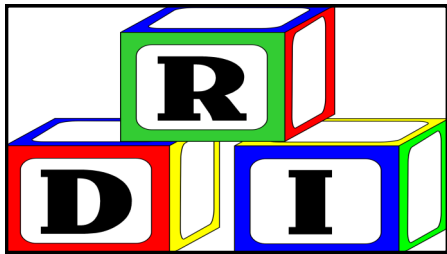


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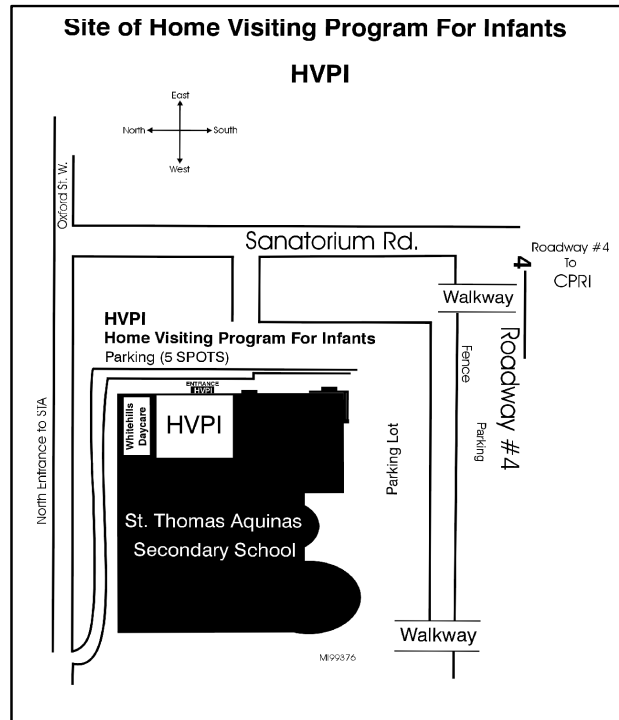
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**Developmental
Resources for Infants**

Location:

Home Visiting Program for
Infants (HVPI) at
St. Thomas Aquinas High School
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London, ON



**NEW
BEGINNINGS
PARENT
WORKSHOPS**

Monday evenings
March 20—April 10, 2017
7:30 - 9:00 PM



This is a partnership
between CPRI—Home Visiting
Program for Infants (HPVI)
and Thames Valley Children's Centre
(TVCC).



NEW BEGINNINGS

These sessions are for parents, (infants do not typically attend but can be accommodated if needed)

The “New Beginnings Workshops” are for families who have had a difficult beginning to their child’s life, and are dealing with the possibility of ongoing needs.

Typically the group is made up of five or six families who meet together over four weeks. These workshops provide parents with an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation. The children’s individual diagnoses will be different but the families will be experiencing similar challenges. We will focus on ways families usually adapt to the unexpected path they find themselves on.

Topics include how to communicate about your child’s needs, what resources are available, etc. Other parents walking through similar circumstances do understand.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Dates: Mondays
March 20—April 10, 2017
Time: 6:30—8:00 p.m.
Place: Home Visiting Program for Infants (HVPI) located in St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Monday March 20, 2017 **GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER, SHARING STORIES**

Bring photos - During this meeting parents will introduce themselves and their children. We will begin to discuss how families typically respond to the news that their child may be facing some challenges. To do this we will present a model of coping/adaptation.

Monday March 27, 2017 **FURTHER EXPLORATIONS OF HOW FAMILIES COPE**

We will continue to discuss the adaptation model presented in the first meeting and talk about how parents see themselves with respect to it.

Monday April 3, 2017

HOW TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS

We will discuss how information/education about your infants medical and developmental needs can help parents regain some sense of control over their lives by being able to make decisions about what services they do/do not want. We will discuss how to keep good records and how to be prepared for appointments and meetings.

Monday April 10, 2017 **GETTING SUPPORT**

We will discuss how to talk to others about your child. How to be clear about what you need from others and giving yourself permission to do things in different ways.

Note: other themes that usually are addressed in the context of these topics include how to remain strong as a couple and how to assist siblings through this journey.