**RIDEAU LAKES EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

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Childcare Readiness

* Arrange a visit with in-home caregivers while you are at home or when you need childcare for a short time.
* Visit the center or home with your child before beginning care. Show your child that you like and trust the caregiver.
* Check with the caregiver or center staff about the best time of the month or year for children to begin attending the program.
* Allow your child to carry a reminder of home to childcare. A family photograph or small toy can be helpful.
* Talk with your child about childcare and the caregiver.
* Read books about childcare. (Check with your local library.)