

**WELCOME
TO**



EVEN START
of Connecticut

A Family Learning Program

Valley Even Start
Early Care and Education Center

Valley Even Start
TEAM Early Education
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WELCOME !

Thank you for expressing interest in the Valley Even Start program. Your family may be able to participate in this exciting program that thousands of families are currently taking part in across the United States.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA:

- You are a resident of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, or Shelton
- You have a child ages 3 - 5 that is enrolled in TEAM Early Education (Head Start, Ansonia, Derby, Seymour or Shelton School Readiness programs, or CT Day Care) or in kindergarten in Ansonia, Derby, Seymour or Shelton.
- You are in need of English as a Second Language classes or a high school diploma.

By participating in this program, you will receive sibling care for any child under the age of 3.

Your family must commit to classes Mondays through Fridays 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at TEAM Early Education 80 Howard Avenue in Ansonia. During this 20 hour per week program, English classes are 15 hours per week and parenting discussions/reading programs are three hours per week. In addition, you will visit your child's classroom for two hours per week to work with your child on classroom activities.

A monthly home visit will be conducted by the Valley Even Start Parent Educator and will be an enjoyable hour of sharing books, ideas, and fun activities.



VALLEY EVEN START DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m.	Arrival
9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	ESL & GED Monday - Friday
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Parenting Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Interactive Literacy Activities: Thursday, Friday in child's classroom
1:15 p.m.	Departure

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

BENEFITS

Your child will:

- become confident in the school environment.
- use both large and small motor skills by exploring a variety of activities, materials, and equipment.
- take part in group games which involve following directions.
- understand the basic rules and routines of the classroom.
- participate in group play.
- have an ongoing opportunity to participate in imaginative play.
- be introduced to many books through “story time”.
- have an opportunity to interact with a variety of children.
- learn the school rules and be part of the school setting.

ADULT EDUCATION

BENEFITS

You will:

- improve English language skills in reading, writing and oral speaking.
- use these skills at home, at work, and with your family.
- set learning goals and achieve them.
- be able to communicate more effectively.
- be able to work on a team.
- have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma.
- learn new and exciting skills on the computer.
- continue lifelong learning.

PARENTING EDUCATION

BENEFITS

You will:

- learn the different stages of your child's development.
- improve your understanding of your own children's strengths, abilities, and needs.
- understand school expectations.
- learn how to communicate effectively with your child's school.
- participate in the Family Read program
- participate in the Raising Readers Parent Club program
- receive books and materials to use with your child
- become an advocate for your child.
- continue to support your child's education.

INTERACTIVE LITERACY ACTIVITIES (ILA)

BENEFITS

You will:

- increase the time spent reading, talking and playing with your child.
- increase your opportunities for learning and language development.
- help support your child with school activities.
- have the opportunity to attend Family Fun Nights with your entire family.

HOME VISITS

BENEFITS

Families will:

- participate in fun family activities.
- learn to use new activities from school and transfer them into your home.
- receive children's books.
- set up reading areas at home.
- learn about community agencies.
- review the developmental stages children.
- be able to modify goals.
- have an opportunity to privately discuss family concerns.