

Family Program Guide

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

January – June 2024



A listing of community programs and services for families with children and teens, as well as parent education, that is happening throughout communities in Leeds and Grenville.

This guide is a project of the Children's Services Department of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

The information included in this guide is collected from many different agencies and all are *free of charge*, unless there is a fee mentioned. Each listing has information about times and locations, and most have a telephone number for further information. If you have a question about a particular listing, please call the contact number first.

Inclusion of a group or program in this resource does not imply endorsement by the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information in this calendar, and we apologize for any errors.

For more information about this guide, please call 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

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Children's Services of United Counties of Leeds and Grenville



www.leedsgrenville.com/en/services/child-and-youth--programs.aspx

Parent Education and Early Learning

PLAY & LEARN SCHEDULE

A free drop-in program, throughout Leeds and Grenville, for families and their children from birth to six years. Children have the opportunity to learn in a play-based environment. Community guests visit the program and community information is available. Free. For more information, call the EarlyON Child and Family Centre (C.F.C.) 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

Athens EarlyON C.F.C.

Town Hall, 1 Main Street, West
Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C.

Commonwealth Public School
166 Pearl Street, East
Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Brockville Public Library

23 Buell Street
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cardinal EarlyON C.F.C.

Ingredion Centre, 4050 Dishaw Street
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C.

235 Georgiana Street
Charles Street Entrance
Mondays 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C.

Kemptville Public School
224 County Road 44
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C.

(T.R. Leger School), 490 Jessup Street
(Hyde Street entrance)
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

BABYTALK

Baby Talk is a free drop-in group for parents and their babies age birth to 12 months. Come and join this supportive and relaxed atmosphere. It is a chance to meet people, have your questions answered, and seek support around the care and feeding of your baby. Each week a different topic will be presented, a guest will visit or information provided. Parents may drop in and access information on a variety of topics. A public health nurse from Leeds, Grenville, Lanark and District Health Unit visits once a month. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C.

Commonwealth Public School
166 Pearl Street, East
Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C.

235 Georgiana Street
(Charles Street entrance)
Tuesdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C.

Kemptville Public School
224 County Road 44
Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C.

(T.R. Leger School), 490 Jessup Street
(Hyde Street entrance)
Thursdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Parent Education and Early Learning

FAMILY GYM TIME

Enjoy being active with your children birth to 6 years, in the gym. Running, playing with balls, navigating obstacles, parachutes and more movement-based activities. Free. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C. (T.R. Leger School), 490 Jessup Street (Hyde Street entrance)
Tuesdays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (during Play and Learn)

Elgin EarlyON C.F.C., Elgin Community Hall, 47 Main Street
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

STORYTIME



A free drop-in program dedicated to songs, rhymes and story time for parents, caregivers and children birth to six years. Older siblings welcome. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

Prescott Public Library, 360 Dibble Street, West
Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

POP-UP PLAY

Parenting is hard work, we can help! This is a free drop-in playgroup for families, caregivers and their children from birth – 6 years of age. In a simplified, early learning environment, children are encouraged to explore, create, play and engage in various experiences that promote inquiry and play-based learning. Community guests visit the program and community information is available. For more information call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14 Fridays 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Leeds and the Thousand Island Public Library – Lyndhurst Branch, 426 Lyndhurst Road

STROLLER WALK

Join us for a “walk and talk” on a stroller friendly trail. We will stop at the boardwalk for a water break. Meet at the cabin – we will leave at 10:00 a.m. Please note, this is an adult-paced walk. Children need to be in a stroller or baby carrier, please. Free. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

Chalet Loop Trail, 1175 Limerick Road, Oxford Station
Mondays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Notes & Quotes

Play is our brain's favourite way of learning.

- Diane Ackerman

Parent Education and Early Learning

LIMERICK FOREST NATURE PLAY

A free drop-in outdoor, nature program for families and their children, aged birth to 6 years, located at the Limerick Forest Interpretive Centre. Children and their families explore what nature offers in an outdoor play-based learning environment. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather. Community guests visit the program and community information is available. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

Year-Round Program

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Old Homestead Trail, 1175 Limerick Road Oxford Station

LOOKOUT WALK AT LIMERICK FOREST

Join us for a child paced walk to the lookout. Families and caregivers with their children birth to 6 years of age are invited to bring their snack to enjoy at the pond. Strollers, wagons and older siblings welcome. Free. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5,

May 3, and June 7 Fridays 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Limerick Forest Interpretive Centre, 1175 Limerick Road, Oxford Station

TRIPLE P CAFÉ: TANTRUMS

Come and explore solutions to normal, everyday parenting challenges! Babe in arms welcome. Free. To register, call call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

March 5 Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C.

Kemptville Public School

224 County Road 44

March 19 Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C.

Commonwealth Public School

166 Pearl Street, East

HOME CHILD CARE NETWORKING CAFE

A networking café where home child care providers are invited to come connect, share ideas and create resources with each other. Light refreshments provided. Free. To register, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

March 7 Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C.

Commonwealth Public School

166 Pearl Street, East

March 21 Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C.

Kemptville Public School

224 County Road 44



Child and Family Centre

Parent Education and Early Learning

TRIPLE P PARENTING

Does parenting ever make you feel like you are living in a zoo? Try Triple P's parenting strategies! Choose how to get the parenting tips you want – in groups with other parents, one-on-one with a trained provider or even DIY on-line! All sessions, including the on-line program are offered at no cost in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark County. Contact us today to find answers together. Call 1-800-660-5853, ask for Triple P email triplep@healthunit.org or visit www.triplep-parenting.ca or follow us on Instagram or Facebook @positiveparentinglg.

INFANT FEEDING CLINICS

During your visit to the clinic, a registered nurse will: Provide prenatal breastfeeding education and help you feel prepared before baby arrives. Provide one-on-one support to help you feed your baby after baby arrives.

- ✓ Assess your baby to make sure they are growing well and meeting their growth milestones.
- ✓ Guide you to learn your baby's feeding cues so that you know when your baby is hungry or full.
- ✓ Teach you the signs to know that your baby is feeding well.
- ✓ Give you tips to help you with common breastfeeding challenges.
- ✓ Give you the chance to ask questions you may have about feeding your baby.

For more information, please refer to www.healthunit.org. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 or visit <https://healthunit.org/clinics-classes/infant-feeding-clinic/>. Infant feeding support is offered at the following Health Unit locations: Almonte, Brockville, Carleton Place, Kemptville, and Smiths Falls

CONNECTIONS: GOOD FOOD FOR A HEALTHY BABY

A prenatal nutrition program for women needing support during their pregnancy. Offering healthy snacks, prenatal information, vitamins and food voucher. The goal is to support mom, have a healthy pregnancy and birth weight baby. Program is offered in-person or through outreach. Free. To register or for more information, call 613-257-2779 or 1-888-284-2204, extension 3100.

Mondays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wesleyan Church, 33 Central Avenue, East, Brockville

Notes & Quotes

Happy healthy parents make happy healthy children.

- Dr. Miriam Stoppard



Infant and Toddler Programs

BABY RHYME TIME

For parents and their babies, birth to 12 months, focuses on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs and stories together in a group setting. Free. To register, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and March 7 Thursdays 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C., 235 Georgiana Street Charles Street Entrance

February 5, 12, 26 and March 4, 11, 18 Mondays 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Limerick Interpretive Centre, Old Homestead Trail 1175 Limerick Road Oxford Station

April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13 Mondays 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C. (T.R. Leger School), 490 Jessup Street (Hyde Street entrance)

April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 27 Mondays 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C., Commonwealth Public School, 166 Pearl Street, East

INFANT MASSAGE

A five (5) week series that teaches parents basic baby massage for their babies, birth to 9 months. Facilitated by a certified instructor. Babe in arms welcome. Please note, this is not a certification training. Free. To register call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

February 12, 26, and March 4, 11, 18 Mondays 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C., Commonwealth Public School, 166 Pearl Street, East

May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C., 235 Georgiana Street Charles Street Entrance

TODDLER TIME

A five (5) week series that provides information about play and toddler development in all areas in a fun and interactive way. For parents and their children 1 and 2 years of age; no older siblings. Each week will be an area of focus. Babe in arms welcome. Free. To register call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

January 22, 29 and February 5, 12, 26 Mondays 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C. (T.R. Leger School), 490 Jessup Street (Hyde Street entrance)

April 4, 11, 18, 25 and May 2 Thursdays 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C., Kemptville Public, School, 224 County Road 44

TODDLER TIME – ATHENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

For littles ages birth to 3 years and their caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, activities, and crafts. Play and learn! Free. For more information call 613-924-2048 or email athenspubliclibrary@gmail.com.

January to June Thursdays 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Athens Public Library, 5 Central Street

School Age/Teen Programs

PRISM (Big Brother Big sisters of Leeds and Grenville – BBBSLG)

The PRISM group mentoring program is held once a week at the BBBSLG office in Brockville and provides an opportunity for young individuals age 7 to 12 to connect with other 2SLGBTQIS+ identifying youth through activities and conversation with screened and trained mentors. To register call 613-345-0281 or email vanessa.martin@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Leeds and Grenville, 36 George Street (lower level)
Mondays 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

ONE-TO-ONE MENTORING (Big Brother Big sisters of Leeds and Grenville – BBBSLG)

The on-going mentoring programs provide youth with a role model to talk to and share experiences of growing up. Through regular outings, a relationship is developed between the mentor and the mentee, which is built on trust and common interests, and is supported by our experienced case-workers. The result is a life-changing experience for both the mentor and the mentee. For more information and to register call 613-345-0281 or email vanessa.martin@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Leeds and Grenville, 36 George Street (lower level)

JUNIOR YOUTH NIGHT (Big Brother Big sisters of Leeds and Grenville – BBBSLG)

The Junior Youth Night group mentoring program is held on the third Monday of every month and provides an opportunity for youth, ages 8 to 11, an opportunity to connect with others through activities and conversation with screened and trained mentors and BBBS staff. Dinner is provided. For more information or to register, call 613-345-0281 or email taylor.brown@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Kemptville Youth Centre, 5 Oxford Street, West, Kemptville
Mondays (third of each month) 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

TEEN DROP-IN (Big Brother Big sisters of Leeds and Grenville – BBBSLG)

The Teen Drop-In group mentoring program provides an opportunity for you, grade 7 to 12, an opportunity to connect with other teens through activities and conversation with screened and trained mentors. Dinner and snacks are provided. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call 613-345-0281 or email vanessa.martin@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

Brockville Public Library, 23 Buell Street
Thursdays 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.



Notes & Quotes

Every great achiever is inspired by a great mentor.
- Lailah Gifty Akita

Family Programs and Events

FAMILY LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate Family Literacy Day with stories, props, puppets, songs and other fun activities. Bring a family favorite book and a snack. For parents, caregivers and their children birth to 6 years. Free. Older siblings welcome. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

January 24 Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

(during Play & Learn)

Athens, Joshua Bates Centre

1 Main Street, West

January 24 Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

(during Play & Learn)

Limerick Interpretive Centre,

Old Homestead Trail 1175 Limerick Road

Oxford Station

January 25 Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

(during Play & Learn)

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C. (T.R. Leger School)

490 Jessup Street (Hyde Street entrance)

January 25 Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

(during Play & Learn)

Cardinal EarlyON C.F.C., Ingredion Centre

4050 Dishaw Street

January 26 Friday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

(during Play & Learn)

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C.

Kemptville Public School, 224 County Road 44

January 26 Friday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

(during Story Time)

Prescott Public Library, 360 Dibble Street, West

January 26 Friday 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Gananoque Public Library, 100 Park Street

January 26 Friday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

(during Play & Learn)

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C.

Commonwealth Public School

166 Pearl Street, East

January 27 Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(during Play & Learn)

Brockville Public Library, 23 Buell Street

GOOSIE GOOSIE GANDER

A fun filled early learning and literacy program for parents, caregivers and their children ages 3 to 6 years. Babes in arms welcome. Free. To register call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

February 23 and March 1, 8, 15, 22 Fridays 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C., 235 Georgiana Street Charles Street Entrance

April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 Tuesdays 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C., Commonwealth Public School, 166 Pearl Street, East

May 29 and June 5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C., Kemptville Public, School, 224 County Road 44

Notes & Quotes

**Reading is the gateway for children
that makes all other learning possible.**

- Barack Obama



Family Programs and Events

FAMILY DAY BRUNCH

Join us for a Valentine's Day brunch in the chalet where we will be using early literacy and math skills to cook up some yummy muffins to add to our brunch. For parents, caregivers and their children Birth to 6 years. Older siblings welcome. Free. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

February 14 Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Limerick Forest Interpretive Centre, 1175 Limerick Road
Oxford Station



FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating what family means to each participant with special activities. For parents, caregivers and their children Birth to 6 years. Older siblings welcome. Free. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

February 14 Wednesday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C., 235 Georgiana Street Charles Street Entrance

February 15 Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C. (T.R. Leger School), 490 Jessup Street (Hyde Street entrance)

February 16 Friday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C., Commonwealth Public School, 166 Pearl Street, East

February 16 Friday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C., Kemptville Public, School, 224 County Road 44

VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION

Join us for a tour of the fire station. Climb into the fire trucks and learn about fire prevention. Parents and caregivers with their children, birth to 6 years of age. Meet at the fire station. Free. To register, call the EarlyON C.F.C. 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

March 12 Tuesday 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Prescott Fire Station, 302 Centre Street

March 13 Wednesday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Brockville Fire Station #2, 360 Laurier Boulevard

March 13 Wednesday 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

Athens Fire Station, 16 Main Street, West

May 3 Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Gananoque Fire Station, 340 Herbert Street

Watch the EarlyON C.F.C. Facebook page for dates on the following locations:

Cardinal Fire Station, 4035 Dishaw Street

North Grenville Fire Station, 259 County Road 44

Notes & Quotes

Q: What kind of crackers do firemen like in their soup?

A: Firecrackers.

- grandparents.com

Family Programs and Events

MARCH MADNESS

Come join us for March Break fun! For parents, caregivers and their children birth to 6 years. Older siblings welcome. Free. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C., Commonwealth Public School, 166 Pearl Street, East

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

March 11 (Monday) Pajama Day

March 14 (Thursday) Ramp and Roll

March 13 (Wednesday) Fire Station Tour

March 25 (Friday) Art Attack

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C., 235 Georgiana Street (Charles Street Entrance)

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

March 11 (Monday) Recycle Challenge

March 13 (Wednesday) Art Attack

March 12 (Tuesday) Science Fun

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C., Kemptville Public School, 224 County Road 44

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

March 11 (Monday) Pajama Day

March 14 (Thursday) Let's Move

March 12 (Tuesday) Art Attack

March 15 (Friday) Science Stuff

FAMILY MUSIC TIME

Join us as we sing, move and make music together. Our time together will include musical instruments, parachute and a story. For parents, caregivers and their children 18 months to 6 years. Babe in arms welcome. Older siblings welcome. Free. To register, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

March 4, 11, 18 and 25 Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Prescott Public Library, 360 Dibble Street, West

April 5, 12, 19, and 26 Fridays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C., 235 Georgiana Street Charles Street Entrance

April 10, 17, 24, and May 1 Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Limerick Forest Interpretive Centre, 1175 Limerick Road, Oxford Station

May 9, 16, 23 and 30 Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C., Kemptville Public, School, 224 County Road 44

June 3, 10, 17, and 24 Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C., Commonwealth Public School, 166 Pearl Street, East



Notes & Quotes

Q: What do you say to the musician playing the triangle in the orchestra?

A: Thank you for every ting.

- Unknown

Family Programs and Events

CARDBOARD BOX DAY

What can you and your children do with a cardboard box? Join us for fun, creativity, play and imagination. Cardboard boxes and a variety of materials will be provided. Feel free to bring along extra from home. For parents, caregivers and their children birth to 6 years. During Pop-up Play. Free. For more information, call the EarlyON C.F.C. at 1-866-433-8933, extension 2374.

June 19 Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

Athens, Joshua Bates Centre, 1 Main Street, West

June 19 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (during Play & Learn)

Brockville EarlyON C.F.C., Commonwealth Public School, 166 Pearl Street, East

June 19 Wednesday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

Gananoque EarlyON C.F.C., 235 Georgiana Street Charles Street Entrance

June 20 Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (during Play & Learn)

Kemptville EarlyON C.F.C., Kemptville Public, School, 224 County Road 44

June 20 Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. (during Play & Learn)

Prescott EarlyON C.F.C. (T.R. Leger School), 490 Jessup Street (Hyde Street entrance)

Notes & Quotes

Inside a cardboard box, a child is transported to a world of his or own, one where anything is possible – let the children play.

- unknown



L'HEURE DU CONTE

French language story time for families, caregivers and their children age 3 to 8 years. Stories and a simple craft led by staff from L'école Sainte-Marguerite-Bourgeoys. Free. For more information, call 613-269-3326.

January 20, February 24, April 20, May 25, and June 15 Saturdays 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Merrickville Public Library, 446 Main Street, West

STORY TIME

Stories, songs, rhymes, rhythm instruments and a simple craft for families, caregivers and their children birth to 5 years of age. Free. For more information, call 613-269-3326.

Merrickville Public Library, 446 Main Street, West

Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (except on holidays)

Family Programs and Events

DISCOVERY PACKS

Come discover the Brockville Museum with our Discovery Packs! Filled with engaging exhibit-based activities. Discovery Packs are a great way for guests with young children, ages 6 to 10, to enjoy the museum together. Free and is available at the Museum's front desk. For more information, call 613-342-4397.

Brockville Museum, 5 Henry Street

FOLEY MOUNTAIN FOREST SCHOOL

Foley Mountain Forest School is an outdoor, child-centred, play based and inquiry lead program, following the Forest and Nature School pedagogy, for children age 2 to 12 years. Educators support children and families in this learning environment as they learn from and connect with nature. We offer family, kinder, school-age, and family drop-in programs throughout the year. To register or for more information email rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca or call 613-273-3255.

Winter Session - Weeks of January 15 to and including week of March 4

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Spring Session - Weeks of March 25 to and including week of June 17

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Family Program 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Kinder/Half Day School Age Program 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

School Age Program 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

January to June

Third Saturday of each month.



Notes & Quotes

There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child.

There are seven million.

- Walt Streightiff

Community Services and Programs

DO YOU NEED HELP REDUCING YOUR LICENSED CHILD CARE COSTS?

Families who live in Leeds and Grenville, who need help with the cost of licensed child care, can apply for Child Care Fee Subsidy:

- Do you currently use licensed child care?
- Would you like to use licensed child care but find it too expensive?
- Are you in school or working?

For more information about this funding for families, please contact us at 613-342-3840 or 1-800-267-8146, extension 2351 or email childcare@uclg.on.ca

SCHOOL, CHILD CARE and EARLYON ILLNESS SCREENING TOOL

Wondering if your child should attend school, EarlyON C.F. C. or child care with symptoms of illness? The Ontario School and Child Care Screening tool is accessible to all Ontarians at [COVID-19 school screening \(ontario.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-19-school-screening)

LANGUAGE EXPRESS PRESCHOOL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Language Express provides free speech and language assessment and therapy services for children from birth until Junior Kindergarten in Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville Counties.

If you have concerns about your child's speech and language, don't wait and see! We can help:

- If your child is not meeting all of the communication milestones for their age. Go to www.language-express.ca to complete the Language Express Communications Checkup.
- If your child is stuttering.
- If your child's play or social interaction seems different from other children the same age.
- If your child's voice doesn't sound right.
- If your child has a diagnosis, such as: hearing loss, Autism Spectrum Disorder, or developmental delay.

Language Express accepts referrals for children from birth until September 1 of the year they turn 4. For example, children born in 2020 must be referred by September 1, 2024. Visit our [milestones page](#) or complete the Language Express [Communication Checkup](#) to see if your child's development is on track and to make a referral. You can also call us at 1-888-503-8885 for more information or to make a referral.



"Working with parents, caregivers, and the community to help children develop the best possible communication skills for lifelong learning."

Community Services and Programs

SMARTSTART HUBS

Wondering where to turn with concerns regarding your child's development? SmartStart Hubs are located in every region of the province and they provide the following:

- a clear point of entry to child development services for parents and caregivers who have concerns about the child's development.
- a one-stop point of entry for families who have concerns about their child's development and would like to explore available options and supports.
- connect families with child development agencies and professionals, giving them seamless connections to assessments and services in a family-friendly environment.
- for eligible children birth to age 19, or 21 if they are in school and live in Ontario (they do not need a diagnosis if you don't have one).

Families are also encouraged to use the Early Years Check-In tool to quickly identify any concerns they may have about how their child is developing by visiting <https://eyci.healthhq.ca>.

KidsInclusive serves as Ontario's SmartStart Hub for Kingston Frontenac Lennox and Addington, Lanark County and Leeds and Grenville. For more information please visit [SmartStart Hub - KidsInclusive](#).

For the Eastern Ottawa region, CHEO serves as Ontario's SmartStart Hub, for more information please visit [Access Team — delivering SmartStart Hub services - CHEO](#)

Kids Inclusive SmartStart Hub
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Connecting families with child & youth development services

I have concerns about my child's development

We can help!

See reverse for details

KidsInclusive EnfantsInclus Kingston Health Sciences Centre

Kids Inclusive SmartStart Hub
KidsInclusive | EnfantsInclus
Connecting families with child & youth development services

Are you concerned about your child's ability to:	SmartStart Hub focuses on:
move around	conversations about your child's strengths and needs
perform daily activities such as feeding/eating	connection to appropriate local services and supports
understand other people or tell people what they want	sharing information to help you support your child
get along with others or participate in activities	respect for your family's individual needs

Eligibility Birth to 18 (or 21 if in school)

Get Started
 Visit KidsInclusive.ca to learn more
 Call our System Navigators at 613-544-3400 ext. 2078

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LEEDS AND GRENVILLE INFANT AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Infant and Child Development Program is a home-based program providing services to children, age birth to school entry, who have an established developmental delay or are identified as at risk for delay. Families are provided a variety of services based on the individual child and family's needs, including: regular home visits, monitoring of child's development through developmental screening, assessment, information, and support to families about their child's development or diagnosis. For more information, contact KidsInclusive – Centre for Child and Youth development at 1-855-544-3400, extension 3175 or visit <https://kidsinclusive.ca/services-and-programs/specialty-services/infant-and-child-development-program/>.



LOOKSEE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREEN

Looksee is a developmental checklist that follows your child from one month of age to six years. It provides a snapshot in time of your child's development, and a starting point for discussion with a health/child care professional. These checklists are available to all residents of Ontario free of charge. To obtain a copy of the Looksee visit your local EarlyON C.F.C. or visit [Health HQ | Looksee Checklist](#).



MAKING PLAY POSSIBLE

A registered charity, Making Play Possible provides financial support to families in need to support their children's enrollment in recreation and athletic programs. We help cover costs for registration, equipment and transportation to remove barriers. We believe all youth and children age birth to 18 residing in Leeds and Grenville should have access to sports, art, dance, social clubs and other recreational activities. For more information or to apply, call 613-498-4844 or email reachus@makingplaypossible.com or visit www.makingplaypossible.com.



EYE SEE... EYE LEARN

The Eye See...Eye Learn® Program (<https://optom.on.ca/esel/>) encourages parents to book a comprehensive eye exam for their junior kindergarten child with a local, participating optometrist. The eye exam is covered by OHIP. If required, Eye See...Eye Learn® will provide one complimentary pair of glasses per child courtesy of our participating optometrists and corporate partners. For more information about the importance of healthy vision visit <https://healthunit.org/health-information/babies-children/visual-health/>



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ON-LINE PRENATAL COURSES

The on-line prenatal series uses audio clips, videos, quizzes, and interactive activities to help people learn how to have a healthy pregnancy. Topics include: understanding pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, your newborn and links to community supports. To register call Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit 1-800-660-5853 or visit <https://healthunit.org/clinics-classes/prenatal-education/online/>

PRENATAL BREASTFEEDING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you pregnant? Do you have questions about breastfeeding? We are offering NEW Prenatal Breastfeeding Information Sessions, offered in-person and virtually across the region. Make sure you know how to get off to a smooth start, learn important skills and have your questions answered by a Public Health Nurse. Exclusive breastfeeding is important for your child's optimal health and development. Make sure you are ready BEFORE your baby arrives. Participants will receive a valuable information package and priceless confidence. Free. To register or for more information, call Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit 1-800-660-5853, extension 2467 or visit <https://healthunit.org/clinics-classes/prenatal-education/> .

ONTARIO'S ENHANCED 18 MONTH WELL BABY VISIT

18 months is a critical time in a child's development and a visit to a health care provider at this time is important. Ontario offers a longer, more in depth visit with your health care provider at 18-months, as it is the last in a series of scheduled health care visits prior to a child starting school. During the visit with a health care provider, parents will have an opportunity to discuss their child's growth and development and ask questions they may have regarding healthy child development. For more information, call the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 visit www.18monthvisit.ca or <https://healthunit.org/health-information/babies-children/healthy-growth-development/>

HEALTHY BABIES, HEALTHY CHILDREN

A free program that provides home visits by public health nurses and home visitors to pregnant women and families with children who have not yet started school. Home visits help you learn about:

- Having a healthy pregnancy and birth.
- Connecting with your child(ren).
- How children grow and develop as well as what you can do to help.
- Being a parent.
- Breastfeeding, food and healthy nutrition.
- Taking care of yourself and your family.

There is no cost to you for the program and your participation is voluntary. For more information, call Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853.

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HEALTHY SMILES ONTARIO (H.S.O.)

Consists of 3 dental programs for eligible children 17 years and younger:

1. H.S.O. Basic Program (Core) - Family must meet an income level to qualify, based on the number of children 17 and under in the family.
2. H.S.O. Emergency Program – Child has an urgent dental need, such as pain, infection, or large visual decay and the cost of dental treatment would create a financial hardship.
3. Preventive Services Program - Child has a preventive dental need (scaling, fluoride, and/or dental sealants) and the cost would create a financial hardship. Preventive services must be provided by Health Unit staff. Families with access to other dental insurance may still be eligible to apply. Availability of the preventative services program may be affected by COVID-19.

For more information, contact the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 or www.healthunit.org or visit www.ontario.ca/healthysmiles. Call Service Ontario INFOLine toll-free at 1-844-296-6306 / TTY toll-free 1-800-387-5559.

FIRST YEAR, FIRST VISIT

The Canadian Dental Association encourages the assessment of infants by the dentist, within 6 months of the eruption of the first tooth or by 12 months of age. Prior to the first visit with the dentist, a health unit dental hygienist can provide and demonstrate oral care techniques for infants and young children. If it is a financial hardship for the family to cover the cost of the first visit to the dentist, the dental hygienist may also provide screening to determine eligibility for coverage under the Healthy Smiles Ontario program. The visit with the health unit dental hygienist does not replace an exam with the dentist, but does support the recommendation for collaboration between dental and health care providers to promote oral health. Free. For more information, contact Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 or visit www.healthunit.org.

FLUORIDE VARNISH PROGRAM

The Oral Health Program of the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit supports the evidence that applying fluoride varnish is a safe and effective part of a cavity prevention program. Please check with your dental provider to find out how fluoride varnish can benefit your child. Free to children who meet eligibility criteria. For more information, contact the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 or visit www.healthunit.org.

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

Children's Mental Health provides services for children and their parents, focusing on the emotional, behavioral needs of children, birth to 17 years of age. We provide a range of early intervention and treatment options if you are concerned about your child's mental health. We also work with parents to prepare for kindergarten transitions and offer a range of parenting support opportunities. There are no charges for services as funding is provided by the Ministry of Health. Parents call us at 1-800-809-2494 to make an appointment or visit our website to complete an online referral at www.cmhlg.ca.

AUTISM ONTARIO

Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The organization and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community. For more information, call 1-800-474-7789.



KIDS HELP PHONE

If you are a young person and are struggling with a problem big or small, please contact the Kids Help Phone. Kids Help Phone is Canada's only national 24-hour bilingual and anonymous phone counselling, web counselling and referral service for children and youth. Our service is completely anonymous and confidential, we don't trace calls, we don't have call display. You don't even have to tell us your name if you don't want to. To contact us call 1-800-668-6868 or on-line at www.kidshelpphone.ca

211 EASTERN ONTARIO

211 is a helpline and online database of Ontario's community and social services. Free 24/7. For more information, call 211 or go to www.211ontario.ca

HEALTH ACTION LINE

Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit public health information and support is available weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To contact us call our toll-free number at 1-800-660-5853.

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MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE

The Mental Health Helpline provides information and mental health services in Ontario. A helpful Information and Referral Specialist will answer your call 24 hours a day. Our service is free and confidential. To contact us, call 1-866-531-2600.

HEALTH811 (formerly TELEHEALTH ONTARIO)

Connect with a registered nurse day or night for free, secure and confidential health advice by dialing 811 or through the live chat at <https://health811.ontario.ca/static/guest/home>.

ONTARIO POISON CENTRE

The Ontario Poison Centre is a telephone toxicology consultation service providing expert poison advice 24 hours a day to the public and health-care professionals in Ontario. Our staff includes nurses, pharmacists and physicians highly trained in treating poisonings and drug over doses. Poisonings can happen to anyone at any time. We are here to help you. If you think someone has been poisoned call us right away. To contact us call 1-800-268-9017.

CANADA LEARNING BOND

The Canada Learning Bond is \$500 offered by the Government of Canada to help you start saving for your child's education after high school. Plus, your child could get \$100 every year until he or she turns 15 years old to a maximum of \$2000! For more information, call 1-800-622-6232 or visit [The Canada Learning Bond - Canada.ca](http://TheCanadaLearningBond-Canada.ca).

LIBRARIES

Find a complete list to all libraries located in Leeds and Grenville on the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville website <https://www.leedsgrenville.com/en/services/libraries.aspx>

2SLGBTQIA+ SUPPORTS

Brockville: Youth Pride Drop-In

2SLGBTQIA+youth (13+) are invited to drop-in to the library for a safe space to connect with community and be your whole self. This program is operated in partnership with Brockville Pride. For more information, visit <https://brockvillelibrary.ca/programs-and-events/teen-programs/> or call Max at 613-342-3936, extension 6423 or email max@brockvillelibrary.ca

Brockville Public Library, 23 Buell Street Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Brockville Pride

Email brockvilleprideweek@gmail.com or visit <https://www.brockvillepride.com/>

Gananoque Pride Alliance

Email ganpride@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/GanPrideAlliance/>

North Grenville Pride (Kemptonville, Oxford Mills, Merrickville)

Email info@ngpride.ca or visit <https://www.ngpride.ca/>

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FOOD BANKS / ASSISTANCE

Athens Food Bank/Crisis Fund Association, 34 Mill Street

Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-246-0402 or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Service/Athens-FoodBankCrisis-FundAssociation-155111788772395/>

Brockville and Area Food Bank, 58 Buell Street

Monday (second Monday each month) 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, call 613-213-0605 or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/TheBrockvilleAndAreaFoodBank/>

Brockville – Loaves & Fishes (low cost meals), 25 Front Avenue, West

Monday to Friday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-345-6498 or email loavesandfishesbrockville@gmail.com

Brockville - Salvation Army, 175 First Avenue

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, call 613-342-5211 or visit [The Salvation Army Brockville | Brockville ON | Facebook](#)

Cardinal - South Grenville Food Bank - Food for All, 618 King's Highway #2

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-657-1967 or visit <http://www.foodforallfoodbank.ca/>

Delta Food Bank, St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre, 77 King Street

For more information and to register, call 613-213-4828 or 613-928-2217

Elgin - St. Luke's Leeds Anglican Church (No charge meals), 18 Main Street

Wednesdays - Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meal listings found on Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StLukesLeeds>

For more information, call 613-507-3311

Gananoque and Area Food Bank, 497 King Street, East

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12:30 – 2:45 p.m.

For more information, call 613-382-4434 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/gananoquefoodbank/>

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Kemptville - Salvation Army, 200 Sanders Street

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (bi-weekly) 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-258-3583 or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/KemptvilleSalvationArmy/>

Merrickville - Rideau Community Health Services Emergency Food Cupboard

354 Read Street

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For assistance any other day, call 613-269-3400, extension 247

North Grenville- Kemptville Knights of Columbus Council 5333, Holy Cross Church Hall

503 Clothier Street, West

To register, call 613-258-3683

Portland Food Bank, Portland Community Hall, 24 Water Street

First and third Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-359-0151

Prescott - South Grenville Food Bank - Food for All, 136 Henry Street

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-925-2444 or visit <https://www.sgfoodbank.ca>

Prescott King's Kitchen (No charge meals), South Grenville District High School

1000 Edward Street, North

Wednesdays (during school year) 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-349-7542 or email kings_kitchen@outlook.com

Seeley's Bay - R.O.L.L. Aid Centre Food Bank, Seeley's Bay Legion, 116 Bay Street

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-770-2935

Spencerville - South Grenville Food Bank - Food for All, 16 Centre Street

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call 613-925-2444 or visit <http://www.foodforallfoodbank.ca/>

or Facebook page at [South Grenville Food Bank | Prescott ON | Facebook](#)

Westport Food Bank, United Church, 27 Church Street

To register, email norman@rideau.net or call 613-273-5289