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)

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.”

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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**SESSION DESCRIPTIONS**

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

**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

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**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.