

About the ELP

What is the Early Learning Program (ELP)?

The ELP helps prepare young children for school by developing five age appropriate school readiness skills: physical, emotional, social, language and cognitive development.

- 90% of brain growth happens from birth to 5 years of age.

Who is eligible?

ELP is open to Lambton County Children between 31 months to 4 years of age who are not eligible for junior or senior kindergarten.

- Your child learns more in the first 3 years of life than an adult does in 10 years. (zero5.org)



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“Life, love and laughter – what priceless gifts to give our children.”

-Phyllis Dryden



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Best Start

The Early Learning Program (ELP)



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“The brain is without doubt our most fascinating organ. Parents, educators and society as a whole have a tremendous power to shape the wrinkly universe inside each child's head, and with it, the kind of person he or she will turn out to be. We owe it to our children to help them grow the best brains possible.”

-Lois Eliot, PhD.

A free, high quality early learning program for children between 31 months and 4 years of age

Who offers the ELP?

A number of child care providers, many within school settings, offer ELP throughout Lambton County. Those locations include:

- Bosanquet Central
- Bosanquet Small World Nursery School
- Brooke-Alvinston Children's Co-operative Inc.
- Brooke Central Public School (Alvinston)
- Generations Day Care Inc. (St. Philip School, Lambton Centennial School, South Plympton School, Holy Rosary School)
- Grand Bend Nursery School
- Kiddies Korner Co-Op Nursery School
- Lambton Rural Child Care (Dawn-Euphemia School, East-Lambton Elementary School, and Home Providers)
- la ribambelle (École Les Rapides, École St. Thomas D'Aquin)
- North Lambton Childcare Centre (St. John Fisher School, St. Peter Canisius School)
- Sombra Township Child Care (Sacred Heart, Riverview Central School)
- The Learning Circle Preschool
- Wallaceburg Childcare Learning Centre
- Wyoming Wee Ones

For a current list of providers, please visit www.lambtononline.ca/elp or call the Children's Services Department at 519 383-8331 x 3591.

How long is ELP?

The ELP is available ten months of the year from September to June. Children can begin participating at 31 months and continue until they are eligible for junior kindergarten.

How much does ELP cost?

Participation in ELP is free, space permitting! Eligible children living in the Forest and Arkona area can attend up to 12.5 hours per week. Children living in other areas of the community may be eligible for 12.5 hours over each two week period.

Additional time at the child care centre will be charged according to the individual child care operator's rate schedule. Some families may be eligible for assistance with the cost of child care beyond the 2.5 hours of early learning at 10 sessions a month (20 in Forest and Arkona).



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How To Register for ELP

1. Speak to a child care centre representative from one of the approved ELP locations found on this brochure.
2. Complete the PDF registration form at www.lambtononline.ca/elp, or contact the Children's Services Department at 519 383-8331 x3591.
3. Follow the directions outlined on page two of the form to submit the form to the County of Lambton Children's Services Department, 160 Exmouth Street, Point Edward, ON N7T 7Z6 (Fax 519 383-6078).

“For a small child there is no division between playing and learning; between the things he or she does “just for fun” and the things that are “educational”. The child learns while living and part of living that is enjoyable is also play.”

-Penelope Leach

For more information contact:

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