Have you explored the

Born Learning Play Path at Clear Creek Trail?

(Located at the That Road trailhead)

Visit the Born Learning Play Path at Clear Creek Trail. A fun, interactive series of outdoor games, the Play Path helps adults and young children explore and learn together. The Born Learning Play Path offers activities that build language and thinking skills fundamental to a child’s success in school and in life.

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Welcome to the Born Learning Play Path

Did you know that learning is happening all the time?

For ways to learn together, just look for the Born Learning Play Path signs. By playing and exploring you help young children get ready for success in school and in life.

Together, you can turn everyday moments into learning moments. Happy trails!

How does the Born Learning Play Path promote early learning?
The Born Learning Play Path is part of United Way’s Born Learning initiative, designed to help parents, caregivers, and communities support early childhood development. Born Learning provides research-based ways to turn everyday moments into fun learning opportunities for young children.

Why is the Born Learning Play Path important?
The Born Learning Play Path helps adults understand what they can do to support learning in young children. Those first five years are when the most brain development occurs. It is also the time to establish foundations for the skills and attributes that are necessary to succeed in school and eventually to become productive, involved citizens.

Where is the Born Learning Play Path?
The Born Learning Play Path is located on the Clear Creek Trail at the That Road trailhead.

When is the Born Learning Play Path open and is it accessible?
The Clear Creek Trail is open daily from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible. This paved trail and the play path are accessible to strollers and bicycles. Use of the Clear Creek Trail and the Born Learning Play Path is FREE.

The Born Learning Play Path promotes early learning in a number of ways:
- Gives family members, caregivers, friends, and neighbors an opportunity to “connect” with young children.
- Encourages adults to see the world through the eyes of children and notice what they are curious about and are trying to learn.
- Helps adults interact with children to boost language and literacy development and helps caregivers understand how to best support early learning in everyday moments.

Physical activity exercises a child’s body and mind.

When you follow a child’s lead, curiosity and confidence grows.

Games like these will get children’s brains and bodies moving.

Paying attention to children helps them to feel special and secure.

For more information visit www.monroenitedway.org/bornlearning