



Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to share important information and changes regarding Alberta Education funding and the rules for who can receive Program Unit Funding (PUF). These changes impact our Early Learning Programming.

Please take note of the following:

2nd Year Early Learning Preschool (PUF) students:

- Early Learning Programs will begin in September. Your Early Learning Teacher will be in contact with you to verify your child's attendance prior to the start of the year.

1st Year Early Learning Preschool Students with needs in question:

- We will now **require assessments** to be completed prior to entry, to make sure children meet the guidelines for the program. These assessments may include Speech and Language, Behavior assessments or medical paperwork that show a specific diagnosis. If you do not have an assessment yet, but are concerned that your child may qualify and benefit from early learning services, please contact our office at 780-674-8545.
- Our programs will begin in September.

Play Partner Preschool Students:

- If you have little to no concerns with your child's growth and development, we encourage all parents to complete the Ages and Stages Questionnaire screening tool that is being offered online from our community partners (websites included on 2nd page). Please forward the ASQ results to the Early Learning Teacher at your school. This will help us choose our preschool program play partners (those children that present as typical). Preference will be given to play partners who are 4 years old by December 31. Please note: Selected students will start in September and fees are required to attend.

Information for all Early Learning Families:

- Our priority is for those children identified with needs that meet the rules set out by Alberta Education.
- COVID-19 has made it difficult to meet and learn about students and their needs, we will continue to follow AHS guidelines to prepare for the 2021/22 school year.

Sincerely,

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Online ASQ Links in our communities:

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[I am completing both the ASQ-3™ and ASQ:SE-2™ questionnaires.](#)

Barrhead:

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Swan Hills:

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Community Partner Contact Information

Speech-Language Assessment

- Westlock Community Health Services: 780-349-3316
- Barrhead Community Health Services: 780-674-3408

Hearing Assessment

- Barrhead Community Health Services: 780-674-3408
- Wild Rose Audiology Clinic: 780-447-3881

Vision Assessment

- Barrhead Optometry Clinic: 780-674-2395
- Westlock Eye Centre: 780-349-3702