Family Literacy Programs in Alberta

Literacy Develops in Families First

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Introduction

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

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

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 If you do not see your program listed, or if the information is outdated, please fill out the update form in Appendix A at the end of this document or use the update form on our website www.famlit.ca.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

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

Opportunities to become a trained facilitator in family literacy are available both provincially and regionally in Alberta. Facilitator training in various models of family literacy are offered by the Centre for Family Literacy on a provincial basis at the annual “Family Literacy Training Institute”. The contact for provincial training is Pat Halewich at pat_halewich@famlit.ca.

On a regional basis training is provided through the Family Literacy Regional Network. Seven Regional Coordinators have been contracted to provide training and support in each region:

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123...Come Sing With Me
Address
Stettler & District Adult Learning Council
Box 1311, 4001 50th Street
Stettler AB
T0C 1L0
Telephone 403-742-2999
Fax 403-742-1391
E-mail pvockeroth.stettlerlearning@telus.net
Website

Contact Person 1 Peggy Vockeroth
Role of contact person 1 Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Bonnie Ireland
Role of contact person 2 Program Manager

Overview of Program
Bring your children up to age 6 for a time of learning rhymes and songs together in a group setting. There will be snacks and time to discover new toys. The fun time is free of charge. This program is held in Big Valley.

Approximate # of families served each year 12
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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1-2-3 Rhyme With Me
Address
Lloydminster Learning Council Association
Box 1651, 4419 – 52 Avenue
Lloydminster SK/AB S9V 1K6
Tel: (780) 875-5763
Fax: (780) 875-5793
Email: l-learn@telusplanet.net

Contact Person
Darlene MacDonald, Executive Director

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 30
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Regional)

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

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

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

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

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Aboriginal Family Literacy Program
Address
Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre
Box 2338
10105 Churchill Drive
Lac La Biche, AB
T0Q 2C0
Telephone 780-623-3249
Fax 780-623-1846
E-mail ed@nativefriendship.ca
mande@nativefriendship.ca
irene@nativefriendship.ca

Contact Person Donna Webster
Role of contact person 1 Executive Director
Contact Person 2 Mande Ekberg
Role of contact person 2 Aboriginal Family Literacy Facilitator

Overview of Program
The Aboriginal Family Literacy combines a number of literacy building tools to aid young families in enhancing the skills of their young children. Two part-time facilitators assist parents/caregivers of children ages 0-6 years through the use of the following program components:
Building Blocks: Facilitator will go to the parent/caregiver home and spend an hour demonstrating games and activities that will enhance literacy skills of children ages 0-6.
Cree Rhyme Time: Parents/Caregivers are invited to spend a couple of hours at the Centre learning rhymes along with songs that will enhance their child’s language skills. Rhyme time is followed by a craft and a healthy snack.
Knowing Our strengths By Learning Our Past: Twelve two and a half hour parenting group sessions are held during the evening. Topics covered are: listening, passing on our values and traditions, schools and our children, talking with our children, discipline.
Approximate # of families served each year:
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Ruby LaCombe, Family Literacy Supervisor
Krista Taylor, Family Literacy Facilitator

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

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

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Acme, Carbon, Linden, Three Hills & Trochu Playtimes
Address
Golden Prairie Parent Link Centre
Box 400, 232 Main Street
**Three Hills** AB
Tel: (403) 443-3253
Fax: (403) 443-8539
Email: kneehill@goldenprairie.ca
Website: [www.goldenprairie.plc.ca](http://www.goldenprairie.plc.ca)

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 45
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Ages and Stages Developmental Check Up

Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695, 5413 51St
**Stony Plain, AB**
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail www.apfa.ca
Website info@apfa.ca

Contact Person 1 Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1 Program Manager
Contact Person 2 Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

Overview of Program
Stony Plains' Parent Link Centre offers a developmental screening questionnaire for children ages 4 months to five years of age. Staff can assist parents with this fun, informative questionnaire. Please call head to arrange.

Approximate # of families served each year 100
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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Alberta Prairie C.O.W. Project

Address
Centre for Family Literacy
11642 142 Street
**Edmonton** AB T5K 1V4
Tel: (780) 421-7323
Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: megan_van_der_griend@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person
Megan Van Der Griend, Project Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: over 6000 visitors each year
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Baby Books and More**

**Address**
South Peace Family Literacy  
Box 487  
**Sexsmith** AB T0H 3C0  
Tel: (780) 897-4365  
Email: spfamlit@gmail.com

**Contact Person**  
Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

**Overview of Program**
This is a 4-week program where parents gather with their infants and talk about the importance of reading, rhyming and singing with their babies, choosing age appropriate books and more.

Approximate # of families served each year: Yes (Regional)

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**Baby Packs**

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

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

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

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

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**Baby Playtime**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

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

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

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Beyond the Book
Address
South Peace Family Literacy
Box 487
Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
Tel: (780) 897-4365
Email: spfamlit@gmail.com

Contact Person
Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

Overview of Program
In this program parents and children (approx. 2.5 – 6 yrs) will participate together in fun activities that are all related to the book of the week. This program runs 6 weeks.

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

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Books Alive
Address
Beaver County Family Literacy
PO Box 140
Ryley AB
T0B 4A0
Telephone 780-663-3730
Fax 780-663-3602
E-mail calc@beaver.ab.ca
Website www.beavercountycalc.ca

Contact Person 1 Kim Walker
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Cheryl Lawson
Role of contact person 2 Community Adult Learning and Adult Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program
Offered in Beaver County (Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Viking), this program is for parents and children 3-5 years. A facilitator guides children and parents using stories and activities that encourage them to develop a love of books and reading as well as improve fine motor skills while doing crafts.
Approximate # of families served each year 60
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Books, Babies and More
Address
Terra – Centre for Pregnant and Parenting Teens
9930 – 106 Street
Edmonton AB T5K 1C7
Tel: (780) 428-3772
Fax: (780) 425-5160
Email: terra@terraassociation.com
Website: www.terraassociation.com
Contact Person
Laura Fulmer, Manger Education and Early Learning

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

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

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Book Buddies/Food Fun
Address
Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 10St SE
High River AB
T1V 2B9
Telephone 403-652-5090
1-866-652-5090
Fax 403-601-2389
E-mail info@litforlife.com
Website www.litforlife.com

Contact Person 1 Kristen Baars
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator

Contact Person 2 Sue Stegmeier
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

Overview of Program
Book Buddies/Food for Fun runs every other week where parents and children (aged 3-4 years old) make their own keepsake books one week and learn creative ways to mix up food, fun and literacy the next week. Each week they follow a theme based on concepts and creativity. After this, a circle time happens where related songs, stories, and book sharing completes the hour. Communities within the MD of Foothills #31 are welcome.

Approximate # of families served each year 60
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Books for Babies
Address
Beaver County Family Literacy
PO Box 140
Ryley AB
T0B 4A0
Telephone 780-663-3730
Fax 780-663-3602
E-mail calc@beaver.ab.ca
Website www.beavercountycalc.ca

Contact Person 1 Kim Walker
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Cheryl Lawson
Role of contact person 2 Community Adult Learning and Adult Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program
Offered in Beaver County (Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Viking), this program is for parents and children 0-3 years. A facilitator guides parents and children through the program modeling ways to read books to young children and by suggesting some ideas about good books for specific ages. Each family receives a book bag with 2 gift books, information, and resources.

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

Books For Babies
Address:
Bonnyville Literacy Program
Box 8087
Bonnyville AB T9N 2J7
Tel: (780) 826-3354
Fax: (780) 826-3354
Email: bonnyvilleliteracy@incentre.net
Website: www.incentre.net/bonnyvillelearning

Contact Person:
Carmen Vincent, Literacy Coordinator

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

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

Books for Babies/JumpStart
Address
Further Education Society
Bay #52, 3033-34th Avenue NE
Calgary AB T1Y 6X2
Phone: (403) 250-5034
Fax: (403) 250-5029
Email: sphillips@furthered.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

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

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Jumpstart)
**Books for Babies**

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

**Contact Person**  
Louise Henrickson, Literacy Facilitator  
Annette Nielsen, Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: Projected number 160 families
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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**Books for Babies**

**Address**
11642 142 St. NW  
**Edmonton**, AB  
T5M 1V4  
Telephone  780-421-7323  
Fax  780-421-7324  
E-mail  darren_hinger@famlit.ca  
Website  www.famlit.ca

**Contact Person 1**  
Darren Hinger  
Role of contact person 1  Coordinator

**Contact Person 2**  
Kim Chung  
Role of contact person 2  Program Director

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year  300
Do you offer training in this type of program?  Yes

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Books for Babies (in partnership with Centre for Family Literacy)
Address
KARA Family Resource Centre
6717- 132 Avenue
Edmonton AB
T5C 2A4
Telephone 780-478-5396
Fax 780-478-1979
E-mail Janice@kara-frc.ca
Website www.kara-frc.ca

Contact Person 1  Janice Desmarais
Role of contact person 1  Supervisor ECS Staff
Contact Person 2  Lucy Pickering
Role of contact person 2  Director Intake ECS

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

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

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

Contact Person
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person
Jodi Mantey, Edson LiteracyCoordinator
Barb Cant, Edson Literacy Assistant

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

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

Books for Babies
Address
Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9625 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel (780) 539-6077
Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: sadia.khan@gppsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gpcfl.com

Contact Person
Sadia Khan, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 70-80
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Books for Babies
Address
Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 10St SE
High River AB
T1V 2B9
Telephone 403-652-5090
1-866-652-5090
Fax 403-601-2389
E-mail info@litforlife.com
Website www.litforlife.com

Contact Person 1 Kristen Baars
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator

Contact Person 2 Sue Stegmeier
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

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

Approximate # of families served each year 950
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 20 - 40
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Regional Training Available)

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

Contact Person
Lois Polege, Literacy Coordinator
Margaret O’Reilly, Program Manager (Volunteer)

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 80
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Darlene MacDonald, Executive Director

Overview of Program
A program for parents/caregivers and babies (newborn to 1 year), which recognizes, supports and celebrates parents as their children’s first teachers. Families will come together once per week for 4 weeks. They will become aware of the strong influence they have on their children’s attitude towards literacy and learning. Parents are encouraged to read to their children early in life as newborn to one year is an important window of opportunity for the brain to develop language skills.
Approximate # of families served each year: 30
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Regional)

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

Contact Person
Heather Dixon, Family Program Coordinator
Katharine Perich, Executive Director

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 350
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Dorothy Houghton, Coordinator

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

**Revised January 2009**

**Books for Babies**
Address
Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
**Red Deer** AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org
Contact Person
Celia Jaipaul, Manager

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Donna Reid, Council Coordinator
Pat Warkentin, Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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

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

Contact Person
Rae Cooper, Coordinator Beaver County Family Literacy Program

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

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

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Books for Babies
Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695, 5413 51 St.
Stony Plain, AB
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail www.apfa.ca
Website info@apfa.ca

Contact Person 1 Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1 Program Manager
Contact Person 2 Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

Overview of Program
An introductory program designed to bring awareness and instill a love for family literacy. Participants are given the opportunity to learn fun songs and rhymes, and explore some classic stories too! Each participant is given a family library pass valid for one year

Approximate # of families served each year 24
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 12
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Books for Babies
Address
Community Association for Lasting Success
Box 766
Vegreville AB T9C 1R4
Tel: (780) 632-3225
Fax: (780) 632-3252
Email: calsveg@telus.net

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

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

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

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

Contact Person
Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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Books for Babies
Address
Wetaskiwin Community Literacy Program
Box 6265
Wetaskiwin AB T9A 2E9
Tel: (780) 352-7257
Fax: (780) 352-5205
Contact Person
Judy Bortnik, Literacy Coordinator
Wendy Graham, Program Facilitator

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

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

Revised November 2009

Books for Kids
Address
Portage College
Box 1471, 5205 50 Ave.
St. Paul AB
T0A 3A0
Telephone 780-645-5223 ext/ 224
Fax 780-645-5162
E-mail jody.lagreca@portagecollege.ca
Website http://www.stpaulfamilyliteracy.ca

Contact Person 1  Jody LaGreca
Role of contact person 1  Facilitator

Overview of Program
Book clubs aren’t just for grownups! Share your love of crafts, songs, games, and fun. Each session features a new book. At the end of the month each child signed up will choose a book to keep. Weekly event at St. Paul library.

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

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

Contact Person
Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations & Children’s Program Manager
Overview of Program
This program is delivered in partnership with Partners for kids and Youth in the Abbotsfield Mall, in conjunction with the Mommy and Me activity. A sturdy book bag is given to each family with a new book to take home each week. Parents are introduced to ways in which to share books with their babies ages 0-12 months. Songs, stories and rhymes are shared each week along with guidance on how to choose appropriate books for ages and stages of their babies. A light snack and discussion rounds out the hour-long program.

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

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Books for Preschoolers
Address
Norwood Child and Family Resource Centre
9516 114 Ave.
Edmonton AB
Telephone 780-471-3737
Fax 780-4771632
E-mail brynat@ncfc.ab.ca
Website www.norwoodcentre.com

Contact Person 1 Bryna Tranter
Role of contact person 1 Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Carol Tabone
Role of contact person 2 Program Manager

Overview of Program
Program for children 2 years to 5 years old. Books, storytelling, puppets, crafts, games are all a part of this program. Parents and children do everything together.
Approximate # of families served each year 50
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Books for Toddlers
Address
Norwood Child and Family Resource Centre
9516 114 Ave.
Edmonton AB
Telephone 780-471-3737
Fax 780-4771632
E-mail brynat@ncfc.ab.ca
Website www.norwoodcentre.com

Contact Person 1 Bryna Tranter
Role of contact person 1 Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Carol Tabone
Role of contact person 2 Program Manager

Overview of Program
Program for children 13 months to 2 years old and their parents. During the program we read books, tell stories, use puppets, do crafts, play games, sing songs, dance and meet new friends.
Approximate # of families served each year: 50
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Books for Tots**
Address
Portage College
Box 1471, 5205 50 Ave.
**St. Paul** AB
T0A 3A0
Telephone: 780-645-5223 ext/ 224
Fax: 780-645-5162
E-mail: jody.lagreca@portagecollege.ca
Website: http://www.stpaulfamilyliteracy.ca

Contact Person 1: Jody LaGreca
Role of contact person 1: Facilitator

Overview of Program
Based on the Books for Babies program, sessions encourage parents of infants to share books with their children. Each child receives a free book when registered.

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

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

Contact Person
Sharon Szmata, Program Coordinator

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

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

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**Books Offer Our Kids Success (B.O.O.K.S.)**
Address
The Candora Society of Edmonton
266 Abbotsfield Mall
3210 – 118 Avenue
**Edmonton** AB  T5W 4W1
Tel: 477-5655

Family Literacy Programs in Alberta
Contact Person
Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations and Children’s Program Manager

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 25
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

Books Offer Our Kids Success (B.O.O.K.S.)
Address:
Rocky Community Learning Council
Box 2037
Rocky Mountain House AB T4T 1B5
Tel: (403) 845-4544
Fax: 403) 845-7728
Email: info@rockyclc.ab.ca

Contact Person
Donna Reid, Council Coordinator
Pat Warkentin, Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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

BOOKS
Address
Taber & District Community Adult Learning Association
Box 20, Provincial Building
5011 - 49 Avenue
Taber AB T1G 1V9
Tel: (403) 223-1146
Overview of program
We run Families Learning Together at three sites in our area. We do “BOOKS” two times a week for seventeen weeks at each site. We do the program first thing in the morning for 45 minutes to an hour, which is good way for the parents and children to start the day together. We read the story and then hand out the books and encourage everyone to follow along. Then depending on the book, we sometimes take turns reading it or telling the story. The parents then look at and read the book with their child. We always do a book related craft or game involving the parent and child so that the family can take it home and use it with the book. The parents are encouraged to take books home ad read them with their children and bring them back the next time we have BOOKS.

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

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

Contact Person
Judy Smith, Coordinator

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Bookstart Program
Address
Paintearth Community Adult Learning Council
Box 808
Coronation AB T0C 1C0 (**Note: also offered in Castor)
Tel: (403) 578-3817
Fax: (403) 578-2866
Email: patking@wildroseinternet.ca
Website: www.paintearthlearning.ca

Contact Person
Pat King, Executive Director
Carmen Felzien, Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program
When new moms bring their babies for their 2-month check up at the health unit in Coronation and Castor, they are given a bag with 3 starter books and our brochures describing our programs. If they come and talk to us about our programs, we give them an additional book.

Approximate # of families served each year: 3
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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

Contact Person
Sharon Szmata, Resouece Person
Linda Chmilar, Coordinator

Overview of Program
Children’s stories, crafts, songs and activities fro ages 3-5. The goal of the program is to foster interest in literacy activities among young children and families. Listening to stories, looking at books, and participating in songs, etc. are the most important part of the program.

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

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

Contact Person
Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program
An after school program which uses trained paid Builders (literacy support workers) to help adolescents acquire organizational skills, study skills, reading and writing skills and social interactive skills. Builders help adolescents learn strategies to help ease the transition from elementary into junior high school. Information on these strategies is conveyed to parents through meetings, phone calls or written material.
Approximate # of families served each year: 10
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

Building Blocks
Address
Sturgeon Family Literacy
Box 458
**Bon Accord** AB T0A 0K0
Tel: (780) 921-3589 Ext 2
Email: anittajensen@gmail.com
Website: [www.sturgeon-literacy.ca](http://www.sturgeon-literacy.ca)

Contact Person
Anitta Jensen, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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

Contact Person
Marvin Bjornstad, Program Manger
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

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

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

**Building Blocks**
Address
Paintearth Community Adult Learning Council
Box 808
**Coronation** AB T0C 1C0 (**Note: also offered in Castor and Brownfield**)
Contact Person  
Pat King, Executive Director  
Carmen Felzien, Literacy Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 3  
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 8  
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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Building Blocks  
Address  
Literacy for Life Foundation  
#3, 1204 10St SE  
High River AB  
T1V 2B9  
Telephone  403-652-5090  
1-866-652-5090  
Fax  403-601-2389  
E-mail info@litforlife.com  
Website www.litforlife.com

Contact Person 1  
Kristen Baars  
Role of contact person 1  Family Literacy Coordinator

Contact Person 2  
Sue Stegmeier
Overview of Program
This is an in-home program that works with parents of children aged birth to 17. Trained Literacy Builders share and model everyday strategies and activities that parents can use to support their role as their child’s first and most important teacher. The tools are designed to meet the reality of each family and are based on their needs and strengths. The program also introduces the concept of essential skills and their importance to a child and parent’s success.

Approximate # of families served each year: 150
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 25
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Badlands Building Blocks
Address
Drumheller Family Literacy
306, 180 Riverside Drive, East
Drumheller, Alberta
T0J 0Y0
Telephone 403-823-3669
Fax 403-823-7083
E-mail ddfec@oldscollege.ca
Website Drumfurthere.com/literacy.html

Contact Person 1 Louise Henrickson
Role of contact person 1 Coordinator/Facilitator

Contact Person 2
Role of contact person 2

Overview of Program
This is an in-home support program that is facilitated by trained staff members. Visits are tailored to the family’s needs to assist them in learning, developing and achieving literacy skills for their children.
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**Building Blocks**

**Address**

Beaver County Family Literacy
PO Box 140
Ryley, AB
T0B 4A0
Telephone 780-663-3730
Fax 780-663-3602
E-mail calc@beaver.ab.ca
Website www.beavercountycalc.ca

**Contact Person 1** Kim Walker
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator

**Contact Person 2** Cheryl Lawson
Role of contact person 2 Community Adult Learning and Adult Literacy Coordinator

**Overview of Program**

Offered in Beaver County (Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Viking), an interactive family literacy program. “Builders” work with parents and children in-home providing parents with strategies, ideas, and knowledge on how to tap into everyday activates to promote literacy development and create a literacy-rich environment in the home.

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

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**Building Blocks (See Little Visitors)**

**Address**

Kneehill Adult Learning Society- READ Family
Box 639
Three Hills AB
T0M 2A0
Telephone 403-443-5556
Fax 403-443-5155
E-mail admin@kals3hills.ca
Website www.kals3hills.ca

**Contact Person 1** Sharon Whitehead
Role of contact person 1 Literacy Coordinator

**Contact Person 2** Cheryl Hollidge
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

**Overview of Program**

In-home visits to families with children aged 0-6 years of age encourage interaction and introduce early literacy development strategies. Trained practitioners encourage parents to explore rhyme and song as a means to soothe and bond with their child. Additional activities to help develop these early literacy skills are also introduced during the program.

Approximate # of families served each year 4
Do you offer training in this type of program? No
**Building Blocks Family Literacy Program**

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

Contact Person  
Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator  
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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**Camrose Family Resource Centre - A Parent Link Centre**  
Address  
Camrose Family Resource Centre  
#3 Community Centre, 4516-54 St  
**Camrose**, AB  
T4V 4W7  
Telephone  780-672-2833  
Fax  780-672-0141  
E-mail cdss8@telus.net  
Website  www.camrosefrc.com

Contact Person 1  
Laurie Jansen  
Role of contact person 1  
Director

Contact Person 2  
Role of contact person 2

Overview of Program  
The Camrose Family Resource Centre- A Parent Link Centre offers programs to the City of Camrose and the Counties of Camrose, Flagstaff and Beaver. We offer many drop-in and registered programs for parents/caregivers and their children under the age of 6. All of our programs support and encourage literacy in families. Some of these include Mother Goose, Fuzzy Pickles, Wednesday morning drop in and many others. Please see our website for our current calendar of programs.

Approximate # of families served each year  
1200  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Challenges “Being the Best Me I Can Be”

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

Contact Person
Tammy Goldade, Coordinator
Eileen Aebly, Receptionist

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Chansons, Contes et comptines

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

Contact Person
Geneviève Poulin, Présidente
Patricia Marois, Coordinatrice scolaire – communauataire

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 20 families
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (through EDUK)

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Circle Rhyme Time
Drumheller Family Literacy
306, 180 Riverside Drive, East
Drumheller Alberta

Telephone  403-823-3669
Fax  403-823-7083
E-mail  ddfec@oldcollege.ca
Website  Drumburheller.com/literacy.html

Contact Person 1  Louise Henriksen
Role of contact person 1  Coordinator/Facilitator

Contact Person 2
Role of contact person 2

Overview of Program
Based on the Parent Child Mother Goose program, we provide an opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet and learn new songs, rhymes, and lullabies to share with their children in a warm and welcoming environment. It also provides a positive supportive environment for parents. Program runs from September to May.

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

Classroom on Wheels (C.O.W.) Literacy Bus
Address
Centre for Family Literacy
11642 142 Street
Edmonton AB T5K 1V4
Tel: (780) 421-7323
Cell: 217-0411
Fax: (780) 421-7324
Email: Janice_Schneider@famlit.ca
Website: www.famlit.ca

Contact Person
Janice Schneider, Literacy Bus Coordinator
Kim Chung, Program Manager

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

Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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**Colour Our World, Children’s Settlement Program**

**Address**

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

**Contact Person**

Zainab Khan, Program Coordinator  
Victor Lantion, Community Development Manager

**Overview of Program**

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 300 families  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Come Read With Me**

**Address**

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

**Contact Person**

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

**Overview of Program**

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 18  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Come Read With Me**

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

**Contact Person**  
Darlene MacDonald, Executive Director

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

**Approximate # of families served each year:** 20  
**Do you offer training in this type of program?** Yes (Regional)  

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**Community Kitchens**

**Address**
Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society  
10302a 99 Avenue  
**Fort Saskatchewan** AB  
Telephone 780-998-5595, ex.223  
E-mail heatherb@familiesfirstsociety.ca  
Website www.familiesfirstsociety.ca

**Contact Person 1**  
April Jennings  
Role of contact person 1  Coordinator

**Contact Person 2**  
Heather Boonstra  
Role of contact person 2  Acting Executive Director

**Overview of Program**
Come to our kitchen and meet friends, learn new skills, share tips and have fun! We will plan 4 meals, prepare our grocery lists based on a budget and then cook the meals together so you can take them home to enjoy with your family.

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

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**Community Kitchen**

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

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Contact Person
Cheryl Skainen, Early Childhood Coordinator
Jessica Schmeizer, Early Childhood Educator

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dog Tales
Address
Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 10St SE
High River AB
T1V 2B9
Telephone 403-652-5090
1-866-652-5090
Fax 403-601-2389
E-mail info@litforlife.com
Website www.litforlife.com

Contact Person 1 Kristen Baars
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Sue Stegmeier
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

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Overview of Program
Dog Tales is designed to pair children struggling with reading and a dog who is trained to listen to them read. This program helps raise the child’s confidence while increasing their reading skills in a safe, non-judgmental environment. The dogs are screened for gentle character and good habits.

Approximate # of families served each year 72
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

Early Intervention Program
Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695 5413 51 St.
Stony Plain AB
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail info@apfa.ca
Website www.apfa.ca

Contact Person 1 Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1 Program Manager

Contact Person 2 Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

Overview of Program
A program intended to increase personal, social and motor skills of children with disabilities. Skills are increased by the use of community inclusion, songs and rhymes and centre play. Health nurse practitioners lead the group and provide skills feedback/suggestions.

Approximate # of families served each year 48
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

Early Language – Early Literacy
Address
Early Head Start – E4C
9321 – Jasper Avenue
Edmonton AB T5H 3T7
Tel: (780) 426-3666
Fax: (780) 424-1372
Email: rstill@e4calberta.org
Website: www.e4calberta.org

Contact Person
Rebecca Still, Family Literacy Coordinator
Dixie Chell, Team Leader

Overview of Program
Early Language-Early Literacy is an adaption of LAPS, Rhymes that Bind and Books for Babies which is incorporated into the regular Early Head Start programming. Families with children birth to 3½ ears
attend a comprehensive 10-month program which includes circle time, family play time, parent group and home visits.

Approximate # of families served each year: 120
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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ELL Mom’s Group
Address
Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9626 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel: (780) 539-6077
Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: sadia.khan@gpsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gpcfl.com

Contact Person
Sadia Khan, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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ESL Parent Child Mother Goose Program
Address
County of Forty Mile Write Break Literacy Program
Box 508
Foremost AB T0K 0X0
Tel: (403) 867-39730
Fax: (403) 867-2242
Email: writebreak@fortymile.ab.ca

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 10 to 12 families per session that runs twice a year, so approximate 20 families per year. In the library programs we have approximate 20 families who participate per year.
Do you offer training in this type of program?   No

Even Your Little Duck Can Read
Address
Portage College
Box 1471, 5205 50 Ave.
St. Paul AB
T0A 3A0
Telephone  780-645-5223 ext/ 224
Fax 780-645-5162
E-mail jody.lagreca@portagecollege.ca
Website http://www.stpaulfamilyliteracy.ca

Contact Person 1    Jody LaGreca
Role of contact person 1  Facilitator

Contact Person 2
Role of contact person 2

Overview of Program
Monthly session for children ages 0-6 and parents to develop pre-reading and other literacy skills. In partnership with St. Paul Parent Link.

Approximate # of families served each year  25
Do you offer training in this type of program?   No

Family Fun Connections
Address
Rocky Native Friendship Centre
Box 1927
Rocky Mountain House AB  T4T 1A3
Tel: (403) 845-2788
Fax: (403) 845-3093
Email: mduhamel.rnfc@shawlink.ca
ljohnson.rnfc@shawlink.ca

Contact Person
Melissa Duhamel, Literacy Coordinator
Louise Johnson, Literacy Facilitator

Do you offer training in they type of program?   No

Family Reading Fun
Address
Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB  T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org
Contact Person
Celia Jaipaul, Manager

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

First Steps
Address
South Peace Family Literacy
Box 487
Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
Tel: (780) 897-4365
Email: spfmfamlt@gmail.com

Contact Person
Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

Overview of Program
This program is available to parents with children (0-6) that are unable to attend group programs. This is a 6-week program that is done with families in their home. Parents must be referred by another agency.

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

Fort Vermillion & Area Family Literacy
Address
Northeast Community Adult Learning Council
Box 667
Fort Vermillion AB T0H 1N0
Telephone 780-841-5713
780-927-4490
Fax 780-927-4695
E-mail oflett@hotmail.com
marilyne@fusd.ab.ca

Contact Person 1 Odell Flett
Role of contact person 1 Director of Family Literacy
Contact Person 2 Marilyn Eek
Role of contact person 2 Coordinator of CALC

Overview of Program
Run in the Community Library and Parent Link Centre. Rhymes that Bind, Books for Babies.
Approximate # of families served each year 36
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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Fun on Fridays
Address
Edson Friendship Centre
13 5023 – 3 Ave
Edson AB
Tel: (780) 723-6444
Fax: (780) 723-4250
Email: tina_ecf@telus.net

Contact Person
Tina Clifton, Coordinator
Valerie Findlay, Executive Director

Overview of Program
Pre-natal parents and parents with pre-school children (ages 0-6) attend Fridays from 10:00 to 2:00. Each session starts with parents in a program together to discuss issues important to them with a focus on positive bonding through engagement in literacy and fun activities. The children will be with childcare providers who are engaging the children in meaningful literacy based fun activities. Parents join their children for lunch and an afternoon of activities together that may include crafts, visiting the library, games, bowling etc. Program ends with songs and storytelling. Transportation, snacks and lunch will be provided.

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

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

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

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

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

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Getting Ready 4 Kindergarten
Address
Ready 4 Learning
Calgary Family Services
200, 1000 8 Ave. SW
Calgary AB
T2P 3M7
Telephone 403-717-3975
Fax 403-205-5281
E-mail info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com
Website www.Ready4Learning.org

Contact Person 1 Iris Spurrell
Role of contact person 1 Project Lead
Contact Person 2 Lisa Hurrie
Role of contact person 2 Program Coordinator

Overview of Program
A 10 week program for parents with a child who will enter Kindergarten in the Fall. A family supper is enjoyed together then parents learn about a variety of things they can do to help their child be ready for Kindergarten. Topics range from proper sleep and diet to early literacy activities that build skills needed to achieve in Kindergarten. Parents then rejoin their children and work on an activity together related to the topic of discussion.

Approximate # of families served each year 12
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Cori Amundrud, Coordinator
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor

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

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

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Grandir avec mon enfant – LAPS adapted for Francophone Community

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

Contact Person
Louise Reidy, Coordinator for Franco-accueil

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Grandmother Turtle**

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

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

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

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

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**Grow Along With Me**

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

Contact Person
Cheryl Skaien, Early Childhood Coordinator

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

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

Growing Child . . . Growing Parent
Address
L.E.A.R.N.
299 College Drive SE
Medicine Hat AB T1A 3Y6
Tel: (403) 529-3878 Celena Gerl
Tel: (403) 504-3513 Deanna Arelis
Email: cgerl@mhc.ab.ca
Email: darelis@mhc.ab.ca
Website: www.learn-council.ca

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

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

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

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) Calgary
Address
Calgary Immigrant Women’s Association
200, 138 4 th Ave SE
Calgary AB T2G 4Z6
Tel: (403) 263-4414
Fax: (403) 264-3914
Email: yuliam@ciwa-online.com
Website: www.ciwa-online.com

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 60
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 60
Do you offer training in this type of program? No
Home Visitation
Address
Lamont County CALC
5303 – 50 Ave
**Lamont** AB T0B 2R0
Tel: (780) 895-2874
Fax: (780) 895-7404
Email: adultlearning@lamontcounty.ca
Sara.r@lamontcounty.ca
Website: www.lamontcounty.ca

Contact Person
Debbie Holland, Director CALC
Sara Rindero, Facilitator Home Visitation

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

Approximate # of families served each year: Just started so unsure at this time
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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Home Visitation
Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695 5413 51 St.
**Stony Plain**, AB
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail info@apfa.ca
Website www.apfa.ca

Contact Person 1  Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1  Program Manager
Contact Person 2  Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2  Executive Director

Overview of Program
In home support for introduction to family literacy with the use of books, oral songs/stories and play. Offered to individuals identified as “at risk”, and who may not have access to regular programs due to their circumstances or location.

Approximate # of families served each year  75
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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**Homewords**

**Address**
Grande Prairie Family Education Society
10113 103 Ave.
**Grande Prairie** AB
T8V 1C2
Telephone 780-830-0843
Fax 780-830-0921
E-mail grprfes@telus.net

**Contact Person 1** Betty Miller
Role of contact person 1 Executive Director

**Contact Person 2** Gwen Vekved
Role of contact person 2 Coordinator

**Overview of Program**
In home visits with a focus on family literacy using the literacy models, B.O.O.K.S, Rhymes that Bind, Books for Babies.

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

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**Kids Club**

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

**Contact Person**
Celia Jaipaul, Manager

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Kiskinwahamakewin - Teachings (Otenaw Iyiniuk Literacy)**

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

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Contact Person
Shannon Marquette, Program Facilitator
Marg Mitchell, Program Manager

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 60
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

La main dans la main / 1, 2, 3, Prêt-à-conter
Address
SPEF – Franco-accueil
4617 – 50 Avenue
St. Paul AB T0A 3A3
Tel: (780) 645-5050
Fax: (780) 534-1939
Email: ireidy@atrium.ca

Contact Person
Louise Reidy, Coordinator for Franco-accueil

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: Dependent on funding
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes
ALAPS – Aboriginal Literacy and Parenting Skills
Address
Further Education Society
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE
**Calgary** AB T1Y 6X2
Tel: (403) 250-5034
Fax: (403) 250-5029
Email: ecairns@furthered.ca and sphillips@furthered.ca
Website: www.nald.ca/fesa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A-LAPS (Cardston and District)
Address
Cardston & District Community Adult Learning Programs
Box 10
**Cardston** AB T0K 0K0
Tel: (403) 653-4991
Fax: (403) 653-4641
Email: kathy.richards@westwind.ab.ca
Contact Person
Kathy Richards, Director of Community Programs
Shannon Palmer, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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

Contact Person
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 8-10
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 36
Do you offer training in this type of program? No
Address
Family Learning Initiative
Box 780
Valleyview AB T0H 3N0
Tel: (780) 524-4323
Fax: (780) 524-2537
Email: jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca

Contact Person
Judy Smith, Coordinator

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

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

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LAPS
Address
Hanna Learning Centre
401 Centre Street
Box 1255
Hanna AB T0J 1P0
Tel: (403) 854-2099
Fax: (403) 854-4166
Email: lindsay.jennings@hannalearning.com
Website: www.hannalearning.com

Contact Person
Lindsay Jennings, Literacy Services Coordinator

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

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

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

Contact Person
Jodi Rasmussen, Northeast Regional Coordinator & Family Literacy Coordinator / Facilitator
Marnie Kassian, Family Literacy Coordinator / Facilitator
Overview of Program
1 1/2 hour interactive parent / child playgroup – program provides parents / children opportunity to socialize and learn new ways to turn everyday play into a learning moment – strong focus placed on increasing oral language through song and rhyme.

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

Learn Together Grow Together
Address
Centre for Family Literacy
11642 142 St NW
Edmonton AB
T5M 1V4
Telephone 780-421-7323
Fax 780-421-7324
E-mail adrienne_laughington@famlit.ca
Website www.famlit.ca

Contact Person 1 Adrienne Laughington
Role of contact person 1 Program Coordinator

Contact Person 2 Kim Chung
Role of contact person 2 Program Manager

Overview of Program
Learn Together Grow Together is a free, pre-registered program designed to support both adult and children’s literacy and learning. Parents attend all sessions with their children. The class consists of preschool classes, parent classes and time for children and parents to spend time together.

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

Let Loose with Mother Goose
Address
Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9627 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel (780) 539-6077
Fax (780) 539-6073
Email: sadia.khan@gpplc.ab.ca
Website: www.gpplc.com

Contact Person
Sadia Khan, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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Literacy Connects Families

Address
Connect Society
113342 – 127 Street
Edmonton AB T5M 0T8
Tel: (780) 454-9581
Fax: (780) 447-5820
Email: smccullough@connectsociety.org

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

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

Little Visitors

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

Contact Person
Cheryl Hollidge, Program Coordinator
Jaylene Capnerhurst, Literacy Assistant

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 5
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Regional Rhymes that Bind, Books for Babies)

Living Well, Elk Point and St.Paul

Address
Alberta Health Services and partners (Portage College)
Box 1471
5205 – 50 Ave
St. Paul AB T0A 3A0
Tel: 1-877-349-5711
Fax: (780) 645-5162
Website: www.aspenrha.ab.ca
Contact Person
Sarah Greenfield, Program Manager
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

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

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

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Magic Carpet Ride
Ready 4 Learning
Address
Calgary Family Services
200, 1000 8 Ave. SW
Calgary AB
T2P 3M7
Telephone 403-717-3975
Fax 403-205-5281
E-mail info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com
Website www.Ready4Learning.org

Contact Person 1 Iris Spurrell
Role of contact person 1 Project Lead

Contact Person 2 Lisa Hurrie
Role of contact person 2 Program Coordinator

Overview of Program
A 10 week family program for parents with children ages 0-5. Children are introduced to a variety of activities that encourage verbal and written expression, cooperative play, listening and storytime. Inexpensive, everyday materials are used and parents are encouraged to make their own or try them at home.

Approximate # of families served each year 7-10 families

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Magic Carpet Ride
Address
Paintearth CALC
Box 808
Coronation AB T0C 1C0 (**Note: also offered in Castor and Brownfield)
Tel: (403) 578-3817
Fax: (403) 578-2866
Email: patking@wildroseinternet.ca
Website: www.paintearthlearning.ca

Contact Person
Pat King, Program Manger (Executive Director)
Carmen Felzien, Literacy Coordinator
Overview of Program
This is a program for both parent and child. It builds on literacy behaviours and strengths already present in the families. It introduces additional strategies to further literacy activities in the home. It involves a weekly 2-hour session with songs, stories, snacks and play time.

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

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Magic Carpet Ride
Address
Stettler & District Adult Learning Council
Box 1311, 4001 50th Street
Stettler AB
T0C 1L0
Telephone 403-742-2999
Fax 403-742-1391
E-mail pvockeroth.stettlerlearning@telus.net

Contact Person 1 Peggy Vockeroth
Role of contact person 1 Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Bonnie Ireland
Role of contact person 2 Program Manager

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

Approximate # of families served each year 15-20
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 75
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Making Connections Playgroup

Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695 5413 51 St.
Stony Plain, AB
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail info@apfa.ca
Website www.apfa.ca

Contact Person 1 Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1 Program Manager

Contact Person 2 Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

Overview of Program
An interactive playgroup for aboriginal children and their parents. Enjoy special time together and connect with each other with the use of food, songs, stories and cultural crafts. There is a parent component based on the interest of the adult participants and childcare is provided.

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

Me & My Buddy

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

Contact Person
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 45
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Mosaic Cross-Cultural Parent and Child Literacy Program
Address
Immigrant Services Calgary
#520 910 – 7 Avenue SW
Calgary AB T2P 3N8
Tel: (403) 265-6093
Fax: (403) 538-8374
Email: info@immigrantservicescalgary.ca
Website: www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca

Contact Person
Wendy Auger, Manager
Puneet Kullar, Team Leader

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 50-75
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person:
Dorothy Houghton, Coordinator

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Mother Goose on the Loose
Address
Ready 4 Learning
Calgary Family Services
200, 1000 8 Ave. SW
Calgary AB
T2P 3M7
Telephone 403-717-3975
Fax 403-205-5281
E-mail info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com
Website www.Ready4Learning.org

Contact Person 1 Iris Spurrell
Role of contact person 1 Project Lead
Contact Person 2       Lisa Hurrie  
Role of contact person 2       Program Coordinator

Overview of Program
A 10 week program for parents with children ages 3-4 that acts as a gentle introduction to preschool. Includes circle time and play-based early literacy activities that parents and children do together as well as a time for parents alone.

Approximate # of families served each year 12
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Movers and Shakers
Address
Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 10St SE
High River AB
T1V 2B9
Telephone  403-652-5090
1-866-652-5090
Fax  403-601-2389
E-mail  info@litforlife.com
Website  www.litforlife.com

Contact Person 1       Kristen Baars  
Role of contact person 1       Family Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2       Sue Stegmeier  
Role of contact person 2       Executive Director

Overview of Program
Parents and children (aged 1-2 years) attend the _ hour sessions with trained facilitators where they learn songs, rhymes and story telling. Social time occurs after sessions. Information on literacy and child development is shared formally and informally.

Approximate # of families served each year 135
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Munsch Time
Address
The SPEC Association for Children and Families
101, 327 3rd Street W
Brooks AB
T1R 0E7
Telephone  403-362-5056
Fax  403-362-5090
E-mail  Desirae.setiz@spec.ab.ca
Website  www.spec.ab.ca

Contact Person 1       Desirae Setiz  
Role of contact person 1       ParentLINKcentre Program Manager
Contact Person 2       Ruby Tatem  
Role of contact person 2       ParentLINKcentre Coordinator

Overview of Program
The SPEC provides programming for children and their families that promote early literacy, parent education, parent and child interaction and supports and referrals.

Approximate # of families served each year: 400
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person
Shannon Marquette, Family Literacy Facilitator
Marg Mitchell, Program Manager

Overview of Program
Two components: Auntie's Storytelling: in home literacy activities with child and parent together. This is open to anyone.
Kiskinwhamakewin: literacy component that is combined with our Traditional Parenting program morning activities. This is open to persons enrolled in the parenting program.

Approximate # of families served each year: Total: approximately 50 families per year for both components
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Parent Child Mother Goose / Mother Goose on the Loose**

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

**Contact Person:**  
Susan Garrow, Project Coordinator  
Lisa Hurrle, PCMG Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: Brand new program as of Jan/09  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Parent-Child Mother Goose**

**Address**
Ready 4 Learning  
Calgary Family Services  
200, 1000 8 Ave. SW  
**Calgary** AB  
T2P 3M7  
Telephone 403-717-3975  
Fax 403-205-5281  
E-mail info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com  

**Contact Person 1** Iris Spurrell  
Role of contact person 1 Project Lead  
Contact Person 2 Lisa Hurrie  
Role of contact person 2 Program Coordinator

**Overview of Program**
A 30 week oral program that teaches songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories to parents. Stories and rhymes are used as a way to strengthen the bond between caregiver and child. With children ages 0-3. An infants-only class is also offered.

Approximate # of families served each year 70  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No (we offer apprenticeship training)

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**Parent-Child Mother Goose**

**Address**
Further Education Society  
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE  
**Calgary** AB T1Y 6X2  
Tel: (403) 250-5034  
Fax: (403) 250-5029
Contact Person
Sue Phillips, Co-executive Director
Melanie Reinboldt, Program Coordinator

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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Parent-Child Mother Goose
Address
Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society
10302a 99 Avenue
Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Telephone 780-998-5595, ex.223
E-mail heatherb@familiesfirstsociety.ca

Contact Person 1 Kim Heatherington
Role of contact person 1 Coordinator

Contact Person 2 Heather Boonstra
Role of contact person 2 Acting Executive Director

Overview of Program
The intent of the program is the encourage connections to be made or enhanced between parent and child and between the parents and their community.

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

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

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

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Parent Child Mother Goose**

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 15 – 20  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Parenting and Literacy**

**Address**
Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers  
11713 82 St  
**Edmonton** AB  
T5B 2V9  
Telephone  780-424-7709  
Fax  780-424-7736  
E-mail  mail@emcn.ab.ca  
Website  www.emcn.ab.ca

**Contact Person 1**  Mana Ali  
Role of contact person 1  Coordinator  
Contact Person 2  Amy Stevens  
Role of contact person 2  Administrator

**Overview of Program**
The Multicultural Language and Literacy Enhancement Project is a partnership between Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers and Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative to address the needs of refugee and immigrant families with preschool children who are new to Canada and living throughout Edmonton.  
The project enhances family literacy by addressing issues related to settlement and parenting in Canada. Families are encouraged and supported to maintain and value their home languages and cultures as a means of supporting their children's academic achievement, literacy development and appreciation of language and culture.

Approximate # of families served each year  150  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 90
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Parents for Partnership Home Visitor Program
Address
Crowsnest Pass Literacy Foundation
Box 458
Coleman AB T0K 0M0
Tel: (403) 563-5022
Fax: (403) 563-3011
Email: moosemountaingrill@shaw.ca
Website: www.crowsnesteducation.com

Contact Person
Carol Ann Smith, Home Visitor Facilitator

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

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

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Parents Learning Together
Address
The Candora Society of Edmonton
266 Abbotsfield Mall
3210 – 118 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5W 4W1
Tel: 477-5655
Fax: 477-5659
Email: crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com
diane.sopher@candorasociety.com
Website: www.candorasociety.com
Contact Person
Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations & Children’s Program Manager

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 25
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Dorothy Houghton

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Lachie MacFadden, Children’s Librarian
Yvonne Markotic, Parent Link Coordinator for Golden Prairie PLC

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 12
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Pat-a-Cake Kids**

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

Contact Person
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 120  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Pebbles in the Sand**

Calgary Immigrant Women’s Association

Address
# 200, 138 4 Ave. SE  
**Calgary**, AB  
T2G 4Z6  
Telephone 403-263-4414 ext. #153  
Fax 403-264-3914  
E-mail reception@ciwa-online.com  
Website http://www.ciwa-online.com

Contact Person 1  
Eva Szasz-Redmond  
Role of contact person 1  
Manager, Language Training Programs and Childcare

Contact Person 2  
Anosha Kumara  
Role of contact person 2  
Administrative Assistant

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

Approximate # of families served each year 150  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Pillowslip Stories (P.S.)**

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

**Contact Person**  
Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator  
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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**Play & Stay (Drumheller, Rosedale & Morrin)**

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

**Contact Person**  
Yvonne Markotic, Coordinator, Golden Prairie PLC  
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor, Golden Prairie PLC

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

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

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**Pool Time Rhymes**

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

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

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

Power of Four
Drumheller Family Literacy
306, 180 Riverside Drive, East
Drumheller Alberta
Telephone 403-823-3669
Fax 403-823-7083
E-mail ddfec@oldscollege.ca
Website Drumfurthered.com/literacy.html

Overview of Program
Helping parents teach their children at home. Eight bi-weekly meetings support families with literacy and parenting skills. Program runs for 16 weeks, and is offered several times throughout the year.

Approximate # of families served each year 30
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Person
Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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

Contact Person
Gerry Annand, Program Coordinator

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

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

Read Early and Discover (R.E.A.D.)
Address
Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjaipaul@rdpl.org

Contact Person
Celia Jaipaul, Manager

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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Contact Person
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

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

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

Red Deer Firefighter’s Reading Pals
Address
Red Deer Public Library
4818 – 49 Street
Red Deer AB T4N 1T9
Tel: (403) 309-3488
Fax: (403) 341-3110
Email: cjajpaul@rdpl.org

Contact Person
Celia Jaipaul, Manager

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

Rhymes Alive!
Address
South Peace Family Literacy
Box 487
Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
Tel: (780) 897-4365
Email: spfamlit@gmail.com

Contact Person
Elizabeth Bell, Coordinator

Overview of Program
This an oral literacy program where parents and children (0-6) will sing, rhyme, and play together. This program runs 8 weeks.

Approximate # of families served each year: 440
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Regional)
Rhymes and Happy Times
Address
Beaver County Family Literacy
PO Box 140
Ryley AB
T0B 4A0
Telephone 780-663-3730
Fax 780-663-3602
E-mail calc@beaver.ab.ca
Website www.beavercountycalc.ca

Contact Person 1  Kim Walker
Role of contact person 1  Family Literacy Coordinator

Contact Person 2  Cheryl Lawson
Role of contact person 2  Community Adult Learning and Adult Literacy Coordinator

Overview of Program
Offered in Beaver County (Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Viking), this program is for parents and children 0-3 years. It is an oral literacy program in which parents and children interact and enjoy rhymes, songs and finger plays. Trained facilitators guide parents and children in this interactive, informal program.

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

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

Contact Person
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

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

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

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Rhymes, Songs & Story Time
Address
Mill Woods Family Resource Centre
5704 – 19A Avenue
Edmonton AB T6L 1L8
Tel: (780) 413-4521
Fax: (780) 490-1127
Contact Person
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 400
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

Overview of Program
Meets with families with children in need from Aboriginal Head Start.

Approximate # of families served each year: 5
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Rhymes That Bind
Address
Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement
Box 16
Caslan AB T0A 0R0
Tel: (780) 689-2170
Tel: (780) 689-2024
Email: mdaniels@buffalolaketemets.com

Contact Person
Margaret Daniels, Administrator
Marie Sparklingeyes, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 25
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Centre for Family Literacy**

**Rhymes That Bind**

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 115  
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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**Rhymes that Bind**

**Address**
Centre for Family Literacy  
11642 142 Street  
**Edmonton** AB T5H 1V4  
Tel: (780) 421-7323  
Fax: (780) 421-7324  
Email: maureen_macfarlane@famlit.ca  
Website: [www.famlit.ca](http://www.famlit.ca)

**Contact Person**
Maureen MacFarlane, Program Coordinator  
Kim Chung, Program Manager

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

Do you offer training in this type of program?  Yes

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

Contact Person
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 120
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

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

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

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Rhymes That Bind
Address
Kikino Aboriginal Head Start
Box 101
Kikino AB T0A 2B0
Tel: (780) 623-7001
Fax: (780) 623-7004
Email: kihead@telusplanet.net
Contact Person
Mrs. Jean Cardinal, Supervisor
Edna Desjarlais, Classroom Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 10-12
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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

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

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

Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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

Contact Person
Marilyn Visser, Literacy Coordinator
Donna Hamilton, Project Manager

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

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

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**Rhymes That Bind**

**Address**
Sturgeon Family Literacy  
Box 458  
**Bon Accord** AB T0A 0K0  
Tel: (780) 921-3589 x 2  
Email: anittajensen@gmail.com  
Website: www.sturgeon-literacy.ca

**Contact Person:**  
Anitta Jensen, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 36  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Rhymes that Bind**

**Address**
Each One Teach One Literacy Society  
10660 104 St.  
**Westlock** AB  
T7P 1M2  
Telephone 780-307-3696  
Fax 780-349-3111  
E-mail familyliteracy@hotmail.ca

**Contact Person 1** Sandra van Ramshorst  
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator

**Overview of Program**
This is an oral literacy group that meets for 1 hour once a week for 10 weeks. Parent and Child have the opportunity to bond, rhyme, tell stories and meet with others in their own peer group, being able to connect further with our community.

Approximate # of families served each year 85  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Rhyme Time**

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 150
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Rhyme Time
Address
L.E.A.R.N.
299 College Drive SE
Medicine Hat AB T1A 3Y6
Tel: (403) 529-3878 Celena Gerl
Tel: (403) 504-3513 Deanna Areils
Fax: (403) 504-3680
Email: cgperl@mhc.ab.ca
Email: darelis@mhc.ab.ca
Website: www.learn-council.ca

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

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

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

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

Contact Person
Heather Dixon, Family Program Coordinator
Katharine Perich, Executive Director

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 115
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Rhyme Time**

**Address**

Portage College  
Box 1471, 5205 50 Ave.  
**St. Paul, AB**  
T0A 3A0  
Telephone 780-645-5223 ext/ 224  
Fax 780-645-5162  
E-mail jody.lagreca@portagecollege.ca  
Website http://www.stpaulfamilyliteracy.ca

Contact Person 1  
Jody LaGreca  
Role of contact person 1  
Facilitator

**Overview of Program**

Oral language development program for ages 0-3 years. Parents learn to enjoy rhymes, finger plays, songs and simple movement games with their infants or toddlers in a supportive peer group.

Approximate # of families served each year  
20

Do you offer training in this type of program?  
No

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**Rhyme Time**

**Address**

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

Contact Person  
Carmen Zayac, Facilitator  
Chandra Blair, Supervisor

**Overview of Program**

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 8-10

Do you offer training in this type of program?  
No

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**Rhyme Tyme**

**Address**

Family Learning Initiative  
Box 780  
**Valleyview** AB T0H 3N0  
Tel: (780) 524-4323

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Contact Person
Judy Smith, Coordinator

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

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

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Rhyming Round-Up (returning 2012)
Address
Knee hill Adult Learning Society- READ Family
Box 639
Three Hills AB
T0M 2A0
Telephone  403-443-5556
Fax  403-443-5155
E-mail learn@kals3hills.ca
Website  www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person 1  Sharon Whitehead
Role of contact person 1  Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2  Cheryl Hollidge
Role of contact person 2  Executive Director

Overview of Program
This is a 10-week program for families and their children 0-6 years of age. Rhymes, songs and stories are shared each week, assisting caregivers to develop family literacy skills through this fun-filled collection of language builders.
Approximate # of families served each year  25
Do you offer training in this type of program?  Yes (Rhymes that Bind/Books for Babies)

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

Contact Person
Judy Bortnik, Literacy Coordinator
Wendy Graham, Program Facilitator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 75
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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

Contact Person
Crystal Nahaiowski, Parent & Family Literacy Coordinator
Diane Sopher, Operations & Children’s Program Manger

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

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

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Rhythm and Rhyme
Address
Literacy for Life Foundation
#3, 1204 10St SE
High River AB
T1V 2B9
Telephone 403-652-5090
1-866-652-5090
Fax 403-601-2389
E-mail info@litforlife.com
Website www.litforlife.com

Contact Person 1 Kristen Baars
Role of contact person 1 Family Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2 Sue Stegmeier
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

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

Approximate # of families served each year 450
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Rhyme with Me for Parents to Be (merged with Little Visitors)
Address
Knee Hill Adult Learning Society-READ Family
Box 639
Three Hills AB
T0M 2A0
Telephone 403-443-5556
Fax 403-443-5155
E-mail learn@kals3hills.ca
Website www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person 1  Sharon Whitehead  
Role of contact person 1  Literacy Coordinator

Contact Person 2  Cheryl Hollidge  
Role of contact person 2  Executive Director

Overview of Program
In-home visits to families with children aged 0-6 years of age encourage interaction and introduce early literacy development strategies. Trained practitioners encourage parents to explore rhyme and song as a means to soothe and bond with their child. Additional activities to help develop these early literacy skills are also introduced during the program.

Approximate # of families served each year 4
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Regional Rhymes that Bind/Books for Babies)

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

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

Overview of Program
Preschoolers 3-6 and their families learn through stories, finger plays and activities.

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

Rock-A-Bye Rhymes (Parent Link Centre Parent Education)
Address
Kidz 1st Network Parent Link Centre
105 Marina Rd
Chestermere AB
T1X 1V7
Telephone 403-207-7060
Fax 403-569-0512

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Overview of Program
This program is designed to give children age 0-18 months the opportunity to explore their world through their imaginations, while developing literacy skills. It also promotes parent/child bonding and gives parents the tools to help soothe their children through songs and rhymes.

Approximate # of families served each year 36
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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Rocky Lane & Area Family Literacy
Address
Northeast Community Adult Learning Council
Box 667
Fort Vermillion AB
T0H 1N0
Telephone 780-841-5713
780-927-4490
Fax 780-927-4695
E-mail oflett@hotmail.com
marilyne@fusd.ab.ca

Contact Person 1 Odell Flett
Role of contact person 1 Director of Family Literacy
Contact Person 2 Marilyn Eek
Role of contact person 2 Coordinator of CALC

Overview of Program
Run at Boyer First Nations. Rhymes that Bind, Books for Babies

Approximate # of families served each year 12
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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

Contact Person
Donna Reid, Council Coordinator
Pat Warkentin, Literacy Coordinator

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

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

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

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Tel: (780) 227-2866
Fax: (780) 227-3579
Email: henday@rttinc.com
Website: www.hendaylearning.com

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 100
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 900
Do you offer training in this type of program?   No

**Story and Rhyme**

Address

The SPEC Association for Children and Families  
101, 327 3rd Street W  
**Brooks**, AB  
T1R 0E7

Telephone   403-362-5056  
Fax   403-362-5090  
E-mail   Desirae.setiz@spec.ab.ca  
Website   www.spec.ab.ca

Contact Person 1   Desirae Setiz  
Role of contact person 1   ParentLINKcentre Program Manager

Contact Person 2   Ruby Tatem  
Role of contact person 2   ParentLINKcentre Coordinator

Overview of Program

The SPEC provides programming for children and their families that promote early literacy, parent education, parent and child interaction and supports and referrals.

Approximate # of families served each year: 400
Do you offer training in this type of program?   No

**Story Bags (based on Story Sacks)**

Address

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

Contact Person

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

Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 300
Do you offer training in this type of program?   No

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Storybook Adventure
Address
Kneehill Adult Learning Society- READ Family
Box 639
Three Hills AB
T0M 2A0
Telephone  403-443-5556
Fax  403-4435155
E-mail  learn@kals3hills.ca
Website  www.kals3hills.ca

Contact Person 1    Sharon Whitehead
Role of contact person 1    Literacy Coordinator
Contact Person 2    Cheryl Hollidge
Role of contact person 2    Executive Director

Overview of Program
Parents and children 3-6 years old meet to enjoy rhymes, stories and songs. This program fosters parent-child interaction and instills a love of literacy through multiple venues. Over the 8-week program, families create their story together. Children's art, make-believe and family stories are encouraged, as participants develop their own storybook to share at home.

Approximate # of families served each year    25
Do you offer training in this type of program?    Yes (Regional Rhymes that Bind/Books for Babies)

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 120
Do you offer training in this type of program?    No

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

Contact Person
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Story Sacks (Aboriginal)
Address
Edson Friendship Centre
5023 – 3rd Ave #13
Edson AB T7E 1X7
Tel: (780) 723-5494
Fax: (780) 723-4359
Email: efcl99@telus.net

Contact Person
Tina Clifton, Program Coordinator
Renee Beck, Facilitator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 18-24
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Storysacks**

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

Contact Person  
Dorothy Houghton, Coordinator

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

Do you offer training in this type of program?  No  

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**Storytime with Norma**

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

Contact Person  
Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator  
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 15
Do you offer training in this type of program?  Yes  

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**Storytellers, St. Paul and area**

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

Website: portagecollege.ca
Contact Person
  Marvin Bjornstad, Program Manager
  Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

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

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

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

Contact Person
  Cori Amundrud, Coordinator
  Bonita Hudson, Supervisor

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 25
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

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

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 120
Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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

Contact Person
Rhodora Martens, PLC Executive Director
Ronald Wolfe, PLC Coordinator / Administrative Support

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

Do you offer training in this type of program?  No

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Talk Box
Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695 5413 51 St.
Stony Plain, AB
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail info@apfa.ca
Website www.apfa.ca

Contact Person 1  Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1  Program Manager
Contact Person 2  Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2  Executive Director

Overview of Program
The Talk Box is a resource used to encourage speech and language development with children. The Talk Box offers a multitude of ideas and suggestions for parents to do with their children. The activities are fun, engaging and age appropriate.

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

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Teen Mom’s Group
Address
Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning
9625 Prairie Road
Grande Prairie AB T8V 6G5
Tel: (780) 539-6077
Fax: (780) 539-6073
Email: sadia.khan@qppsd.ab.ca
Website: www.gpcll.com

Contact Person
Sadia Khan, Family Literacy Coordinator

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 15 – 20
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

Tick Tock Time
Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695 5413 51 St.
Stony Plain, AB
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail info@apfa.ca
Website www.apfa.ca

Contact Person 1 Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1 Program Manager
Contact Person 2 Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

Overview of Program
The program is designed for interactive participation with parent and child. Families, with children ages 0-6 yrs, learn a variety of oral songs and short stories. Tick Tock Time is offered at various locations in the Parkland area, please call or visit our website for listings.

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

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**Time For Rhymes**

**Address**

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

**Contact Person**

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator  
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

**Overview of Program**

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 65-75  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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**Toddler Time**

**Address**

Literacy for Life Foundation  
#3, 1204 10St SE  
**High River** AB  
T1V 2B9  
Telephone 403-652-5090  
1-866-652-5090  
Fax 403-601-2389  
E-mail info@litforlife.com  
Website www.litforlife.com

**Contact Person 1**  
Kristen Baars  
Role of contact person 1  
Family Literacy Coordinator  
**Contact Person 2**  
Sue Stegemeier  
Role of contact person 2  
Executive Director

**Overview of Program**

Parents and children (Aged 2-3 years) attend the _ hour sessions with trained facilitators where they learn songs, rhymes and story telling. Social time occurs after sessions. Information on literacy and child development is shared formally and informally.

Approximate # of families served each year  
110  
Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Carrie MacDonald, Assistant Librarian – Programming
Lori Herzkik, Library Manager

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

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

Contact Person
Cheryl Skainen, Early Childhood Coordinator
Jennifer Duffy, Early Childhood Educator

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

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

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

Contact Person
Cheryl Hollidge, Program Coordinator
Jaylene Capnerhurst, Literacy Assistant

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 12
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Books for Babies, Rhymes that Bind)

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

Contact Person
Marvin Bjornstad, Manaager
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

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

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

Young Moms
Address
Alberta Parenting for the Future Association
P.O. Box 2695 5413 51 St.
Stony Plain, AB
T7Z 1Y2
Telephone 780-963-0549
Fax 780-369-3876
E-mail info@apfa.ca
Website www.apfa.ca

Contact Person 1 Barb Fratesi
Role of contact person 1 Program Manager
Contact Person 2 Pamela Geddes
Role of contact person 2 Executive Director

Overview of Program
An interactive support group for young (teen) parents. Enjoy special time together with expectant and new parents. Connect with each other with the use of food, songs, stories and crafts. The program increases parental knowledge and provides options for community support resources.

Approximate # of families served each year 25

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### Appendix A: Update of Family Literacy Programs in Alberta

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

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