The Early Childhood Laboratory (ECL) at the University of California, Davis is offering an eight-week remote early learning programs starting October 8, 2021; perfect for new parents, nannies, homeschool families, foster parents, and licensed-exempt care providers. Each small-group meeting will be facilitated by a child development specialist from the Center for Child and Family Studies. Remote meetings will take place on the Zoom.

Family learning goals include exposure to developmentally appropriate curriculum, social connection, and parent education. Weekly meetings will include music and movement activities, storybook reading, and hands-on exploratory play. Play kits will be provided; these kits may be picked-up from the Early Childhood Laboratory (Davis, CA) or at a designated location in Sacramento, CA.

Parent and/or family caregiver participation is expected. Time will be dedicated during each session to parent support. Child development specialists will introduce and model strategies and approaches to supporting child development. Topics include fundamental caregiving skills, supporting social communication, scaffolding self-help and thinking skills; guiding behavior, coaching social competence, applying knowledge of temperament, promoting creativity and critical thinking, and addressing diversity. Parents and family caregivers will be invited to ask questions and share current challenges.

- Toddler Family Group Time (Fridays, 9:00-10:00 AM); enrollment limited to 10 children between 2-3 years of age.
- Preschool Family Group Time (Fridays, 9:00-10:00 AM); enrollment limited to 10 children between 3-4 years of age.
- Prekindergarten Family Group Time (Fridays, 9:00-10:00 AM); enrollment limited to 10 children between 4-5 years of age.

Tuition: $125.00. Includes the cost of weekly play kit supplies and consumables.

The ECL remote learning program will follow the UC Davis academic year calendar; all university holidays are observed. The ECL program does not operate during the summer term.

To enroll, complete and submit this form.