

BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS



Outreach Early Learning

Strengthening families with young children.





WHO IS BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS?

- Established in 1997
- Early intervention and preschool programming in Vermilion and surrounding communities
- Center based (2.8- 5 years-old)
- Out of school care provider for St Jeromes' students (K- Gr 6)
- Summer program – (3-5 years-old)
- Time to Rhyme– Vermilion Public Library
- Outreach program – County of Vermilion River (Kitscoty, Paradise Valley, Blackfoot, Marwayne, Clandonald and Dewberry)

OUR STAFF



**Teacher &
Director**
Melanie Rogers, BEd



**Early Learning
Educators**
Our programs have 17
full or part time
educators.



Outreach Staff
This year, we are
running Outreach with
2 fantastic educators,
Amy and Sheena.

WHAT IS OUTREACH?

The Outreach program is:

- Quality, accessible early learning experiences and support for rural residents within the County of Vermilion River
- 2 hour, bi-weekly programming with no charge to parents
- Activities, stories, music, crafts and snacks (3+)
- Funded through Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) grant funding (County of Vermilion River and the villages of Paradise Valley, Kitscoty and Marwayne)

Outreach educators provide engaging opportunities to develop fine motor, gross motor, language & social skills while having fun and making friends!





OBJECTIVES

Child Development

Kids need the opportunity to move, sing, play and explore together!

During the Outreach program, they develop important skills through activities such as games, crafts, listening to stories and learning to interact with other children.

Early Intervention

Early intervention to support delays in child development are vital for future success.

Our knowledgeable staff can help refer parents to available resources with their community and the county.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS



Parenting Skills

- Parents meet and discuss issues they are dealing with
- Parents can see their child alongside same aged peers
- Our educators model ways to develop language & communication, fine/ gross motor skills, and social skills to parents
- Our educators provide knowledge, support, guidance and referrals to services available in our area
- Guest speakers- such as AHS specialists, nutrition, farm safety.

Community

- Fosters sense of belonging and friendships within the community
- Free, drop in format means all families can participate
- New families can meet people in the community
- Life long friendships for parents and kids develop
- We use facilities such as community halls, senior centers and church halls within in each community. Our program's use helps to support these facilities and can support grant availability.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Thank you

- For valuing children within the County of Vermilion River
- For supporting parents within the County of Vermilion River
- For trusting Brighter Beginnings to share our passion for inclusive, meaningful early learning!

