

Who Benefits from Family Literacy?

Adults Benefit

- Effective family literacy programs provide opportunities for adults to improve literacy and other skills related to home, work, and community life.
- Parents and caregivers participate and complete family literacy programs because they want to positively contribute to the learning of their children.
- Family literacy programs build confidence in adults and may lead to further learning.

Children Benefit

- Children learn in a fun, safe, and creative environment which provides opportunities for literacy and language development.
- When learning is encouraged in the home, children are more likely to have positive attitudes towards learning and developing the skills they need for success in school and in life.
- There is a strong link between early childhood experiences and later literacy achievements.

Communities Benefit

- Engaging more than one generation in learning together positively impacts the entire family, and, in turn, the larger community.
- Every dollar spent on family and intergenerational literacy programs has twice the impact by supporting both early childhood development and adult basic education.
- Engaged and educated citizens are better prepared to practice healthy lifestyles, improve economic security, actively contribute to communities, and build success from one generation to the next. (Literacy and Learning Network, 2012)

“Family literacy allows parents, caregivers and children to develop skills together and build nurturing, positive relationships.”

Saskatchewan Literacy Network, (2012). *Family Literacy Standards*, p.6



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