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Ms. Susan Ryan
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Dear Ms. Ryan,

Children who share a secure bond with a primary caregiver and who are exposed to language and culture from infancy stand a much better chance of reaching their full potential socially, emotionally and academically as they go through school and develop into the adults of tomorrow.

When it comes to ensuring positive and healthy development of their children, one of the most powerful tools a parent or caregiver can use in their daily family routine is nursery rhymes! The intimate moments in which these old favourites are shared support the all-important attachment between a parent and a child; the stories encourage language development in the child; and the rhymes and rhythms encourage the recognition of patterns in the young brain.

Armed with the simple and age-old tools of circle time and story-telling, the Parent-Child Mother Goose Programs employ nursery rhymes to promote exactly these critical areas of development by reaching out to parents and communities where language barriers, poverty and access to resources might otherwise make it difficult for parents to learn how to engage their children and help them reach their full potential.

We are happy to offer our support of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Programs and to assist the organization in their future pursuits in any way we are able.

Sincerely,



Professor Stephen Lye, Ph.D.
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