

Children

While we try to teach our children all about life,
our children teach us what life is all about.

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Prenatal to Six

We help guide children in this critical developmental stage in life through these specialized programs:

- Infant Development Program
- Parry Sound/Muskoka Early Years System Programs
- Early Literacy Specialist
- Great Beginnings Prenatal Nutrition Program
- Great Beginnings Growing Up Program

Infant Development Program

The Infant Development program provides direct, individualized interventions, assessments and screenings to identify developmental levels and determine specific needs.

This program educates and coaches parents around their involvement in supporting their infant or child's development and assists them in forming a meaningful relationship with their infant or child.

Coordinating and navigating services with parents as well as interacting with the infant or child's community settings such as the home and early years or day care centres, promotes overall well being and allows the infant or child to develop to their full potential.

Premature infants are eligible for integration of Preterm Care Pathways which provide individualized treatments.

Parry Sound/Muskoka Early Years System Programs

- These free programs provide a wide range of play activities that encourage and challenge a child's development and promote school readiness.
- The programs provide play that is fun.
- A positive social environment is provided where children can make new friends, share and play.

For information on program locations, days, times and transportation, please call 1-866-850-8855.

Early Literacy Specialist

- This program provides engaging and age appropriate fun-filled activities for infants and young children up to 6 years old, which promote early learning and readiness for school.
- A variety of workshops are available to the public through this program at locations such as libraries, farmer's markets, provincial parks and Early Years Centres.
- Dynamic, hands-on activities are provided to advance early literacy and the programming is unique to the needs and of the children who participate.

Great Beginnings Prenatal Nutrition Program

- Free program available for women who are having or have just had a baby and need special support.
- Participants have opportunities to learn about pregnancy, baby care, healthy eating related issues and community resources.
- Provides free childcare with a wide range of fun play activities that encourages and challenge a child's development.
- Provide a positive social environment where children can make new friends, share and play.
- Provide free healthy snacks at the program and to take home, including prenatal vitamins.

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Great Beginnings Growing Up Program

- Free program for parents with children 0-6 years of age.
- Provide a wide range of fun play activities that encourage and challenge a child's development and promotes school readiness.
- Provide a positive social environment where children can make new friends, share and play.
- Provide healthy snacks as part of the program and food vouchers to take home.



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