



# Ready To Learn

Iowa Public Television 

Helping families, educators, and child care providers prepare Iowa's children, ages birth to eight years, for educational success through the **effective** and **appropriate** use of quality resources, including those offered by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and Iowa Public Television (IPTV).

## What is Ready To Learn?

**Ready To Learn** is public television's contribution to our nation's most critical education goal: Ensuring that all children will enter school **ready to learn**.

**Ready To Learn in Iowa** encourages adults to extend a child's learning by linking concepts from PBS KIDS programs to reading, math, science, and other learning activities.

### Components of Iowa's Ready To Learn service include:

- **PBS KIDS programming** features quality, non-violent, non-commercial, educational children's television programming broadcast free of charge to every household in Iowa. **Arthur, Between the Lions, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Dragon Tales, Reading Rainbow, and Sesame Street** are some of the most popular, award-winning, and engaging children's programs available today.
- **Online resources and a monthly electronic newsletter** are available for early care and education providers and families.
  - Iowa Public Television: [iptv.org](http://iptv.org)
  - PBS Parents: [pbsparents.org](http://pbsparents.org)
  - PBS Teacher Source: [pbs.org/teachersource](http://pbs.org/teachersource)
  - PBS KIDS: [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org)
  - RTL eNews (electronic newsletter): [iptv.org/enews.cfm](http://iptv.org/enews.cfm)
- **Book Clubs** distribute free books and training to support family literacy efforts for low-income families and early care and education providers in an effort to make books an important part of young children's lives.
- **Workshops** assist early care and education providers to teach children basic educational and social skills that will help them enter school **ready to learn**.

