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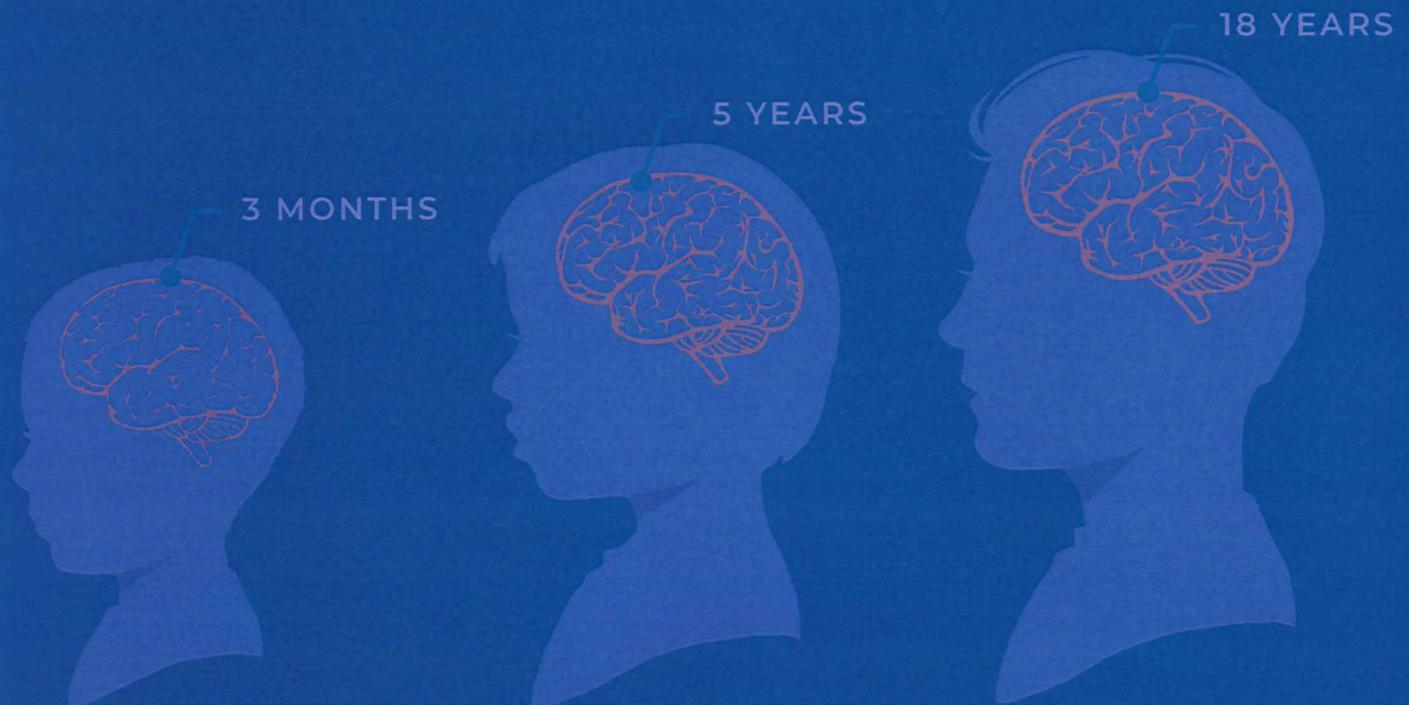


WHY EARLY LEARNING MATTERS

A child's brain develops faster from birth to age 5 than at any other time of life.

More than one million new neural connections are formed every second in the first few years of life.

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Our Mission

Start Early advances quality early learning for families with children, before birth through their earliest years, to help close the opportunity gap.

[ABOUT US](#)

What We Do

Our comprehensive approach to early learning and care applies our deep expertise in program, policy and research so that children, families and educators can thrive.

[OUR APPROACH](#)



Early Learning Programs

Providing quality early learning and care to children and families.

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Professional Development

Ensuring early childhood professionals have the training they need.

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Research

Conducting research and evaluation to validate and optimize our work.

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Policy & Advocacy

Promoting robust policies and programs that put families first.

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Innovation Lab

Accelerating innovation in the early childhood field.

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Connecting Communities

Fostering collaboration to accelerate learning and impact.

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Our Reach

From our roots directly serving families and children on Chicago's South Side and in rural Illinois, we have expanded to impact programs and policies nationwide.

[WHERE WE WORK](#)

Our Blog & Featured News



START EARLY NEWS

Maternal Health Can Change A Child's Future! Start Early's 2023 Annual Luncheon

Start Early President Diana Rauner shares a recap from our Annual Luncheon fundraising event and highlights those who made this year's program possible.

May 30, 2023





EARLY LEARNING AND CARE, EQUITY, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Celebrating Pride Month with Your Little One

Pride month is an important opportunity to teach children about what it means to be a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, share the history behind the month-long celebration, and to have some fun together as a family.

May 23, 2023



Case Study: Systems Mapping for Data-Driven Change in Louisiana

Explore how the Jefferson Ready Start Network used data and analysis to address challenges across Jefferson Parish's early childhood systems.

EARLY LEARNING AND CARE **POLICY AND SYSTEMS**

VISIT OUR BLOG



Take Action

Raise your voice and encourage lawmakers to prioritize early learning and care at local, state and federal levels.

[MAKE AN IMPACT](#)



Support Our Work

Together, when we start early, we can close the opportunity gap and ensure every child has a chance to reach their full potential.

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Resources for Professionals

From interactive courses to engaging events, we support educators in building powerful practices that transform teaching and learning.