



If you could change a child's future for only ten dollars...

What would you do?

GETTING READY LITERACY KITS

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WHY ARE LITERACY KITS IMPORTANT?

Early exposure to language and literacy, as well as a parent's awareness of the importance of early literacy development, provides a child the best chance to arrive at school ready to learn.

The ideal time to begin sharing books with children is during babyhood, even with children as young as six weeks.

How will literacy kits build early literacy skills? Home-visitors, medical staff, and other participating agency staff will present the Literacy Kit and:

- ★ review with the parent the information contained in the Literacy Kit;
- ★ model appropriate reading style; and,
- ★ answer any questions the parent may have.



WHAT WILL I FIND IN A LITERACY KIT?

Each *Getting Ready* Early Literacy Kit is packaged in a canvas bag bearing the Partnership for Children logo and includes:

- ★ *Baby Faces, Goodnight Moon, or Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*: books targeted to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers
- ★ a parent-child activity sheet with a variety of fun ideas for using the book with a child
- ★ an activity toy that corresponds to each book such as stickers or an alphabet sheet
- ★ the Partnership for Children *Getting Ready* Literacy Brochure for each target age with tips for encouraging early learning
- ★ the Virginia Department of Education's Child Development Wheel
- ★ health information including immunization schedules, well-child care schedules, and basic nutrition
- ★ parenting information
- ★ a magnetic photo frame
- ★ a Partnership for Children bookmark
- ★ a temporary library card for the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library redeemable for a free library tour, a free children's book, and an opportunity to apply for a permanent library card



HOW CAN I HELP CHILDREN GET READY?

Your support of *Getting Ready* Literacy Kits will help Charlottesville/Albemarle children gain the advantage they need.

Many of the Partner Agencies of the Partnership for Children lead the charge in supporting *Getting Ready* Literacy Kits by providing either financial or staff support.

Your help is needed to continue this program to help Charlottesville/Albemarle children arrive at school ready to learn.

Each starter Literacy Kit costs approximately \$10. The supplemental materials added to the kit as a child ages cost approximately \$5 at 18 months and \$5 at 36 months. All funding directly supports kit materials.



WHAT IS THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN?

The Partnership for Children is a community collaboration focused on building a supportive community where children ages 0-6 are nurtured in healthy families and arrive at school ready to learn.

An Advisory Board, representing business, faith, neighborhood, parent, education, media, and other communities, brings in diverse perspectives, assures ongoing responsiveness to community need, promotes community awareness and involvement, and leverages local resources.



PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN PARTNERS

Albemarle County Schools

Albemarle Department of Social Services

Arc of the Piedmont

Charlottesville/Albemarle
Commission on Children and Families

Charlottesville City Schools

Charlottesville Department of Social Services

Child Health Partnership

Children, Youth & Family Services

FOCUS-Teensight

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library

Monticello Area Community Action Agency

Region Ten Community Services Board

Success by 6
United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area

Thomas Jefferson Health District



Yes, I want to support a child's future through *Getting Ready* Literacy Kits.

Please make checks out to Children, Youth & Family Services/Partnership for Children.

I will sponsor _____ initial *Getting Ready* Literacy Kits at \$10.00 each.

I will sponsor _____ *Getting Ready* Literacy Kit toddler supplements at \$5.00 each.

I will sponsor _____ *Getting Ready* Literacy Kit pre-schooler supplements at \$5.00 each.

My tax-deductible donation of \$ _____ is enclosed.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
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