

Learning Through Participation In The Community



Children learn new skills when they have opportunities to practice their skills with their families and friends out in their local community. Here are some examples of children practicing some of their skills in activities within their local communities...



- practicing walking & weight bearing at a baseball game



- using a switch with a Powerlink & hands to help make cupcakes



- making choices between activities in the pool at a recreation centre



- indicating a desire for "more" walking with a horse (or "stop/go")



- using voice output to chat with friends at a park



- making choices when shopping



- making choices between 2 instruments in music therapy



- stopping to practice greetings when going for walks



- making choices for books or magazines at the store or library



- making choices, using hands & a switch with the Powerlink to create crafts for seasonal craft sales

When families expect their children to practice their skills in community activities, they are helping their children to **strengthen** educational skills and **generalize** these skills to people and situations outside of the school setting. This transfer of learning to other environments will also help prepare their child for the transition to adulthood.