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Twinkling Stars



Our children are our stars



COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION



Our Children,
Their Future
Education Vision and Strategy



6 Key Objectives



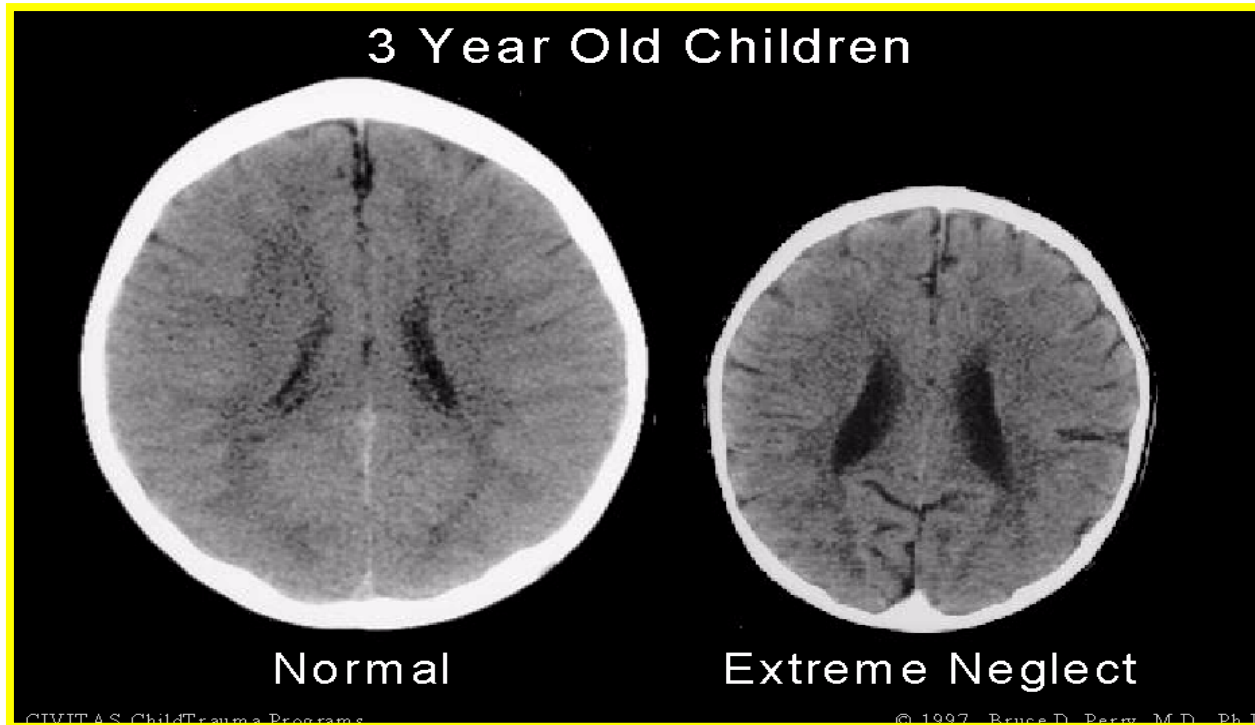
- Raise educational attainment and achievement for all;
- Use performance information to secure improvement for children and young people;
- Ensure children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed;
- Equip young people to secure and sustain positive destinations and achieve success in life;
- Ensure high quality partnership working and community engagement, and
- Strengthen leadership at all levels.

Importance of Health & Wellbeing in the Earliest Years Four Recurring Themes



- Earliest Relationships (warm human relationships, spontaneous feeling of friendship and love)
- Ecological Perspective (context of family, community and society)
- Being Resilient
- Perception of Wellbeing

Brains are affected by experience!



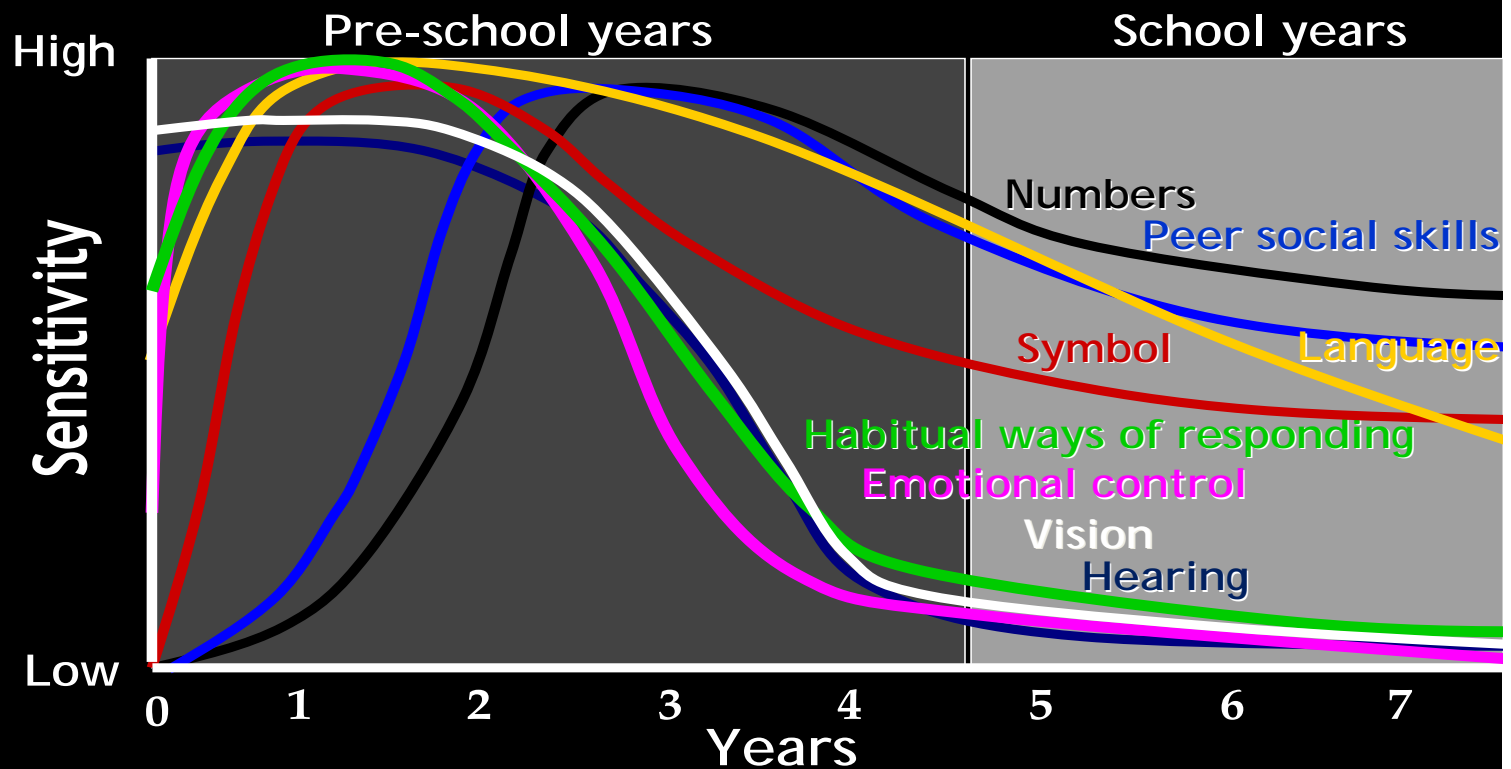
Bruce Perry's work shows what happens if you don't have positive interaction.

The smaller of the two brains is of a child who received little interaction

Why the Early Years are so Important



Sensitive Periods in Early Brain Development



Graph developed by Council for Early Child Development (ref: Nash, 1997; Early Years Study, 1999; Shonkoff, 2000.)

The Child's Development



Wellbeing Play



- Child initiated
- Open ended
- Un rushed
- Adaptable resources
- Spaces
- Leisurely
- Creative
- Full of fun
- Imaginative
- Real or imaginary companionship

Relationships and Ecological Perspective



Our Duty as Professionals and Human Beings



- To be a champion for our children and their well being.
- To provide positive relationships, context, and develop resilience and perception of wellbeing

Every Child Needs a Champion


Ted Talk by the late, great Rita Pierson




★  James Comer: "No significant learning can occur without a significant relationship."



★ Kids don't learn from people they don't like 



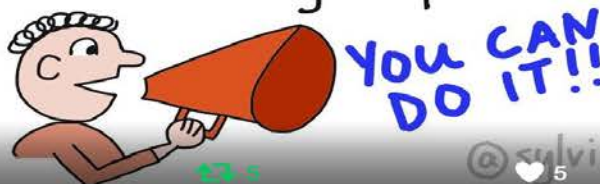
★ Teacher: "You were chosen to be in my class!" 

★  Student: "You made me feel like I was somebody"

★ Teaching and learning should bring joy 

★  **BRAVO!** 

★ Every child deserves an adult who will never give up on them



★ This job is tough but we can do it. We're educators and we were born to make a difference.



Reach for the stars
Climb every mountain higher
Reach for the stars
Follow your heart's desire
Reach for the stars
And when that rainbow's shining over you
That's when your dreams will all come true

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