

About the PELP

What is the Preschool Early Learning Program (PELP)?

Through play, PELP helps prepare young children for school by developing five age-appropriate school readiness skills: physical, emotional, social, language and cognitive development. Children can participate in up to 12.5 hours of free programming delivered by licensed child care operators every week.

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

Who is eligible?

PELP is open to Lambton County children between 31 months to four 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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Today's Children... Lambton's Future



The Preschool Early Learning Program (PELP)



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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 PELP?

A number of child care providers, many within school settings, offer the Preschool Early Learning Program (PELP) throughout Lambton County. Those locations include:

- Bosanquet Small World Nursery School
- Brooke-Alvinston Children's Co-operative Inc.
- Generations Day Care Inc.
- Generations Day Care Inc. - St. Philip School
- Generations Day Care Inc. - Lambton Centennial School
- Generations Day Care Inc. - South Plympton School
- Generations Day Care Inc. - Holy Rosary
- Grand Bend Nursery School
- Kiddies Korner Co-Op Nursery School
- Lambton Rural Child Care - Brooke Central School
- Lambton Rural Child Care - East-Lambton Elementary School
- Lambton Rural Child Care - Home Provider
- La Ribambelle - Ecole Les Rapides
- La Ribambelle - Ecole St. Thomas D'Aquin
- North Lambton Childcare Centre
- North Lambton Childcare Centre - St. John Fisher School
- North Lambton Childcare Centre - St. Peter Canisius School
- North Lambton Childcare Centre - Grand Bend School
- Sombra Township Child Care - Sacred Heart
- Sombra Township Child Care - Riverview Central School
- St. Joseph Catholic School
- St. Michael School -Brights Grove
- The Learning Circle Preschool
- The Family Centre Day Care (Wallaceburg)
- Wallaceburg Childcare Learning Centre
- Wyoming Wee Ones

For a current list of providers, please visit www.ourbeststart.ca or call the Children's Services Department at 519 344-2062 x 2338.

How long is PELP

The PELP 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.



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How much does PELP cost?

The Preschool Early Learning Program is free space permitting. Residents living in Lambton County who have children 31 months to 4 years can participate in this program. The program is also available in French. Parents who want additional time at the child care centre can pay based on the child care operator's rate.



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How To Register for PELP

1. Speak to a child care centre representative from one of the approved PELP locations found on this brochure.
2. Complete the PDF registration form at www.ourbeststart.ca. Registration copies can also be attained through the Children's Services Department at 519 344-2062 x 2343.
3. Follow the directions outlined on page two of the form to submit the form to the County of Lambton Children's Services Department, 150 North Christina St. Sarnia, ON N7T 8H3 (Fax: 519 332-3828)

“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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