

# Infant Learning Program is making a better future for each child served!



Conducts free hearing and vision screenings for children birth to 5 years of age



Conducts developmental screenings and evaluations at no cost for children birth to three years of age



Organizes free monthly community events for children birth to five years of age



Home visits by knowledgeable & certified Developmental Specialists



Specialized instruction adapted to fit the needs of each child and family



Family Service Coordination provided by Developmental Specialists trained in case management



Contracted therapy with clinics specifically trained to work with children



Fueling dreams for future generations.  
Because Every child deserves the best  
start



**Cognitive skills** support early learning, memory, attention, and understanding how the world works. Children develop thinking and problem-solving skills through hands-on play like sorting, stacking, and exploring cause and effect.



**Hand-eye coordination** supports tasks like writing, eating, and getting dressed with confidence and control. Children improve how their eyes and hands work together through activities like stacking blocks, tossing balls, and building towers.



**Fine motor skills** help with important everyday tasks like writing, feeding, and getting dressed. Children build strength and control in their hands and fingers through activities like coloring, picking up small toys, and using play dough.



**Creativity** is the ability to think in new ways, solve problems, and explore the world with curiosity and confidence. Children express their imagination and ideas through art, pretend play, and storytelling.



**Language skills** support communication, social connection, and future reading and writing development. Children grow their ability to understand and use words through songs, stories, and conversations during play.



**Pre-literacy skills** help children develop vocabulary, comprehension, and a love for reading. Children build early reading and writing foundations through activities like listening to stories, exploring books, and recognizing sounds and letters.



**Sensory skills** help with regulation, focus, and brain development by connecting experiences to learning. Children explore the world through touch, sound, sight, taste, and smell with activities like sensory bins, music, and textured play.



**Gross motor skills** support balance, coordination, and overall physical development for active play and daily routines. Children strengthen large muscles through movement activities like climbing, jumping, dancing, and running.

**Get a Developmental Screening for a child  
from the infant learning program!**

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Infant Learning Program's



**Christmas party**



Let's learn through play in every way!



This is a monthly event for children birth to 5 years old, inclusive of all abilities.

# Activity Stations



## 1. Christmas Tree Bowling



Children build balance, coordination, and body control as they roll a ball to knock down festive Christmas trees. This playful activity strengthens large muscle groups, supports motor planning, and builds confidence through movement and repetition.

Try This: Encourage your child by saying, "Push the ball straight!" or "Look how strong your roll was!"

## 2. Pin the heart on the Grinch



Children practice spatial awareness, listening skills, and body awareness as they carefully place the heart onto the Grinch while wearing a soft blindfold. This activity supports problem-solving, trust, and whole-body coordination.

Try This: Give gentle directions such as, "A little to the right!" and celebrate with, "You did it!"

## 3. Christmas Bean Bag and Ring Toss



Children strengthen focus, hand-eye coordination, and arm control as they aim and toss bean bags and rings toward holiday-themed targets. This activity encourages persistence, turn-taking, and confidence.

Try This: Have your child aim carefully and cheer every attempt with, "Great throw!"

## 4. Felt Christmas Tree Decorating



Children strengthen small hand muscles, grip control, and creative thinking as they decorate felt Christmas trees with soft ornaments. This activity supports early writing skills and decision-making through hands-on play.

Try This: Ask, "Where do you want to put that one?" to build language and choice-making skills.

## 5. Salt Dough Ornament Making



Children explore textures and strengthen fine motor skills as they roll, press, and shape soft dough into ornaments. This sensory-rich activity supports hand strength, creativity, and early pre-writing skills while allowing children to explore safely.

Try This: Let your child touch the dough and describe it: "Is it soft or squishy?"

## 6. Ornament Craft Kits



Children practice patience, creativity, and problem-solving as they decorate holiday craft kits using stickers, foam shapes, and colorful pieces. This activity supports focus and builds pride in completing a project.

Try This: Ask your child to choose their favorite colors and praise their effort with, "You worked so hard on that!"

## 7. Bounce House



Children jump, bounce, and climb in a safe, supervised environment that helps build balance, coordination, strength, and confidence through active movement.

Try This: Count jumps out loud with your child to build early number skills, body awareness, and confidence through movement.

## 8. Snow Sensory Bin



Children dig, scoop, squish, and explore soft, snowy textures while developing sensory processing, curiosity, and fine motor strength. This activity supports emotional regulation and discovery through hands-on play.

Try This: Ask, "How does the snow feel?" and talk about what they find inside.

## 9. Christmas-Themed Baby Area



A safe, calm space designed for infants to explore soft toys, textures, and gentle movement. This area supports early sensory development, bonding, visual tracking, and tummy time skills.

Try This: Sit with your baby and gently describe what they're touching or seeing, "That ball is soft and bumpy!" Talking to your baby builds connection and supports early brain growth.

## 10. Christmas Cookie decorating



Children practice fine motor control, hand strength, and creativity while spreading frosting and decorating cookies. This activity supports independence, sensory exploration, and joyful expression through food play.

Try This: Let your child describe what they are making. "You made a snowy tree!"

