Join us for the launch of an unprecedented partnership of leading academic institutions focused on bringing the science of learning to parents, educators, practitioners and researchers.

Johns Hopkins University, Temple University, Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Mind, Brain and Education Program, the University of Delaware, the Families and Work Institute, the Maryland Institute College of Art, University of Texas at Dallas, Center for Brain Health and the University of Texas at Arlington, College of Education and Health Professions have joined forces to create the Learning Resource Network, or L-rn.

L-rn is the catalyst, bringing the science of learning into action, and offering effective and proven strategies to better prepare our children for the social, educational and occupational challenges they will face in their adult world.

L-rn initiatives to be presented include:

**The L-rn Web Portal:** An online forum for broad and wide-ranging dialogue and ideas for action, L-rn bridges the research and practice of child development today by including voices of researchers alongside parents, teachers and child services practitioners through articles, video, podcasts, blogs, and social media interaction. L-rn examines a wide swath of important learning topics such as attention, stress, play and many more.

**The Ultimate Block Party:** A proven, national community outreach initiative centered on uniting local stakeholders with families and educators to experience and celebrate the science behind playful learning. New York City initiated the inaugural Ultimate Block Party (UBP) in Central Park in 2010, followed by UBP Toronto’s Fort York celebration. UBP expands to Baltimore this fall, and other cities around the country.

**L-rn sponsored forums:** Focused programs that bring together a range of audiences to delve into how the science of learning impacts development of programs, products and services that touch our children lives.