

Meet the Parenting/Family Literacy Team in Newberry County

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What can parents do at home to help prepare their children to succeed?

- Read to and with your child. The single most important activity for building the knowledge for success in reading is reading aloud to children.
- Talk to your child as you go through the day's activities. Try to spend at least 30 minutes a day talking and listening to your child.
- Limit your child's TV viewing. Children watching television are not playing outside, thinking, or being creative.
- Hug your child and let him know your love is unconditional.
- Make learning fun. He will learn more and quicker if it's exciting and "game-like." "Let's see who can find the blue squares!" Cook together. Finger-paint, color, draw, cut, and paste. Take a nature walk.
- Keep up with immunization requirements. Call your doctor or local health department to see if your child needs additional booster shots.
- Visit new and interesting places such as libraries, airports, banks, farms, parks, post offices, stores, malls, police stations, bakeries, railroad stations, museums, zoos, schools, and fire stations.
- Sing or recite nursery rhymes, songs, and finger-plays.

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Parent Education/ Family Literacy

In Newberry

Program Overview



The mission of our district, in partnership with families and communities, is to develop responsible and productive lifelong learners. We want to ensure that each child has every possible educational opportunity to become successful and that experiences in the beginning years of his life lay the foundation for success in school and his future life.

We do this by providing prospective parents and parents of preschool children parenting resources, home visits, workshops, monthly online newsletters, a book and toy lending library, and referrals to continuing education resources. Newberry Family Literacy services, as defined by federal legislation, are services that are of sufficient intensity, in terms of hours and sufficient intensity, in terms of hours and sufficient duration to make sustainable changes in a family. We strive to connect with families as early as possible for a duration of at least three years.

Program Goals

- To support prospective parents and parents of preschool children in their role as the child's first teachers
- To coordinate services based on the needs of families with preschool children
- To improve the education, skills, and employment potential of the parent or guardian of the preschool child
- To aid in providing a means for early detection of potential learning problems
- To increase parents' competence and confidence in giving the best possible start in life
- To strengthen and promote parent involvement in the learning and developmental processes of children ages birth through five and thereafter

Program Objectives

- Provide parent education sessions for parents of children, birth through five years of age
- Conduct home visitation for parents participating in the parent education program
- Offer to parent resource materials and home activities
- Coordinate support services through collaborative efforts with local and state agencies
- Provide a developmental screening

Family Literacy

"Celebrate Reading Every Day"

It's good to let your child look at a book at any time – whether he is good or bad, happy or sad. Reading is not just for "good" and happy children. It's for all children, all the time.

By the age of three, a child understands 70% of everything he will use in the conversation for his entire lifetime. Further studies show that 50% of a child's intelligence is acquired by age four. We encourage parents to talk, sing, repeat nursery rhymes, and read to their children. Children need a language-rich environment. Give us a call at 321-2674 for more information or complete the registration form on this page and mail it in.

Comprehensive Family Literacy Project

This comprehensive project has four major components.

- **Adult Education:** Parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency – provided by Newberry Adult/Community Education and Newberry County Schools.
- **Early Childhood Education:** An age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school and life experiences – provided by the Parenting/Family Literacy Program through our Bright Beginnings Child Development Center for children three years of age.
- **Parenting Support:** Training and support for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children and how to be full partners in the education of their home.
- **Parent and Child Together:** Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children
- **Families Eligible:** Adults (including teen parents) with children from birth-five years of age in their homes who do not have a secondary diploma or its equivalent level of education (GED); or who are unable to speak, read or write the English language.



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Newberry County School District

Date: _____

Twins _____

Sex _____

Date of Birth _____

Child's Name _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Circle the last grade you finished in school: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

College/Technical School: 1 2 3 4 Other _____

Permission is given to announce the enrollment of my child in your newsletter. _____

This is my _____ first child _____ second child. You are eligible for free gifts for your baby. Check if interested _____

Parent Signature _____