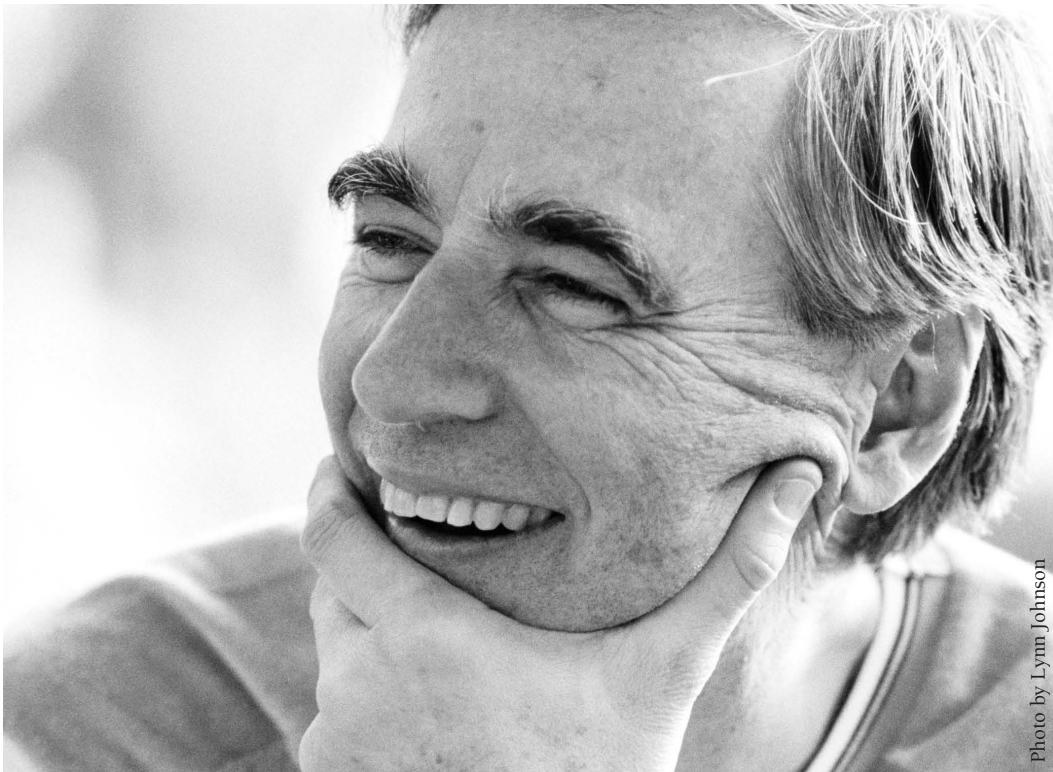


Currently planning to launch in Summer 2011:



The Early Learning Network

Developed by the Fred Rogers Center

The Early Learning Network (ELN) will be a broad-based, virtual community of underserved and under-resourced teachers, home-based caregivers, and families who are empowered by compelling technology- and media-based resources to improve learning and development for young children.



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The ELN emphasizes “dialogic living” – the importance of conversation with even the youngest children as foundational for later literacy and school success.

The ELN will:

- Redefine and expand the early learning environment by providing a platform for coordinating the content and the delivery of resources within and across schools, centers, community organizations, and homes
- Build identity and a sense of competence within and across groups of teachers, caregivers, and family members through social networking
- Increase access to professional development for early childhood teachers and caregivers
- Positively affect family members’ understanding and usage of television, computers, and other digital media in educational, developmentally appropriate ways
- Catalyze innovation in media-based content and delivery formats geared to the target groups of adult learners
- Make a positive impact on school readiness through early literacy as well as social-emotional development
- Demonstrate the sustainability and the scalability of an online resource that provides up-to-date content and interactivity in response to user interests, support needs, and technology capabilities



The ELN adopts Fred Rogers’ pioneering approach in the use of technology and media to support reflective practice through the exchange of information and strategies among all those with a stake in shaping young children’s learning environments.

For more information on the Fred Rogers Center, please visit www.fredrogerscenter.org, www.facebook.com/FredRogersCenter and www.youtube.com/RogersCenter.

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Staying true to the vision of Fred Rogers, and emulating the guiding principles of his life’s work, the mission of the Fred Rogers Center is to advance the fields of early learning and children’s media by acting as a catalyst for communication, collaboration, and creative change.



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