

# Books for Babies

Supported by the Bendigo Health Foundation and Communities for Children.



A Communities for Children initiative to provide a book and early literacy information to every family with a newborn baby at Bendigo Health.

## BOOKS FOR BABIES PROGRAM

The early and positive development of language and literacy skills of children are vital to the health of the Bendigo Community – now and into the future. In recognition that children's language development is everybody's business, the Books for Babies program was established at Bendigo Health in September 2015.

## OUR MESSAGE TO FAMILIES WITH NEWBORN BABIES

*Read, sing, talk and play with your child every day.*

The most important time for early language and literacy development is from birth to age three.

It's never too early to start reading with children.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

When children under the age of six develop strong literacy and language skills there are many positive impacts on their life and the community. These include obtaining education, developing strong family relationships, making better health choices and gaining better employment opportunities in the future.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To help support this program donations and fundraising initiatives are greatly appreciated. Contact the Bendigo Health Foundation on 1300 243 000

## For more information on the program:

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