

Smart Solution Template

Book Babies via Book Harvest

Book Babies is a home visiting program for parents and caregivers with children birth to 5 years old to develop early language and literacy skills. Enrollment for Book Babies takes place before the child is 16 weeks old. Book Babies consists of home visits, transition to school support and parent networking opportunities. Home visits are in-person or virtual and consist of four, 30–60-minute visits, one per quarter, each year for the first 4 years and 1 visit in the last year. During home visits, a trained Book Babies Coach uses the Book Babies Manual and curriculum to review early language and literacy concepts and strategies with the caregiver and provides 5 age-appropriate books (for a total of 20 books a year, or 100+ books by the end of the five-year program). Books may also be provided to the siblings of the enrolled child (ages 0-5 yrs old). Starting at 2.5 years of age, the Book Babies Coach provides a Literacy Kit at each visit. Transition to school consists of families receiving a Ready for School Guide and materials to prepare for the transition as well as individualized coaching regarding pre-k application and kindergarten information. Parenting Networking Opportunities take place at least once a year. Initial new site trainings will be provided by Book Harvest for Book Babies Coaches and Certified Trainer. The Certified Trainer will train Book Babies Coaches as needed moving forward.