

#### Reminder

Your developmental appointments are not only essential in tracking your child's development but they are also vital for our study. If you have missed an appointment, be sure to call the clinic and reschedule. If you need additional help, please contact Brianne at 513-803-3247 or Brianne.Georg@cchmc.org

# Has your information changed?

If your contact information has changed, please respond to this e-mail and keep us updated. You will receive \$25 for providing us your change of address.



## The Early Prediction Study Summer Newsletter



We hope all is well with you and your family! We want to thank you for being such an important part of this study. Here are a few recent developments with our study and team.

#### Study Goals:

- Early detection of cerebral palsy, learning problems and behavioral abnormalities
- Identification of risk factors for the most common brain abnormality in very premature infants

#### Study Updates:

- We have already enrolled over 200 premature infants! Our first study infants are turning 2 years old this summer!
- Our goal is to recruit 500 preterm infants into this study.
- Our study is now at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, St. Elizabeth, and Kettering Hospital
- We created a video about the Early Prediction Study to share with potential families. Click <u>here</u> to view our video!

### Wondering what's next?

- Below is a refresher on when you can expect to be coming in for your next Early Prediction Study appointment:
  - Brain MRI between 39 and 44 weeks 6 days
  - 3 month corrected age appointment
  - o 24 Month Visit (motor and cognitive testing)
  - o 36 Month Visit (learning, behavioral, & motor testing)

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Remember, the environment you create for your baby can have a large impact on his/her brain development.

<u>Here's how you can enrich it</u>

This <u>resource answers some</u> <u>frequently asked questions</u> parents have about early brain development.

Babies are born learning. <u>Learn more</u> <u>about how your infant learns</u>.

Check out this great 5-minute video on Building Core Capabilities for Life"

Also check out this informative NPR series on "<u>How to Raise a Human</u>"

#### Have questions?

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact our study coordinator, Brianne Georg at 513-803-3247 or Brianne.georg@cchmc.org.

#### Reading To Your Little One:

Are you reading to your infant? <u>Here are 13 thing babies learn when we</u> read with them.

Here are a few classic titles every parents should have in their library:

Love You Forever Farm Oh, the Places You'll Go! The Runaway Bunny Guess How Much I Love You Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus If You Give a Mouse a Cookie Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Where the Wild Things Are Five Little Monkeys Jumping On the Bed Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? All Aboard! National Parks: A Wildlife Primer

The Poky Little Puppy I Wish You More Goodnight Moon The Colors of Us Pantone Colors Are You My Mother? The Very Hungry Caterpillar The Rainbow Fish Pat the Bunny

The National Association for the Education of Young Children has a great list of recent titles and reissues you and your baby will both love.

#### **Team Member Spotlight:**



Brianne Georg, BS Clinical Research Coordinator III

Brianne has been a part of Cincinnati Children's for 6.5 years. She is a Northern Kentucky native and now lives there with her husband and two dogs. Currently she is pursuing her Masters in Public Health. Many of you probably recognize her from your MRI or follow-up appointments.

Priyanka Illapani, MS Research Assistant III

Priyanka joined the Cincinnati Children's community 1.5 years ago from Minnesota. She was born and raised in South India and came to the U.S. for graduate school in biomedical engineering. Priyanka plays a vital role in processing MRI data and ensuring we obtain quality images during the MRI scans.





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