

The Early Years Count empowers parents to make the most of everyday situations to foster learning and support their child's development — making the early years count.

Supporting your child's early years has a lasting influence. **As a parent**, there are many ways for you to support your child's learning and development **each day**.

Before 12 months

Sign on to Play Stars to receive a **free Playgroup Queensland membership** for 12 months.

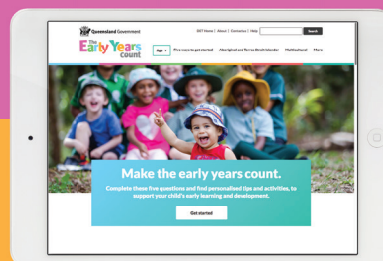
Kindy at 4

Children turning four by June 30 can enrol in a **kindergarten program**. Attending a **year of kindy** before starting Prep helps children transition to school with a confident start.

Make your child's early years count.



Children are learning new information and skills at a rapid rate throughout the early years – from maths at mealtimes to physical and social skills through play.



At The Early Years Count website, you can find information on early development, programs and services as well as tips and activities specific to your child's age.

Find ideas for indoor and outdoor play and other activities.
www.qld.gov.au/earlyyearscount



The Early Years Count

90% of a child's brain development occurs in the first five years...



...and it starts with what you are already doing.





Children are learning through each experience.

Babies are born primed to learn languages.

They will pick up the sounds of your language as you talk and communicate with them.



0 to 3
BIRTH TO TODDLER

A three year old child has more than 1,000 trillion brain connections!

Toddlers begin to mimic how they see others writing, making squiggles and lines on paper.

3 to 5
KINDERGARTEN

The transition to school starts long before day one.

Attending a quality kindy program, practising the school routine and learning about language, numbers and social skills at home help your child's transition.

5 to 8
PREP AND SCHOOL YEARS