They are often referred through the NB Department of Social Development, probation officers, mental health services, and public schools, though they also accept walk-ins. Currently, the program is servicing 30 clients. It is required that 30 clients successfully complete the program each year in order to maintain funding.

Location: Queens Square North (Saint John)

Delivery: The program is offered on a drop-in basis, but clients are required to commit to attending at least 360 hours over a minimum 24 week period. Some will stay longer.

Saint John Early Intervention

The Early Intervention Program is a home-based support and teaching program designed to give children a good start in life. Parents are offered guidance and information on child development and parenting skills. The program is designed to help children optimize their development and become school-ready. An extensive resource library is also available for families. This is a targeted program intended to promote attachment and child development.

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Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A 5 minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Inner City Saint John, Kennebecasis, Hampton, Kingston Peninsula, St. Martins, Lepreau

Delivery: The program is delivered as part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Regular Intervention: A program of home-visits done with the purposes of: improving childhood outcomes; enhancing child school readiness; enhancing family self-sufficiency; assisting families in understanding and accepting their child's conditions (learning or health – related) and their behaviors; encouraging families to provide opportunities for their children to reach their optimal potential; developing individual plans for each child to enhance their strengths and their needs within the family; encouraging and enriching learning in the child's home; facilitating the involvement of the child in family and communication; and assisting families in getting any other needed assistance through referrals. The program also works on school readiness skills for children who will be starting school in the following year.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Inner City Saint John, Kennebecasis, Hampton, Kingston Peninsula, St. Martins, Lepreau

Delivery: The program is delivered as a series of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Mother Goose: Designed for children and their parents, it encourages fluency in oral language using nursery rhymes, finger play, songs, and reading. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: Can be delivered in Inner City Saint John, Kennebecasis, Hampton, Kingston Peninsula, St. Martins, and Lepreau, based on need.

Delivery: Weekly for ten weeks.

Kindergarten Readiness: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories. Can be delivered individually or in groups, participants must pre-register.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children. The program typically serves twenty children per site.

Location: Inner City Saint John, Kennebecasis, Hampton, Kingston Peninsula, St. Martins, Lepreau

Delivery: Weekly from 9:00am-5:00pm, from April to June.

Scholastic Book Club: Flyers detailing children's books are distributed, usually in schools, and children may order them to purchase at a reduced cost.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their parents, who are part of the Regular Intervention or Attachment Program offered by the Center. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Inner City Saint John, Kennebecasis, Hampton, Kingston Peninsula, St. Martins, Lepreau

Delivery: Flyers are available monthly.

Saint John Family Resource Center

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Saint John, NB

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Website: frc-crf.com/saint-john

Email: saintjohn@frc-crf.com

Contact person: Sylvia Borsic, Executive Director

Play Group: Offers crafts, music, stories, and free play to children and their parents.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their parents. The program serves one hundred and thirty families.

Location: Saint John Center, Saint John West, Saint John North, Browns Flats, Fundy Shore, Barnesville, Loch Lomond

Delivery: Weekly per site.

1234 Parent: Encourages positive parent-child interactions involving language. Based on the ages and stages of child development, it includes alphabet and numeracy literacy.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: Saint John Center, Saint John West, Saint John North, Browns Flats, Fundy Shore, Barnesville, Loch Lomond

Delivery: Fluctuates based on need.

Adult and Children Lending Library: A travelling library.

Program recipients: Open to the public, it typically serves 100 clients.

Location: Saint John Center, Saint John West, Saint John North, Browns Flats, Fundy Shore, Barnesville, Loch Lomond

Delivery: Weekly per site.

School Readiness Program: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Children who are 4 years old. The program typically serves one hundred children.

Location: Saint John Center, Saint John West, Saint John North, Browns Flats, Fundy Shore, Barnesville

Delivery: Weekly, from April to June.

Saint John Learning Exchange

The Saint John Learning Exchange is a non-profit literacy education organization that provide a positive and supportive learner-centered environment, self-paced learning programs, and promotes lifelong learning and the importance of literacy.

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Contact: Christina Fowler, Executive Director

Homework School: Offers help in math, English, social studies, health, and science, with internet capabilities.

Program recipients: Students in grades 1-8. The program typically serves between twenty-five and thirty-five people weekly.

Location: Saint John Learning Exchange (Saint John)

Delivery: Wednesdays from 4:00-7:00pm during the school year. Clients commit to attend one hour weekly, for a minimum of 80% of the weeks it is offered.

Reading Rocks: An interactive show to foster a love of reading through puppets and magic, Reading Rocks encourages elementary and preschool children to spend time each day with a favourite book.

Program recipients: Elementary and preschool children.

Location: Travelling

Delivery: Fluctuates based on need. Four shows have been done since 2008.

Talk With Me/Parle-moi Saint John

Talk With Me/Parle-moi is a free program for the promotion and prevention of speech-language development difficulties in pre-school children. Open to the public, it provides information on speech and language development geared towards those who interact with pre-school children.

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VICTORIA COUNTY

Madawaska-Victoria Family Resource Center

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Grand Falls, NB
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1-866-905-9900
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Email: amy.soucy@frc-crf.com
Contact person: Amy Soucy, Executive Director

School Readiness Program: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories. Includes information sessions for parents on how to empathize with the social-emotional anxieties their children face beginning kindergarten.
Program recipients: Four-year-old children and their families. The program typically serves one hundred and twenty families.

Location: Grand Falls, Edmundston, and St. Francis

Delivery: Weekly, for ten weeks in April and June.

Resource Library: A travelling library based in Grand Sault offering a wide selection of books for children and adults, including parenting literature.

Program recipients: Children ages 0-6 and their families.

Location: Based from Grand Falls, it also travels to Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, and St. Leonard.

Delivery: Weekly per site.

Learning Begins: A two part program which teaches about brain development, particularly the brains' capacity to learn from conception to age two.

Program recipients: Parents who are expecting, and parents of children ages 0-2.

Location: Grand Falls, Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, St. Leonard

Delivery: Fluctuates based on need.

Play Group: Offers crafts, music, stories, and free play to children and their parents.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their families. The program typically serves fifteen to thirty families per session.

Location: Grand Falls, Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, St. Leonard

Delivery: Weekly, year round.

MAGGIE- Milieu Activities Growing and Group Including Enfants: A program for the parents of children in Play Group. The program runs a series of workshops, based on needs and interest, about topics including, but not limited to: crafts, children and stress, reading and quiet time for children, teaching the alphabet, and how to foster a love of reading.

Program recipients: Families of children in Play Group. The program typically serves ten to fifteen parents per session.

Location: Grand Falls, Plaster Rock, Edmundston, Baker Brook, St. Francis, St. Leonard

Delivery: Weekly, in a ten week series in the fall and spring.

Perth-Andover Partners for Community Literacy

Perth Andover Partners for Community Literacy promote literacy in the communities served by the schools of Perth Andover.

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Contact person: Ann-Marie Barry Wattie, Chairperson

Storysacks: Wherein ‘book kits’ are assembled by volunteers which include a variety of props and resources to help bring books and stories to life.

Program recipients: Preschool and elementary students.

Location: Perth-Andover Elementary School (Perth-Andover)

Delivery: The kits are located in the library.

Grand Buddies: Consists of seniors reading to children in kindergarten and grade one. This is done during the school day, at the Perth-Andover Elementary School.

Program recipients: Children in kindergarten and grade one at the Perth-Andover Elementary School, and the seniors who volunteer to read to them. The program typically serves twenty children.

Location: Perth-Andover Elementary School

Delivery: Weekly.

Preschool Readiness: Delivered by volunteers, Preschool Readiness is designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children who will begin school the following September. The program typically serves twenty children.

Location: Perth-Andover Elementary School (Perth-Andover)

Delivery: Offered weekly, from April to June.

Market Books: Volunteers collect between thirty and thirty-five books weekly to display and give away at the local market.

Program recipients: Children of any age, as the books are typically children’s literature.

Location: Perth-Andover

Delivery: Saturdays from June to October.

Christmas Cheer Donations: Families can apply for a Christmas Cheer Basket, which includes donated books.

Program recipients: The application is advertised to the public, and approximately fifty families receive a basket.

Location: Perth-Andover

Delivery: Yearly, in December.

Reading Corners: Donated books are left in various public places such as medical clinics, hospital emergency wards, and used clothing depots, to be read on site.

Program recipients: Open to the public.

Location: Various locations in Perth-Andover

Delivery: Materials are available on an ongoing basis.

Talk With Me/Parle-moi Grand-Sault/Saint-Quentin/Kedgwick

Talk With Me/Parle-moi is a free program for the promotion and prevention of speech-language development difficulties in pre-school children. Open to the public, it provides information on speech and language development geared towards those who interact with pre-school children.

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Tobique First Nation Aboriginal Headstart

Tel: 506-273-5408
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WESTMORLAND COUNTY

Fort Folly First Nation Aboriginal Headstart

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Frontier College

Frontier College is Canada's original literacy organization, training volunteers to work with children and adults in communities.

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Contact person: Janette Desharnais, New Brunswick Coordinator

Parkton Family Learning Resource Center Homework Help: Drop-in homework help for residents of the Parkton housing development. Help is offered in any subject, but particular emphasis is placed on language arts and numeracy.

Program recipients: Residents of the Parkton housing development.

Location: Parkton Family Learning Resource Center, Lancaster Ave. (Moncton)

Delivery: Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:15pm during the school year.

Greater Moncton Family Resource Center

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Email: moncton@frc-crf.com
Contact person: Claire LaBelle, Executive Director

School Readiness: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children. The program typically serves fifteen children.

Location: Salisbury, Cap-Pelé, Memramcook, Shediac, Dieppe

Delivery: Weekly, from September to June.

Parent Workshops: Available to families of children participating in the School Readiness program, the Parent Workshops offer information sessions helping parents empathize with the social-emotional anxieties their children face as they prepare to enter kindergarten.

Program recipients: Families of children in the School Readiness program.

Location: Salisbury, Cap-Pelé, Memramcook, Shediac, Dieppe

Delivery: Weekly, for ten weeks.

Resource Library: A travelling library based in Moncton, it offers a wide selection of books for children and their families, including parenting literature.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves ten to twenty families weekly.

Location: Based from Dieppe, and travels to Salisbury, Cap-Pelé, Memramcook, and Shediac.

Delivery: Weekly, per site.

Learning Through Play: A structured program which integrates kinesthetic activity into the reading of stories.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program serves thirty families per session.

Location: Dieppe, Salisbury, Cap-Pelé, Memramcook, Shediac

Delivery: Two hour sessions, weekly.

Play Group: A drop-in program which offers crafts, music, stories, and free play to children and their parents.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families.

Location: Dieppe, Salisbury, Cap-Pelé, Memramcook, Shediac

Delivery: Weekly, from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Moncton Boys and Girls Club

15 Everett St,

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Contact person: Jason Murray, Program Director

Homework Club: A drop-in center run by staff and volunteers, offering homework help and tutoring.

Program recipients: Students in grades K-12, with the majority at the middle school level. The program typically serves one hundred students weekly.

Location: Westbrook Circle, Parkton Heights, Beechwood, Auburn Circle, Ackman Court, Echo Court, Major Tennants Association (Moncton)

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 4:00-6:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm, from September to June.

Story Time: A program where volunteers read with children.

Program recipients: Children ages 6 to 10. The program typically serves forty children weekly.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: Thursdays for one hour, from September to June.

Book Club: Offers library time to interested youths.

Program recipients: Youth ages 12 to 18.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: Daily, from 4:00-6:00pm

Library Club: Offers books for sign-out as a library service.

Program recipients: Children from the Moncton Boys and Girls Club, and their families.

Location: Moncton, and Westbrook Circle, Parkton Heights, Beechwood, Auburn Circle, Ackman Court, Echo Court, Major Tennants Association (Moncton)

Delivery: Offered in conjunction with other Moncton Boys and Girls Club programs.

School Readiness: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories. Participants must pre-register and pay a fee.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children. The program typically serves fifteen children per session.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to separate morning and afternoon groups, from September to June.

Moncton Headstart Early Intervention

This is a home-based support and teaching program designed to give children a good start in life. Parents are offered guidance and information on child development and parenting skills. The program is designed to help children optimize their development and become school-ready. An extensive resource library is also available for families. This is a targeted program intended to promote attachment and child development.

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Contact person: Clare Archibald, Executive Director

Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A five minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: As a part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about one hour.

High Scope: A program for economically disadvantaged children who are getting ready to enter school. It is designed to foster age-appropriate self-help, motor, cognitive, communication, and problem solving skills, and to provide exposure to the outside world, stimulate thinking, and instill a sense of security, personal control, personal worth, and being loved. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Children ages 2 to 4 and their parents. There are currently thirty-five families being served.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: Weekly, from Monday to Friday, from September to June.

Parenting Programs: Are a series of workshops delivered to parents of the children participating in the High Scope program. It incorporates elements of the Mother Goose and Talk with Me programs, and also includes workshops on discipline and child development.

Program recipients: Parents of 2 to 4-year-olds who are registered in the High Scope program.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: Fluctuates, based on need.

Connect to School: Designed for graduates of the High Scope program, it offers support for both the child and parents as the child leaves the program to start school. It includes home visits, referral services, and assistance with parent-school relationships. Specific skills taught include how to make healthy lunches and help with homework.

Program recipients: Families of graduates from the High Scope program. The program serves a maximum of ten families.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: Fluctuates, based on the needs of individual families.

Positive Parenting Program (PPP): A pilot program offering training in positive discipline, structured family life, nurturing, healthy eating, and the value of learning. The program lasts eight weeks, including four weeks of programming, three weeks of follow-up experience, and one final week of programming.

Program recipients: Parents of children ages 0 to 5, with a maximum of twenty-four participants per session.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: Weekly, for eight weeks.

Parkton Family Learning & Resource Center

62 Lancaster Road
Moncton, NB
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Tel: 506-382-3303

Homework Help

Fun for Tots: Reading, counting, arts and crafts, music & dance, for children and their moms.

Petitcodiac Boys and Girls Club

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Contact person: Lorna Hicks, Executive Director

Afterschool Readiness: A drop-in program offering homework help and tutoring to students.

Program recipients: Students from K-2. The program typically serves forty students.

Location: Petitcodiac

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 2:00-2:30pm, from September to June.

Homework Club: Offers tutoring and homework help. Participants are required to pre-register.

Program recipients: Students from K-12. The program typically serves twenty-five students.

Location: Petitcodiac

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 4:00-6:00pm, from September to June.

Pre-kindergarten Readiness: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children. The program typically serves fifteen children.

Location: Petitcodiac

Delivery: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-11:30am.

Salisbury Boys and Girls Club

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Contact person: Evelyn Robichaud, Executive Director
Scott Leggett, Program Coordinator

Early Learning Center: A provincially licensed school readiness program, whose curriculum includes learning about literacy, the alphabet, numeracy, brain development, language, colours, and story times. Clients must pre-register and pay a fee.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 5. The program typically serves thirty children.

Location: Salisbury

Delivery: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-10:00am from September to June.

Afterschool Homework Club: Offers help with homework, and activities pertaining to literacy, spelling, and math puzzles.

Program recipients: Students from K-2. The program typically serves thirty-five students weekly.

Location: Salisbury

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 4:00-6:00pm from September to June.

Preparation for Kindergarten: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories. Participants must pre-register.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children. The program typically serves twenty children.

Location: Salisbury

Delivery: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00am-12:00pm, from September to June.

Talk With Me/Parle-moi South-East

Talk With Me/Parle-moi is a free program for the promotion and prevention of speech-language development difficulties in pre-school children. Open to the public, it provides information on speech and language development geared towards those who interact with pre-school children.

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Tantramar Family Resource Center / Tantramar Interactive

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Sackville, NB
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Website: tantramarfamily.ca
Contact person: Sheelagh Callaghan, Executive Director
Cynthia Adams, Board Member

Tantramar Family Resource Center/Tantramar Interactive is an umbrella group for all activities and needs of the Tantramar area. It provides referrals to meet family needs, including parenting classes, cooking classes, budgeting, playtime, preschool readiness, reading to children, and others.

Program recipients: Clients are families in the Tantramar region

Location: Sackville

Funding: The organization is currently seeking funding.

Note: The organization is still in the process of developing.

Wilson Reading Center

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Contact person: Pricilla Wilson

Zooberts: A phonetic program used to teach people of all ages how to read. It is run primarily as an afterschool program in small groups. Participants must pre-register and pay a fee.

Program recipients: The program is available to people of all ages. Current, it services one group of 4 students in grade 4, one group of 4 students in grades 4-7, one group of 2 students in grades 8 and 9, and one group of 11 adults age 17 to 23. Participants hear about the program through advertising in local newspapers, and published 'success stories' from learners.

Location: Moncton

Delivery: The program is delivered twice a week to each group.

YMCA Moncton Youth Tutor Program

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Fax: 506-859-8198
Website: <http://www.ymcamoncton.ca/>
Email: bertha.darling@nb.aibn.com
Contact person: Bertha Darling, Communication Development Officer

Youth Tutor Program: An individualized tutoring service for children in grades 1-6, offered in collaboration with school district 2. Participants are referred by Sunny Brea and Beaverbrook Schools, while the tutors are local high school students. Tutors are trained through a six hour training program, by YMCA coordinators, who also supervise the one-on-one tutoring sessions.

Program recipients: Students in grades 1-6 who are referred by their teachers to the YMCA coordinators. Tutors are students in grades 9 -12 who want to volunteer.

Location: Tutors go to the school of the child, which are typically, Sunny Brea Elementary and Beaverbrook Elementary (Moncton).

Delivery: Monday through Thursday during the school year from 3:30-4:30pm and 5:30-6:30pm.

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Fredericton Boys and Girls Club

Youth Choices Career Link Program
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Youth Choices Career Link: An individualized and self-paced drop-in program focusing on academics, employability, life skills, and self-sufficiency. Career Link offers a comfortable and non-judgmental space where clients and paid facilitators work together to achieve these goals. Participants commit to work on these goals for a minimum of 360 hours over a minimum twenty-four week period. Clients who complete this requirement are awarded \$500.

Program recipients: Youth ages 15 to 30. They are often referred through the NB Department of Social Development, probation officers, mental health services, and public schools, although the program also accepts walk-ins. The program typically serves thirty clients.

Location: 390 King Street (Fredericton)

Delivery: Although offered on a drop-in basis, clients are required to commit to attending at least 360 hours over a minimum twenty-four week period. Clients have the option of continuing to work with Youth Choices after completing the mandatory 360 hours.

General Boys and Girls Club Programs

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Website: www.fbgc.ca
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Contact: Lisa Shortall, Senior Program Director

Preschool Readiness: A provincially licensed school readiness program, whose curriculum includes learning about literacy, the alphabet, numeracy, brain development, language, colours, and story times. Clients must pre-register and pay a fee.

Program recipients: Children who are 3 to 5 years old.

Location: Skyline Acres (Fredericton) and Estey's Bridge (Fredericton)

Delivery: Monday to Thursday from 9:00-11:30am at the Skyline Acres site, and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-11:00am at the Estey's Bridge site.

Note: A program at the Henry Park site will be starting in January, running on Tuesdays and Thursdays for twelve clients.

Afterschool program: A drop-in centre offering homework help, storytelling, and drama.

Program recipients: Children ages 5 to 12.

Location: Skyline Acres (Fredericton), Estey's Bridge (Fredericton), and Henry Park (Fredericton).

Delivery: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:00-5:30pm, and Wednesdays from 12:00-5:30pm.

Summer Day Camp: Includes reading, storytelling, music, library visits, and guest speakers.

Program recipients: Children ages 5 to 12. Sixty children are served per site.

Location: Henry Park (Fredericton), and Skyline Acres (Fredericton).

Delivery: Monday to Friday from 7:30am-5:30pm for ten weeks in July and August.

Boys Read: Offered in partnership with the York Regional Library, participants read and share stories.

Program recipients: Boys ages 8 to 12.

Location: York Regional Library (Fredericton)

Delivery: Weekly, usually in the evenings.

Talk with Me: Offered in partnership with the Region 3 Hospitals, Talk With Me brings speech and language pathologists to talk with parents about their children who have speech and language difficulties, before the child begins kindergarten.

Program recipients: Preschool children and their parents.

Location: Skyline Acres (Fredericton) and Henry Park (Fredericton)

Delivery: Monthly.

Fredericton Early Intervention Program

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Attachment Program: A video program offered to children and parents. A 5 minute video is shown, followed by discussion on responses between the children and parents. The purpose is to monitor communication responses between parents and children.

Program recipients: Clients are children ages 0 to 5 and their parents. Participants are referred through Public Health nurses as being priority clients.

Location: Fredericton, Minto, Chipman, Boiestown, Doaktown, Harvey, McAdam, Geary, Burton, Oromocto

Delivery: The program is delivered as part of home-visits, which are typically biweekly, and last about 1 hour.

Regular Intervention: A program of home-visits done with the purposes of: improving childhood outcomes; enhancing child school readiness; enhancing family self-sufficiency; assisting families in understanding and accepting their child's conditions (learning or health – related) and their behaviors; encouraging families to provide opportunities for their children to reach their optimal potential; developing individual plans for each child to enhance their strengths and their needs within the family; encouraging and enriching learning in the child's home; facilitating the involvement of the child in family and communication; and assisting families in getting any other needed assistance through referrals. The program also works on school readiness skills for children who will be starting school in the following year.

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Just Me and My Mom: Offered to mothers and infants, as well as for expecting mothers, it consists of ten weekly sessions on topics including: learning begins; baby games; baby massage; safety; language development; scrapbooking; feeding your baby; and more.

Program recipients: Mothers and babies, and expecting mothers. The program typically serves twelve to fifteen families.

Location: New Maryland, Fredericton Area, Gagetown, McAdam, Harvey, Keswick Valley, Fredericton Junction

Delivery: Weekly, for ten weeks.

L'il Readers: A drop-in program where several stories, based on a weekly theme, are chosen and read in a group setting.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves twenty families.

Location: New Maryland, Fredericton Area, Gagetown, McAdam, Harvey, Keswick Valley, Fredericton Junction

Delivery: Mondays from 9:00-10:00am, year-round.

Toy/Book/Video Resource Lending Library: Families can choose books and videos for children and adults to borrow, as well as toys for children ages 0 to 6 that are designed to enhance developmental skills.

Program recipients: Children ages 0 to 6 and their families. The program typically serves ten to twenty families.

Location: New Maryland, Gagetown, McAdam, Harvey, Keswick Valley, Fredericton Junction

Delivery: One morning, weekly.

School Readiness: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Four-year-old children, with a maximum of ten children per site.

Location: Woodstock, Centerville, Nackawic

Delivery: Weekly, from April to June.

Ready for School Program: Designed to teach school readiness skills which include learning about the alphabet, colours, numeracy, and stories.

Program recipients: Three and 4-year-old children.

Location: Fredericton

Delivery: Monday from 9:00-11:45am for 3-year-olds and Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-4:00pm for 4-year-olds, September to May.

Play Group: Offers crafts, music, stories, and free play to children and their parents.

Program recipients: Children ages 1 to 6 and their parents. There are typically twelve to fifteen children per group.

Location: New Maryland, Gagetown, McAdam, Harvey, Keswick Valley, Fredericton Junction

Delivery: Weekly, over ten weeks.

Frontier College

Frontier College is Canada's original literacy organization, training volunteers to work with children and adults in communities.

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Perry Court Community Center Homework Club: A drop-in program facilitated by volunteers offering homework help.

Program recipients: Students from grades K-12. The program typically serves twenty-five students.

Location: Perry Court Community Center (Fredericton)

Delivery: Mondays from 3:00-4:00pm, from September to June.

Doone St. Community Center Homework Club: A drop-in program facilitated by volunteers offering homework help.

Program recipients: Students from middle and high schools, as well as adult learners.

Location: Doone Street (Fredericton)

Delivery: Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm for middle school students, and Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00pm for high school students and adult learners, from September to June.

Albert Street Middle School Homework Help: A drop-in program facilitated by student volunteers offering homework help.

Program recipients: Students from Albert Street Middle School. The program typically serves thirty students.

Location: Albert Street Middle School (Fredericton)

Delivery: Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00pm, from September to June.

George Street Middle School Homework Help: A drop-in program facilitated by student volunteers offering homework help.

Program recipients: Students from George Street Middle School. The program typically serves ten students.

Location: George Street Middle School (Fredericton)

Delivery: Thursdays from 3:00-4:00pm, from September to June.

Reading circle: A program of student volunteers going to read to children.

Program recipients: Clients are children at the UNB Children's Centre. The program serves about 20 children.

Location: UNB Center for Early Childhood Education (Fredericton)

Delivery: The program is delivered daily at the UNB Children's Centre.

Note: The program is currently under development to also take place at Forest Hill Elementary School (Fredericton).

Fredericton High School Tutoring: Individual tutoring in any subject for high school students, provided by university volunteers.

Program recipients: Students at Fredericton High School

Location: Fredericton High School (Fredericton)

Delivery: Fluctuates based on volunteer availability

Reading Buddies: Consists of seniors reading to young children participating in YMCA afterschool programs.

Program recipients: Children in grades 1-2 participating in YMCA afterschool programs.

Location: Fredericton YMCA (Fredericton)

Delivery: Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00pm, from September to June.

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Talk With Me/Parle-moi Fredericton/Oromocto

Talk With Me/Parle-moi is a free program for the promotion and prevention of speech-language development difficulties in pre-school children. Open to the public, it provides information on speech and language development geared towards those who interact with pre-school children.

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UNB Early Childhood Center

The Early Childhood Center was established in 1991 to facilitate research and development in multiple aspects of early years education and care, including early years schooling, family and community education and early intervention.

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UNB Children's Centre: Offers a broad and balanced curriculum for young children; communication and multi-modal literacies are key ingredients of this curriculum. This centre was a pilot site for the development of the New Brunswick Curriculum for Early Learning and Child Care – English, which is now used in childcare centres around the province. It has a strong communication and literacy component.

Program recipients: Clients are 4-year-olds. The program serves 30 children, in morning and afternoon sessions.

Location: Fredericton

Delivery: The program is delivered Monday to Friday from September to June. The morning group is held from 8:30-11:30am, and the afternoon group is held from 1:00-4:00pm.

Parenting for a Literate Community: A program of literacy education for parents/caregivers and young children developed at UNB. It includes components for children, for parents and for parents and children together.

Program recipients: Clients are preschool children, and their parents/caregivers.

Location: Fredericton

Delivery: The program is delivered periodically.

Note: The program is not currently operating but all materials are freely available on the Early Childhood Centre's website <http://www.unbf.ca/education/ecc/>