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# 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 If you do not see your program listed, or if the information is outdated, please fill out the update form in Appendix A at the end of this document or use the update form on our website [www.famlit.ca](http://www.famlit.ca).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](mailto: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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## Family Literacy Programs in Alberta

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:hanna@goldenprairiepic.ca)  
Website: [www.goldneprairieplc.ca](http://www.goldneprairieplc.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](mailto:ed@nativefriendship.ca)  
[mande@nativefriendship.ca](mailto:mande@nativefriendship.ca)  
[irene@nativefriendship.ca](mailto: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](mailto:flmsahs@fishinglake.ca)

Contact Person

Rubye 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](mailto: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](http://www.apfa.ca)  
Website [info@apfa.ca](mailto: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](mailto:megan_van_der_griend@famlit.ca)  
Website: [www.famlit.ca](http://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](mailto: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:

Do you offer training in this type of program? 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](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

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](mailto:hanna@goldenprairieplc.ca)  
Website: [www.goldenprairieplc.ca](http://www.goldenprairieplc.ca)

## Contact Person



Cori Amundrud, Coordinator  
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor

#### Overview of Program

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

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

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#### **Baby Signing**

##### Address

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

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#### **Bedtime Rhymes and Stories**

##### Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre  
5704 – 19A Avenue  
**Edmonton** AB T6L 1L8  
Tel: (780) 413-4521  
Fax: (780) 490-1127  
Email: [karla@mwfrc.org](mailto:karla@mwfrc.org)  
Website: [www.mwfrc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:calc@beaver.ab.ca)  
Website [www.beavercountycalc.ca](http://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](mailto:terra@terraassociation.com)  
Website: [www.terraassociation.com](http://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](mailto:info@litforlife.com)  
Website [www.litforlife.com](http://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](mailto:calc@beaver.ab.ca)  
Website [www.beavercountycalc.ca](http://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

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#### **Books For Babies**

##### Address:

Bonnyville Literacy Program  
Box 8087  
**Bonnyville** AB T9N 2J7  
Tel: (780) 826-3354  
Fax: (780) 826-3354  
Email: [bonnyvilleliteracy@incentre.net](mailto:bonnyvilleliteracy@incentre.net)  
Website: [www.incentre.net/bonnyvillelearning](http://www.incentre.net/bonnyvillelearning)

##### Contact Person:

Carmen Vincent, Literacy Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

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#### **Books for Babies/JumpStart**

##### Address

Further Education Society  
Bay #52, 3033-34th Avenue NE  
**Calgary** AB T1Y 6X2  
Phone: (403) 250-5034  
Fax: (403) 250-5029  
Email: [sphillips@furthered.ca](mailto:sphillips@furthered.ca)  
Website: [www.nald.ca/fesa](http://www.nald.ca/fesa)

##### Contact Person

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

#### Overview of Program

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

Do you offer training in this type of program?      Yes (Jumpstart)

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**Books for Babies**

## Address

Badlands Building Blocks  
Box 998  
**Drumheller** AB T0J 0Y0  
Tel: (403) 823-7969  
Fax: (403) 823-7086  
Email: [budingblocks@oldscollee.ca](mailto: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](mailto:darren_hinger@famlit.ca)  
Website [www.famlit.ca](http://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 is 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](mailto:Janice@kara-frc.ca)  
Website [www.kara-frc.ca](http://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](mailto:karla@mwfrc.org)  
Website: [www.mwfrc.org](http://www.mwfrc.org)

Contact Person  
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

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### **Books for Babies**

#### Address

Norwood Child and Family Resource Centre  
9516 114 Avenue  
**Edmonton** AB

Telephone 780-471-3737  
Fax 780-4771632  
E-mail [brynat@ncfc.ab.ca](mailto:brynat@ncfc.ab.ca)  
Website [www.norwoodcentre.com](http://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 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](mailto:edcls@gyrd.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.edcls.ca](http://www.edcls.ca)

##### Contact Person

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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](mailto:sadia.khan@gppsd.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.gpccl.com](http://www.gpccl.com)

##### Contact Person

Sadia Khan, Family Literacy Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:info@litforlife.com)  
Website [www.litforlife.com](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

### **Books for Babies**

#### Address

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

*Revised January 2009*

#### **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](mailto:literacy@fcal.net)  
Website: [www.fcal.net](http://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

*Revised February 2009*

#### **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](mailto: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)

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

#### **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](mailto: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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](http://www.apfa.ca)  
Website [info@apfa.ca](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca)

Contact Person:  
Judy Smith, Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto: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)

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto:coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com)  
Website: [www.rainbowliteracy.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

### **Books for Babies**

#### Address

Wetaskiwin Community Literacy Program  
Box 6265  
**Wetaskiwin** AB T9A 2E9  
Tel: (780) 352-7257  
Fax: (780) 352-5205

Email: [literacy@incentre.net](mailto:literacy@incentre.net)

Contact Person

Judy Bortnik, Literacy Coordinator  
Wendy Graham, Program Facilitator

Overview of Program

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

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

*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](mailto: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

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](mailto:crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com)  
[diane.sopher@candorasociety.com](mailto:diane.sopher@candorasociety.com)  
Website: [www.candorasociety.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

### 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](mailto:brynat@ncfc.ab.ca)  
Website [www.norwoodcentre.com](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

### 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](mailto:brynat@ncfc.ab.ca)  
Website [www.norwoodcentre.com](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

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

#### Address

The Candora Society of Edmonton  
266 Abbottsfield Mall  
3210 – 118 Avenue  
**Edmonton** AB T5W 4W1  
Tel: 477-5655



Fax: 477-5659

Email: [crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com](mailto:crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com)  
[diane.sopher@candorasociety.com](mailto:diane.sopher@candorasociety.com)

Website: [www.candorasociety.com](http://www.candorasociety.com)

#### Contact Person

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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](mailto: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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **BOOKS**

##### Address

Taber & District Community Adult Learning Association  
Box 20, Provincial Building  
5011 - 49 Avenue  
**Taber** AB T1G 1V9  
Tel: (403) 223-1146

Fax: (403) 223-3412  
Email: [executivedirector@taberadultlearning.com](mailto:executivedirector@taberadultlearning.com)  
Website: [www.taberadultlearning.com](http://www.taberadultlearning.com)

**Contact Person**

Marilyn Visser, Literacy Coordinator  
Donna Hamilton, Project Manager

**Overview of program**

We run Families Learning Together at three sites in our area. We do "BOOKS" two times a week for seventeen weeks at each site. We do the program first thing in the morning for 45 minutes to an hour, which is good way for the parents and children to start the day together. We read the story and then hand out the books and encourage everyone to follow along. Then depending on the book, we sometimes take turns reading it or telling the story. The parents then look at and read the book with their child. We always do a book related craft or game involving the parent and child so that the family can take it home and use it with the book. The parents are encouraged to take books home and read them with their children and bring them back the next time we have BOOKS.

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

*Revised February 2009*

**BOOKS****Address**

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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:patking@wildroseinternet.ca)  
Website: [www.paintearthlearning.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

#### **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](mailto:gbcals@telusplanet.net)

##### Contact Person

Sharon Szmata, Resouce Person  
Linda Chmilar, Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 50

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised February 2009*

#### **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](mailto:coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com)  
Website: [www.rainbowliteracy.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

### **Building Blocks**

#### Address

Sturgeon Family Literacy  
Box 458  
**Bon Accord** ABT0A 0K0  
Tel: (780) 921-3589 Ext 2  
Email: [anittajensen@gmail.com](mailto: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

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto:narr-cross@hotmail.com)  
[nicole.crossan@portagecolleg.ca](mailto:nicole.crossan@portagecolleg.ca)

#### Contact Person

Marvin Bjornstad, Program Manger  
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

#### Over of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

### **Building Blocks**

#### Address

Paintearth Community Adult Learning Council  
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](mailto:patking@wildroseinternet.ca)  
Website: [www.paintearthlearning.ca](http://www.paintearthlearning.ca)

**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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:lindsay.jennings@hannalearning.com)  
Website: [www.hannalearning.com](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:info@litforlife.com)  
Website [www.litforlife.com](http://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

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

*Revised January 2012*

#### **Building Blocks**

##### Address

Camrose Family Literacy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4872 – 50 Street  
**Camrose** AB T4V 1P7  
Tel: (780) 672-8754  
Fax: (780) 672-7621  
Email: [sharilyn@camrosecalc.com](mailto:sharilyn@camrosecalc.com)  
Website: [www.camroselearning.com](http://www.camroselearning.com)

##### Contact Person

Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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](mailto:ddfec@oldscollege.ca)  
Website      [Drumfurthered.com/literacy.html](http://Drumfurthered.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.

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

*Revised November 2012*

### **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](mailto:calc@beaver.ab.ca)  
Website [www.beavercountycalc.ca](http://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 activities 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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:admin@kals3hills.ca)  
Website [www.kals3hills.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com)  
Website: [www.rainbowliteracy.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto:cdss8@telus.net)  
Website [www.camrosefrc.com](http://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

*Revised January 2012*



**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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

**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](mailto:spefdecanmore@telus.net)

## Contact Person

Geneviève Poulin, Présidente  
Patricia Marois, Coordinnatrice scolaire – communautaire

## Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 20 families

Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (through EDUK)

*Revised January 2009*

**Circle Rhyme Time**

Drumheller Family Literacy  
306, 180 Riverside Drive, East  
**Drumheller** Alberta  
Telephone 403-823-3669  
Fax 403-823-7083  
E-mail [ddfec@oldscollege.ca](mailto:ddfec@oldscollege.ca)  
Website [Drumfurthered.com/literacy.html](http://Drumfurthered.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**

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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:Janice_Schneider@famlit.ca)  
Website: [www.famlit.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:z.khan@centrefornewcomers.ca)  
Website: [www.centrefornewcomers.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](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

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

*Revised February 2009*

**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](mailto: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)

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:heatherb@familiesfirstsociety.ca)  
Website [www.familiesfirstsociety.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:Cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca)  
Website: [www.famcentre.ca](http://www.famcentre.ca)

**Contact Person**

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

**Overview of Program**

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

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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:edcls@gyrd.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.edcls.ab.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:info@litforlife.com)  
Website [www.litforlife.com](http://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

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

*Revised January 2012*

#### **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](mailto:info@apfa.ca)  
Website [www.apfa.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

#### **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](mailto:rstill@e4calberta.org)  
Website: [www.e4calberta.org](http://www.e4calberta.org)

##### Contact Person

Rebecca Still, Family Literacy Coordinator  
Dixie Chell, Team Leader

#### Overview of Program

Early Language-Early Literacy is an adaption of LAPS, Rhymes that Bind and Books for Babies which is incorporated into the regular Early Head Start programming. Families with children birth to 3 ½ years

attend a comprehensive 10-month program which includes circle time, family play time, parent group and home visits.

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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:sadia.khan@gppsd.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.gpccl.com](http://www.gpccl.com)

#### Contact Person

Sadia Khan, Family Literacy Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:mduhamel.rnfc@shawlink.ca)  
[ljohnson.rnfc@shawlink.ca](mailto:ljohnson.rnfc@shawlink.ca)

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

Do you offer training in they type of program? No

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

**First Steps**

Address

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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:oflett@hotmail.com)  
[marilyne@fUSD.ab.ca](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

**Fun on Fridays**

## Address

Edson Friendship Centre  
13 5023 – 3 Ave  
**Edson AB**  
Tel: (780) 723-6444  
Fax: (780) 723-4250  
Email: [tina\\_efc@telus.net](mailto:tina_efc@telus.net)

## Contact Person

Tina Clifton, Coordinator  
Valerie Findlay, Executive Director

## Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](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

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

*Revised February 2009*

**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](mailto:info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com)  
Website [www.Ready4Learning.org](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:hanna@goldenprairieplc.ca)  
Website: [www.goldenprairieplc.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

**Grandir avec mon enfant – LAPS adapted for Francophone Community**

## Address

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

## Contact Person

Louise Reidy, Coordinator for Franco-accueil

## Overview of Program

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:info-parentlink@awotaan.org)  
Website: [www.awotaan.org](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:Cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca)  
Website: [www.famcentre.ca](http://www.famcentre.ca)

## Contact Person

Cheryl Skaien, Early Childhood Coordinator

Carol Orr, Early Childhood Educator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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](mailto:cgerl@mhc.ab.ca)  
Email: [darelis@mhc.ab.ca](mailto:darelis@mhc.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.learn-council.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **HIPPY** (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) Calgary

##### Address

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

##### Contact Person

Yulia Minakova, HIPPY Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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](mailto:ecairns@furthered.ca) and [sphillips@furthered.ca](mailto:sphillips@furthered.ca)  
Website: [www.nald.ca/fesa](http://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

*Revised February 2009*

#### **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](mailto: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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:adultlearning@lamontcounty.ca)  
[Sara.r@lamontcounty.ca](mailto:Sara.r@lamontcounty.ca)  
Website: [www.lamontcounty.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:info@apfa.ca)  
Website [www.apfa.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

**Kiskinwahamakewin - Teachings (Otenaw Iyniuk 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](mailto:shannon@bcrsociety.ab.ca)  
[marg@bcrsociety.ab.ca](mailto:marg@bcrsociety.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.bencalfrobesociety.ca](http://www.bencalfrobesociety.ca)



**Contact Person**

Shannon Marquette, Program Facilitator  
Marg Mitchell, Program Manager

**Overview of Program**

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

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

*Revised February 2009*

**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: [lreidy@atrium.ca](mailto:lreidy@atrium.ca)

**Contact Person**

Louise Reidy, Coordinator for Franco-accueil

**Overview of Program**

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

*Revised November 2009*

**LAPS****Address**

Further Education Society  
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**Calgary** AB T1Y 6X2  
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Fax: (403) 250-5029  
Email: [ecairns@furthered.ca](mailto:ecairns@furthered.ca) and [sphillips@furthered.ca](mailto:sphillips@furthered.ca)  
Website: [www.nald.ca/fesa](http://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

*Revised February 2009*

**ALAPS – Aboriginal Literacy and Parenting Skills**

## Address

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

*Revised February 2009*

**LAPS – ESL**

## Address

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

*Revised February 2009*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

**LAPS (Literacy & Parenting Skills)****Address**

Camrose Family Literacy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4872 – 50 Street  
**Camrose** AB T4V 1P7  
Tel: (780) 672-8754  
Fax: (780) 672-7621  
Email: [sharilyn@camrosecalc.com](mailto:sharilyn@camrosecalc.com)  
Website: [www.camroselearning.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:edcls@gyrdab.ca)  
Website: [www.edcls.ab.ca](http://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

*Revised February 2009*

**LAPS (Literacy and Parenting Skills)**

**Address**

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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:lindsay.jennings@hannalearning.com)  
Website: [www.hannalearning.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:calsveg@telus.net)

**Contact Person**

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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\\_laughtington@famlit.ca](mailto:adrienne_laughtington@famlit.ca)  
Website [www.famlit.ca](http://www.famlit.ca)

Contact Person 1 Adrienne Laughtington  
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

*Revised January 2012*

#### **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@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:sadia.khan@gppsd.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.gpccl.com](http://www.gpccl.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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:admin@kals3hills.ca)  
Website: [www.kals3hills.ca](http://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)

*Revised November 2009*

**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](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com)  
Website [www.Ready4Learning.org](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:patking@wildroseinternet.ca)  
Website: [www.paintearthlearning.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.sclibrary.ab.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2009*



**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](mailto:info@apfa.ca)  
Website [www.apfa.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:karla@mwfrc.org)  
Website: [www.mwfrc.org](http://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

*Revised February 2009*

**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](mailto:info@immigrantservicescalgary.ca)  
Website: [www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com)  
Website [www.Ready4Learning.org](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

#### **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](mailto:info@litforlife.com)  
Website [www.litforlife.com](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

#### **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](mailto:Desirae.setiz@spec.ab.ca)  
Website [www.spec.ab.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.sclibrary.ab.ca](http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca)

#### Contact Person

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto:reception@bcrsociety.ca)  
Website: [www.bcrsociety.ca](http://www.bcrsociety.ca)

#### Contact Person

Shannon Marquette, Family Literacy Facilitator  
Marg Mitchell, Program Manager

#### Overview of Program

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

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

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

## Address

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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:info.Ready4Learning@gmail.com)  
Website [www.Ready4Learning.org](http://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 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)

*Revised January 2012*

**Parent-Child Mother Goose**

## Address

Further Education Society  
Bay #52, 3033 – 34 Avenue NE  
**Calgary** AB T1Y 6X2  
Tel: (403) 250-5034  
Fax: (403) 250-5029

Email: [ecairns@furthered.ca](mailto:ecairns@furthered.ca) and [sphillips@furthered.ca](mailto:sphillips@furthered.ca)  
Website: [www.nald.ca/fesa](http://www.nald.ca/fesa)

**Contact Person**

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

**Overview of Program**

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes

*Revised February 2009*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto:Luanne.parentlink@telus.net)  
Website: [www.nlphln.ca](http://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 orals 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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto:mail@emcn.ab.ca)  
Website [www.emcn.ab.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:cheryl.skaien@famcentre.ca)  
Website: [www.famcentre.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:moosemountaingrill@shaw.ca)  
Website: [www.crowsnsteducation.com](http://www.crowsnsteducation.com)

## Contact Person

Carol Ann Smith, Home Visitor Facilitator

## Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised January 2009*

**Parents Learning Together**

## Address

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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:drumlib@magtech.ca)  
Website: [www.drumhellerlibrary.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:karla@mwfrc.org)  
Website: [www.mwfrc.org](http://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

*Revised February 2009*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com)  
Website: [www.rainbowliteracy.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:drumheller@goldenprairieplc.ca)  
Website: [www.goldenprairieplc.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:calsveg@telus.net)

Contact Person

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

Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

**Power of Four**

Drumheller Family Literacy  
306, 180 Riverside Drive, East  
**Drumheller** Alberta  
Telephone 403-823-3669  
Fax 403-823-7083  
E-mail [ddfec@oldscollge.ca](mailto:ddfec@oldscollge.ca)  
Website [Drumfurthered.com/literacy.html](http://Drumfurthered.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

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

*Revised January 2012*

**Prenatal Family Literacy**

Address

Camrose Family Literacy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4872 – 50 Street  
**Camrose** AB T4V 3M7  
Tel: (780) 672-8754  
Fax: (780) 672-7621  
Email: [sharilyn@camrosecalc.com](mailto:sharilyn@camrosecalc.com)  
Website: [www.camroselearning.com](http://www.camroselearning.com)

Contact Person  
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto:programs@slavelakelibrary.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca](http://www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca)

#### Contact Person

Carrie MacDonald, Assistant Librarian – Programming  
Lori Herdzyk, 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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto:coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com)  
Website: [www.rainbowliteracy.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

## **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](mailto: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

*Revised November 2009*

## **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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

## **Read to Me**

### Address

Camrose Family Literacy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4872 – 50 Street  
**Camrose** AB T4V 1P7  
Tel: (780) 672-8754  
Fax: (780) 672-7621  
Email: [sharilyn@camrosecalc.com](mailto:sharilyn@camrosecalc.com)  
Website: [www.camroselearning.com](http://www.camroselearning.com)

Contact Person  
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **Red Deer Firefighter's Reading Pals**

##### Address

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

Contact Person  
Celia Jaipaul, Manager

#### Overview of Program

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised February 2009*

#### **Rhymes Alive!**

##### Address

South Peace Family Literacy  
Box 487  
**Sexsmith** AB T0H 3C0  
Tel: (780) 897-4365  
Email: [spfamlit@gmail.com](mailto: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:  
Do you offer training in this type of program? Yes (Regional)

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:calc@beaver.ab.ca)  
Website [www.beavercountycalc.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**Rhymes, Pool Rhymes**

## Address

Camrose Family Literacy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4872 – 50 Street  
**Camrose AB T4V 1P7**  
Tel: (780) 672-8754  
Fax: (780) 672-7621  
Email: [sharilyn@camrosecalc.com](mailto:sharilyn@camrosecalc.com)  
Website: [www.camroselearning.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**Rhymes, Songs & Story Time**

## Address

Mill Woods Family Resource Centre  
5704 – 19A Avenue  
**Edmonton AB T6L 1L8**  
Tel: (780) 413-4521  
Fax: (780) 490-1127



Email: [karla@mwfrc.org](mailto:karla@mwfrc.org)  
Website: [www.mwfrc.org](http://www.mwfrc.org)

Contact Person  
Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

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

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

*Revised February 2009*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised February 2009*

### **Rhymes That Bind**

Address  
Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement  
Box 16  
**Caslan AB** T0A 0R0  
Tel: (780) 689-2170  
Tel: (780) 689-2024  
Email: [mdaniels@buffalolakemetis.com](mailto:mdaniels@buffalolakemetis.com)

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

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

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

*Revised February 2009*

### **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

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:karla@mwfrc.org)  
Website: [www.mwfrc.org](http://www.mwfrc.org)

#### Contact Person

Karla Rosa, Early Childhood Development Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

Revised February 2009

### **Rhymes That Bind**

#### Address

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

#### Contact Person

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

Revised November 2009

### **Rhymes That Bind**

#### Address

Kikino Aboriginal Head Start  
Box 101  
**Kikino** AB T0A 2B0  
Tel: (780) 623-7001  
Fax: (780) 623-7004  
Email: [kihead@telusplanet.net](mailto:kihead@telusplanet.net)

Contact Person

Mrs. Jean Cardinal, Supervisor  
Edna Desjarlais, Classroom Coordinator

Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised February 2009*

**Rhymes That Bind**

Address

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

Contact Person

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

Overview of Program

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised November 2009*

**Rhymes That Bind**

Address

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

Contact Person

Marilyn Visser, Literacy Coordinator  
Donna Hamilton, Project Manager

Overview of program

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

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

*Revised February 2009*

### **Rhymes That Bind**

#### Address

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

#### Contact Person:

Anitta Jensen, Family Literacy Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:pmcgeorge@lethbridgepubliclibrary.ca)  
Website: [www.lethbridgepubliclibrary.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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: [cgerl@mhc.ab.ca](mailto:cgerl@mhc.ab.ca)  
Email: [darelis@mhc.ab.ca](mailto:darelis@mhc.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.learn-council.ca](http://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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:chandra.blair@classab.ca)  
Website: [www.class.ab.ca](http://www.class.ab.ca)

Contact Person  
Carmen Zayac, Facilitator  
Chandra Blair, Supervisor

## Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

**Rhyme Tyme**

## Address

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

Fax: (780) 524-2537  
Email: [jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:jsmith@northernlakescollege.ca)

Contact Person  
Judy Smith, Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised January 2009*

#### **Rhyming Round-Up (returning 2012)**

##### Address

Kneehill 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](mailto:learn@kals3hills.ca)  
Website [www.kals3hills.ca](http://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)

*Revised January 2012*

#### **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](mailto:literacy@incentre.net)

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*



## **Rhythm 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](mailto:crystal.nahaiowski@candorasociety.com)  
[diane.sopher@candorasociety.com](mailto:diane.sopher@candorasociety.com)  
Website: [www.candorasociety.com](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

## **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](mailto:info@litforlife.com)  
Website [www.litforlife.com](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**Rhyme with Me for Parents to Be (merged with 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 [learn@kals3hills.ca](mailto:learn@kals3hills.ca)  
Website [www.kals3hills.ca](http://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)

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.sclibrary.ab.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

**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

E-mail [plcinfo@chestermere.ca](mailto:plcinfo@chestermere.ca)  
Website [www.csstreamcommunitycurrents.com](http://www.csstreamcommunitycurrents.com)

Contact Person 1 Rachael Lehmann  
Role of contact person 1 Program Facilitator  
Contact Person 2 Tanya Galey  
Role of contact person 2 Early Childhood Services Manager

#### 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. Its 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

*Revised January 2012*

### **RockyLane & 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](mailto:oflett@hotmail.com)  
[marilyne@fUSD.ab.ca](mailto: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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto: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

*Revised November 2009*

### **SEEDS**

#### Address

Henday Association for Lifelong Learning  
#2, 4407 – 49 Street  
**Innisfail** AB T4G 1P3  
Tel: (780) 227-2866  
Fax: (780) 227-3579  
Email: [henday@rttinc.com](mailto:henday@rttinc.com)  
Website: [www.hendaylearning.com](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

### **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](mailto:marilyn.martin@calgarylearningcentre.com)

#### Contact Person

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

### **Story 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](mailto:Desirae.setiz@spec.ab.ca)  
Website [www.spec.ab.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:henday@rttinc.com)  
Website: [www.hendaylearning.com](http://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

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:learn@kals3hills.ca)  
Website [www.kals3hills.ca](http://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)

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:cserv@sclibrary.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.sclibrary.ab.ca](http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca)

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

## Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 120

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised January 2009*

**Storysacks**

## Address

Camrose Family Literacy  
4872 – 50 Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
**Camrose** AB T4V 1P7  
Tel: (403) 672-8754  
Fax: (403) 672-7621

Email: [Sharilyn@camrosecalc.com](mailto:Sharilyn@camrosecalc.com)  
Website: [www.camroselearning.com](http://www.camroselearning.com)

Contact Person  
Sharilyn Cook, Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **Story Sacks**

##### Address

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

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

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

#### **Storysacks (Aboriginal)**

##### Address

Edson Friendship Centre  
5023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave #13  
**Edson** AB T7E 1X7  
Tel: (780) 723-5494  
Fax: (780) 723-4359  
Email: [efc99@telus.net](mailto:efc99@telus.net)

Contact Person  
Tina Clifton, Program Coordinator  
Reneé Beck, Facilitator

#### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2007*

**Story Sacks**

## Address

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

## Contact Person

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

## Overview of Program

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised November 2009*

**Storysacks ('Acimow Muskimota')**

## Address

Lac La Biche Regional Awasisak & Family Development Circle Association  
Box 2360  
**Lac La Biche** AB T0A 2C0  
Tel: (780) 623-4742  
Fax: (780) 623-7890  
Email: [deandar@telus.net](mailto:deandar@telus.net)

## Contact Person

Darlene Thompson, CEO  
HeadStart Programs & Contact Information:  
Buffalo Lake Aboriginal HeadStart – Lorne Delorme, Centre Supervisor  
Tel: (780) 689-3855  
Kikino Aboriginal HeadStart – Jean Cardinal, Centre Supervisor  
Tel: (780) 623-7001  
Lac La Biche Aboriginal HeadStart – Tilda Hayward, Centre Supervisor  
Tel: (780) 623-3641

## Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 20

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised February 2009*



### **Storysacks**

#### Address

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

#### Contact Person

Dorothy Houghton, Coordinator

#### Overview of Program

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised January 2009*

### **Storytime with Norma**

#### Address

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

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto:harr-cross@hotmail.com)  
[nicole.crossan@portagecollege.ca](mailto:nicole.crossan@portagecollege.ca)  
Website: [portagecollege.ca](http://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

*Revised November 2009*

**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](mailto:hanna@goldenprairieplc.ca)  
Website: [www.goldenprairieplc.ca](http://www.goldenprairieplc.ca)

Contact Person

Cori Amundrud, Coordinator  
Bonita Hudson, Supervisor

Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised January 2009*

**Tales for Tots**

Address

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

*Revised January 2009*

### **Talk Box**

#### Address

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

#### Contact Person

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

#### Overview of Program

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto:info@apfa.ca)  
Website [www.apfa.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

**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@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:sadia.khan@gppsd.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.gpctl.com](http://www.gpctl.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

*Revised January 2012*

**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](mailto:info@apfa.ca)  
Website [www.apfa.ca](http://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

*Revised January 2012*

## **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](mailto:coordinator@rainbowliteracy.com)  
Website: [www.rainbowliteracy.com](http://www.rainbowliteracy.com)

### Contact Person

Lorna Armstrong, Lead Coordinator  
Joyce Roe, Family Literacy Coordinator

### Overview of Program

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

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

*Revised November 2009*

## **Toddler Time**

### Address

Literacy for Life Foundation  
#3, 1204 10St SE  
**High River** AB  
T1V 2B9  
Telephone 403-652-5090  
1-866-652-5090  
Fax 403-601-2389  
E-mail [info@litforlife.com](mailto:info@litforlife.com)  
Website [www.litforlife.com](http://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 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](mailto:programs@slavelakelibrary.ab.ca)  
Website: [www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca](http://www.slavelakelibrary.ab.ca)

## Contact Person

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

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised January 2009*

**You Make the Difference**

## Address

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

## Contact Person

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

## Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 30

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised January 2009*

**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](mailto:admin@kals3hills.ca)  
Website: [www.kals3hills.ca](http://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)

*Revised January 2012*

### **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](mailto:harr-cross@hotmail.com)  
Website: [nicole.crossan@portagecollege.ca](http://nicole.crossan@portagecollege.ca)

#### Contact Person

Marvin Bjornstad, Manager  
Nicole Crossan, Facilitator

#### Overview of Program

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

Approximate # of families served each year: 10

Do you offer training in this type of program? No

*Revised November 2009*

### **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](mailto:info@apfa.ca)  
Website [www.apfa.ca](http://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.***

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