



UEY Halifax Sponsoring Organization

The Sackville Bedford Early Intervention Society (SBEIS), established in 1983, provides support, information and education to families during the early years. The organization targets children between birth and age 6 who are developmentally delayed or at risk of delay in two or more areas of their development. SBEIS services include:

Home Visits

SBEIS early interventionists visit families' homes regularly to suggest play-based activities as well as strategies that will help a child to develop to his or her full potential. Parents are actively involved in developing goals and carrying out the activities.

Resources

SBEIS has a well-stocked resource library, including books and audio/visual resources on a wide range of developmental topics.

Toy Lending Library

Local childcare centres and parents who are involved with the early intervention program can access an extensive toy lending library.

Tot playgroup

Playgroups offered during the week give parents a brief respite while introducing their children to small-group play experiences.

Support services

SBEIS provides support and referral to a wide range of community resources.

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Our Research Area

UEY Halifax selected as its research area the central region (previously the City of Halifax and Halifax County). This region encompasses three communities within the boundaries of the Municipal Electoral Districts (15, 18, and 23), with Fairview-Clayton Park in the centre, St. Margaret's-Hammonds Plains to the southwest and Spryfield/Herring Cove to the northeast.

Halifax Regional School Board A Dedicated Partner

The Halifax Regional School Board is a dedicated partner in UEY Halifax. Their involvement was crucial in making this project possible. Special thanks to the principals, primary teachers, students and families who participated in the studies and generously gave of their time.

- Atlantic Memorial Terence Bay Elementary School
- École Burton Ettinger Elementary School
- East St. Margaret's Elementary School
- Fairview Heights Elementary School
- École Grosvenor - Wentworth Park Elementary School
- Harrietsfield Elementary School
- École John W. MacLeod Fleming Tower Elementary School
- École Rockingham Elementary School
- Rockingstone Heights Elementary School
- Sambro-Ketch Harbour Elementary School
- Shatford Memorial Elementary School
- Tantallon Elementary School
- William King Elementary School



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UEY Understanding the Early Years Halifax

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Understanding the Early Years: The Role of Research

"Understanding human needs is half the job of meeting them."
- ADLAI STEVENSON

It is often said that knowledge comes before action. Understanding the Early Years (UEY) is a project that puts knowledge first. UEY Halifax is part of a national initiative that enables communities to better understand the needs of their young children and families so that they can determine the best programs and services to meet those needs.

The research carried out through Understanding the Early Years (UEY) Halifax provides a snapshot of how ready our primary children are when they enter school, how community and family factors help shape their school readiness, and what resources exist in the community to support young children and their families.

Information gathered through UEY in Halifax will enable government, community organizations, families, schools and other partners to work together to strengthen our community's approach to early child development.



Early years research plays a key role in enabling communities to support early child development.



What I Need

If babies, toddlers and preschoolers could tell you what they need, here is what they might say:

Keep me safe · Know where I am and who I am with. Teach me who to go to when I need help.

Keep me secure · Hug me. Respect me. Let me know your love is forever. This will help me develop trust and self-esteem.

Keep me healthy · I need a variety of good foods, regular checkups, immunizations, fresh air, time to run and play and regular sleep.

Help me learn · Talk, sing and play with me. Read to me. Stimulate me with sights, smells, tastes and sounds.

Help me adjust · I need routines and comfort when I am upset. Help me make friends and learn how to get along with others.

*- From "0 to 6 years - Making a Difference."
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