

## THE PRESCHOOL STORY

The Preschool began in 1966 as a volunteer program. A foster mom was asked by a Child and Family Services social worker to take a few children in to her home two mornings a week, to play, read, and spend time with them. It was felt that these children could use some extra attention and positive experiences. A request to a local women's group obtained some volunteer drivers. Child and Family Services provided the back-up and did whatever else was needed. It was the combination of community involvement, volunteer participation, and Agency's staff and support that has enabled the program to develop to where it is now.

Preschool has lived in several places beginning in the home of the foster mom to our present spacious facility to which we moved in 1981. The number of children has increased from the original four to what we have today, forty-five on part-time and full-time basis.

Staffing at first was done by volunteers - foster mothers, teachers, staff members, social workers all helped. In 1974 the first paid staff was hired and today we have a very skilled and dedicated Early Childhood Educator staff and two part-time driver aides.



The Preschool  
Enrichment Program  
is a facility of  
Child & Family Services  
of Western Manitoba  
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(204) 727-6550

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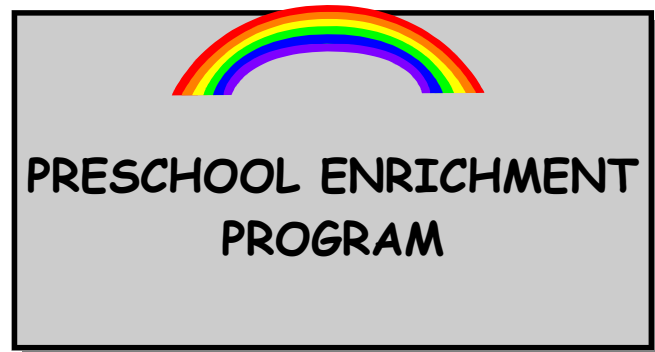
## FUNDING . . .

The Preschool Enrichment Program receives some funding from the Provincial Day Care Program.

However, the funding does not cover transportation which includes the cost and maintenance of the vans and driver aides. As well it does not cover some specialized staffing needs.

We look to private sponsors and donations. We have been fortunate to receive help from local committed service groups but additional funding is needed to cover the expenses of the Program. Donations can be made c/o the Child and Family Services Foundation:

800 McTavish Avenue  
Brandon, MB R7A 7L4



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**Brandon, MB R7B 0S9**  
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September to June  
Monday to Friday  
Full & Half Time Spaces  
8:00 - 4:30

## The Preschool Enrichment Program

The Preschool Enrichment Program, a Preschool/Head-Start program, offers a variety of opportunities and experiences vital to children's healthy growth and development. A positive approach enriches the life of children in families with varying needs.

Developmental delays often interfere with a child's learning as well as his/her interactions with other children and adults. Special programming exists for children who are experiencing difficulties in these areas. Caring, experienced teachers offer encouragement and support to the children as they participate in creative play and learn new skills. The stimulation and activities that Preschool provided for children will make adjustment to school easier.

Children may attend on a part-time and on a full-time basis. Special programs include **language enhancement**, the **Toy and Book Lending Library**, **observation nursery school**, and **parent programs**.

Transportation to and from Preschool is provided when necessary.

**Early Start** is a Home Visiting program for families of the community and for those connected to the Victoria Day Care, Preschool Enrichment Program and Southwest Day Care Inc. It promotes healthy families and school readiness and links home with the child care program.

## The Preschool Enrichment Program Offers . . .

- ☀ **A** warm, welcoming atmosphere
- ☀ **A** place where the child can express himself/herself.
- ☀ **A**n exciting, educational, and creative experience for the child
- ☀ **A** place where problem solving is encouraged with the child
- ☀ **A** place that involves parents
- ☀ **A** place where staff focus both on individual needs as well as promote group play
- ☀ **A** place for the child to develop self discipline, friendships and respect for others
- ☀ **A** place where the child can receive help with language development and speech/cognitive delays
- ☀ **A** toy and book lending library
- ☀ **A** Story Book Partners project
- ☀ **A** transportation service for those that need it
- ☀ **A** safety prevention program for children including the C.A.R.E Kit



## For Parents . . .

### Parents' involvement

is an important part of the program. Participation is encouraged through:

- β **I**nvolvement in the parent management committee
- β **P**articipating in parenting courses such as Nobody's Perfect and Early Learning Canada and in lifeskills programs such as cooking, sewing, craft making and anger management
- β **C**elebrating holidays, birthdays and other special occasions together with the children and staff
- β **O**bserving the Preschool
- β **J**oining in on outings such as tours and special events
- β **V**olunteering in activities such as field trips, preparing and serving snacks, and reading to children. The help of volunteers allows the regular staff to meet individual needs

