

Raising Your Young Child in the Real World



PLUS!
Pediatricians' preventive health recommendations
AND
100 great family activities!

Practical Parenting Advice
from the Experts at the 4 Kids Early Learning Network
as Seen in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*



The 4 Kids Early Learning Network
has provided high-quality early education
to thousands of children.

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Advice (and more) for families with young children

In our first ten years, the 4 Kids Early Learning Network has been privileged to serve several thousand young children. Many kids come to us with significant learning disadvantages, but ongoing research conducted by Children’s Hospital and the University of Pittsburgh shows that our “graduates” start school on a par with other kids—and continue to succeed through elementary school and beyond. We’re proud to make such a difference for them and their families.



Over the years, our professional staff has answered many practical questions from families. When people suggested we share our advice with a wider audience, we created the “Parenting With 4 Kids” question-and-answer column in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. The response has been enthusiastic, and in this book we’ve gathered the first 109 columns to appear in the paper.



There’s more information for families here, too. We’ve included a list of preventive health recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and 100 fun activities for families in the Pittsburgh area.



We hope you and your family will gain great benefit from this book!

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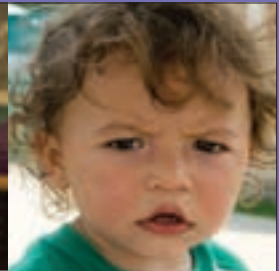
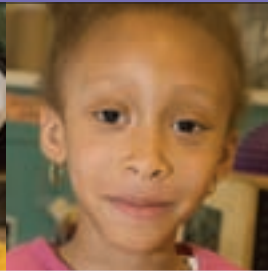
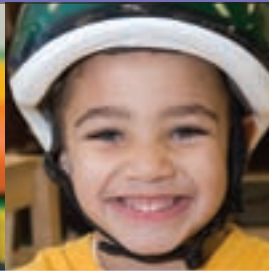
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» All 4 Kids activities are “developmentally appropriate.” That means the curriculum and classroom activities are based on two factors: understanding the stages of child development, and knowing the individual needs, strengths, and interests of each child. That’s a major reason behind the success of 4 Kids.

» 4 Kids “graduates” succeed in local elementary schools:

	All students	4 Kids graduates
Held back	23%	Less than 2%
Referred for special ed	21%	Less than 1%

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