



THE BEST START

- In the first few years children learn more – and at a faster pace – than at any other time in life! Be ready to be a parent! The Parent Enrichment Program can help.
- The Parent Enrichment Program partners with parents to give the best possible start.
- Services are available to eligible families in Stephenson County who are pregnant and/or have a child ages newborn up to age three.
- We address parents' questions and concerns regarding a variety of topics such as discipline, nutrition, child development, and much more.
- We provide monthly playgroups for parents and children to play together, and for parents and children to socialize with others in the community.
- We are here to support, encourage, and empower you in your most important job.

OUR VISION

All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

OUR MISSION

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Visit www.roe8.com and www.parentsasteachers.org for more information

The Parent Enrichment Program is administered by the Regional Office of Education #8. Funding is provided in part by Illinois State Board of Education.



To find out how to enroll in the Parent Enrichment Program, please contact **815-599-1408** or **PEP@roe8.com**.

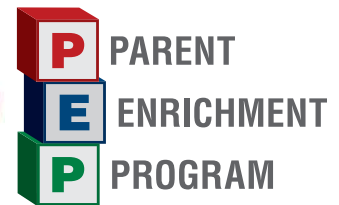
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Helping your child learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.



YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S MOST IMPORTANT TEACHER!

- Children learn most from the people they love – their parents.
- The Parent Enrichment Program believes parents are the experts on their children and deserve support in their parenting role during those first early years.
- Our program is designed to assist you as your child's first and most important teacher, and to help promote a strong and healthy parent-child relationship.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Parent Enrichment Program is a free parent support and education program that provides the following:

PERSONAL VISITS

Since this is your child and your family, you set the agenda for each personal visit. Your parent educator is there to provide well-researched information to help you make informed parenting decisions, and to provide concrete support for you in times of need.

GROUPS

Group Connections/Play Groups also create a network for you and other parents to learn and support each other, and grow together as parents.

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS

We provide car seat safety checks by certified car seat technicians.

SCREENINGS/EARLY LEARNING CHECK UPS

Regular screenings during your visits will make sure your child is healthy, safe, and developing on track.

RESOURCES

Need more help or a special resource? Your parent educator will make the introduction and connect you.

INFANT MASSAGE

Our certified infant massage instructors are available to demonstrate massage techniques and discuss all the benefits of massage.

FAMILIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PARENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE HEALTHIER, SAFE, AND READY TO LEARN.

- They score higher on kindergarten readiness tests.
- They are better problem solvers.
- They're more advanced in language and social development.

PARENTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PARENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ARE MORE INFORMED.

- Be more involved in your child's education.
- Connect to your child through play and reading time.
- Be confident in your role as a parent.

