

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION IS CRITICAL TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS

By age 3, 85% of a child's core brain structure is formed, but less than 4% of public educational funds are dedicated to this period.
(Schiavelli & Benchoff, 2001)



Quality early learning requires the commitment of families, schools, and community members in order for children to reach their potential as they are set on the path to success in school and life.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH...

Lancaster County School Districts
Wellspan Ephrata Hospital
Lancaster General Hospital
Early Childhood Innovative Connections
Lancaster County Early Learning Centers
Popovsky Studios
Local area Libraries
United Way of Lancaster County



BONDING THROUGH LEARNING

Free Family Learning Sessions
Designed for children ages 0-2

Located at Wellspan Ephrata Hospital
and Lancaster General Hospital
6:00-7:00 PM

Our goal is to influence our future learners in Lancaster County through meaningful activities that empower and educate both parents and children.



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WHAT THE PARENTS SAY

"I have been able to use ideas from the sessions immediately."

"It is so nice to be educated as a parent on the topics that will help my baby learn."

"I like having the time to walk with other parents."

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WELLSPAN EPHRATA HOSPITAL

Sessions held at Wellspan Health Pavilion, Ephrata

Ephrata Area, Cocalico, Conestoga Valley, Warwick, and Eastern Lancaster County School Districts
Early Learning Centers
Popovsky Performing Arts

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Online: www.wellspan.org/events

By phone: 717-738-MOMS

LANCASTER GENERAL HOSPITAL

Sessions held at Women and Babies Hospital, Lancaster

School District of Lancaster, Conestoga Valley, Manheim Township, Lampeter-Strasburg, and Hempfield School Districts
Early Learning Centers
Popovsky Performing Arts

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Online: www.lghealth.org/classes

By phone: 888-LGH-INFO



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Developmental toys & books will be provided to families at each learning session.

MAKING MUSIC WITH YOUR CHILD

An awareness of music is critical to a baby's language development. It introduces them to sounds and encourages memory retention. At this session you will be exposed to songs and developmentally appropriate toys that encourage the addition of music in everyday play.

PLANT THE SEED OF SCIENCE

Children will have the opportunity to visit stations that develop the five senses. Families will receive information about guided play that inspires scientific discovery.

THE BRAIN AND LITERACY

Families will learn about the stages of brain development and how books and toys can be used to stimulate brain growth.

YOUR BABY CAN TALK

Filling homes with conversation is crucial for later academic success. Ways to foster this conversation are discussed. Toys that promote stimulating talk are also found at each station.

A SCRIBBLE OR A MASTERPIECE

There are many stages to writing development. At this session, families will have the opportunity to experience different modes of writing during playtime. Writing is a cause and effect experience related to brain development. As toddlers develop muscle control, they will learn to leave their mark on the world.

NURSERY RHYMES AND PUPPETS

Children will have many opportunities to play with a variety of puppets while learning nursery rhymes. Parents will learn how nursery rhymes are connected to brain development.

MATH ALL AROUND US

Families will be provided with math tools that encourage reasoning and mathematical acquisition. You will learn how to foster infant curiosity to encourage brain development.

VISION DEVELOPMENT

Vision is developed through a process of examining, touching, and exploring. At this session, families will learn about activities that encourage vision development.

