

# Come Play With Me

At Autumn Ridge Apartments,  
Brooklyn Park, MN

**AN EARLY START TO SUCCESS**

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## YMCA Early Learning Readiness

# EARLY LEARNING READINESS

ELR is a free relationship and play based program for informal caregivers caring for young children (ages 0-5). Caregivers work/play with the children they bring going through a circle time and 13 hands on learning stations, with snack and take home options.

The model:

Expands programming into the communities

Helps informal FFN caregivers understand their role in young children's learning

Develops FFN skills in supporting the growth and development of children under their care

Spreads strong child development practices widely so that communities' capacity for supporting early learning will be strengthened through the commitment of the Y



This is a ***Community Partnership*** between the Greater Twin Cities YMCA, the Early Childhood Programs of the Robbinsdale Area Schools District #281, and the Autumn Ridge Apartments in Brooklyn Park in the Northwest Suburbs of Hennepin County. The Autumn Ridge location has a **culturally diverse population** with caregivers that have a varying degree of knowledge on early childhood education. Within the first three times the program has been held, we have already seen growth in caregivers' knowledge of the importance of early childhood education.

# EARLY LEARNING READINESS AUTUMN RIDGE

The Early Learning Readiness Facilitator for this location, Shamra Williams is the Child Care Director at the New Hope YMCA. Shamra provides a hands on educational environment where families explore 13 stations developed to build skills and to connect caregivers and children in such a way that learning is fun.



# COME PLAY WITH ME AUTUMN RIDGE APARTMENTS



The goal for the Autumn Ridge program is to serve **10 caregivers** and 10 children. We hope to continue to build that through word of mouth promotion by current participating caregivers, support from the Autumn Ridge staff to connect with multiple apartment buildings at the Autumn Ridge site, and by communicating with local elementary schools and continued partnership between the YMCA and the Robbinsdale school district's Early Childhood programs.

As a unique component of the program at the Autumn Ridge location, licensed **Parent Educators** from the Robbinsdale Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program will work to build relationships on site through education with parents and caregivers.



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