

Did You Know...

- A young child's brain is twice as active as an adult's and is forming structures that will be the foundation for all future learning.
- Studies prove that it is not flashcards and the most expensive toys that build brain structures - it is loving, nurturing experiences and relationships.



- Singing, rhyming and playing may seem like fun, silly games but they actually stimulate the development of language and build a foundation for learning to read.
- Research shows that every dollar put towards early learning can yield a \$17 savings by increasing success in school, workforce readiness, job productivity, and community engagement.

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Partnering with parents, caregivers and communities to provide young children with a foundation of learning to support them as they start kindergarten, through their educational years, and into adulthood

Early Learning Initiative

Green Mountain United Way is working with Building Bright Futures Councils and early childhood groups to provide early learning opportunities for all children by:

1 Building community awareness of the importance of early learning

2 Supporting quality early learning programs

3 Providing parents and caregivers with the latest research through Born Learning materials that provide easy, doable tips and ideas

Sing, Play, Laugh

What is Born Learning?

Parents and caregivers are a child's first teachers and play the most important role in a child's life. Many parents wonder how best to encourage early learning and worry they don't have enough time to prepare their children for school.

What parents may not know is that learning can be simple and fun! Getting ready in the morning, preparing meals, going to the store, reading a book are all opportunities for children to nurture their innate curiosity and wonder. It is in these every day moments that parents and caregivers have the most significant impact in providing their children with a rich experience for learning.



Born Learning is a national public engagement campaign that helps parents and caregivers turn every day moments into fun learning opportunities. Green Mountain United Way has joined the campaign and is distributing Born Learning materials throughout the five county region.

What You Can Do

Communities play an important role in the development of our youngest members. Here's what you can do to support children and families in your community:

Learn more about organizations in your region that support early learning like the Building Bright Futures Councils.

Donate to provide families with Born Learning materials and to encourage family activities

Advocate for programming and policies that provide parents with access to quality early learning services and family friendly environments

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