



Education
Development
Center

A young girl with dark hair in braids, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, is focused on playing with a colorful plastic toy house. She is holding a pink triangular piece near the top of the structure. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a window with light coming through.

A FAIR START for EVERY CHILD

Together, we can improve **health, education,
and economic opportunity** for all.

CHALLENGE

267M

267 million children worldwide live on less than \$2 per day.

10%

1 in 10 children in the United States has had 3 or more adverse childhood experiences.

48%

Fewer than half of the children living in poverty in the United States are ready for school at age five.

SOURCES: Lancet Global Health, 2016; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2016; Brookings, 2012



Around the world, far too many children are at risk of **not achieving their full potential** because of extreme poverty, violence, isolation, or neglect. Despite these challenges, every child has the **potential to flourish**.



Investments in early childhood development and health, particularly for the most disadvantaged children, can make this possible. Economists calculate a \$13 return for every \$1 invested in early care in the United States and as much as a \$37 return in sub-Saharan Africa.

Combining the strengths of children, families, and communities, we can harness innovative, cost-effective strategies to level the playing field for all children.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD IS THE FOUNDATION
THAT FOLLOWS EACH OF US ACROSS OUR LIFE SPAN.**

A UNIFIED Approach



Through collaboration with community, national, and global partners, EDC creates and sustains quality environments, experiences, and relationships for young children. **Five principles guide our work** to improve early childhood learning around the world:



Start early to promote children's physical and mental health, build their resilience, and support safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments.



Develop and deliver high-impact interventions that improve services for children, families, and communities.



Address disparities due to poverty, violence, isolation, and neglect to ensure that every child succeeds.



Support investments that promote multigenerational learning, community well-being, social and civic development, and economic growth.



Form collaborative partnerships with other leading organizations to establish sustained systems of early childhood care.



WHAT We Do

At Education Development Center, we develop programs, systems, and policies that **meet children's needs and support their caregivers:** parents, relatives, teachers, home visitors, community leaders, and health care providers.

Our work includes:

- Engaging public and private sector leaders to advance early childhood development and health policies and practices
- Building capacity at the national, state, tribal, territorial, and community levels to lead comprehensive early childhood development and health initiatives
- Consulting with funders and investors to develop and support cost-effective, high-quality interventions



A COMMITMENT TO EARLY CHILDHOOD IS A COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHY, VIBRANT WORLD.

EDC IMPACT



REACHED OVER

100M

YOUNG LEARNERS

EDC's early learning programs have served over 100 million learners and hundreds of thousands of educators in 25 countries.

100%

ELIMINATION OF ACHIEVEMENT GAP

EDC's program in Honduras eliminated the achievement gap between students in low-resource alternative early childhood centers staffed by volunteers and students in formal preschools.

**JOIN EDC
IN SUPPORTING
EARLY
CHILDHOOD**

DONATE:

Help make a fair start for all children a reality.

edc.org

Implement Read Right Now

This program effectively supports ministries of education, educators, and parents in resource-lean environments as they develop skilled readers and writers.

edc.org/read-right-now

Sponsor a STEM Community

Schools, libraries, and community organizations engage parents in mathematical, scientific, and technological activities with their kids each day.

edc.org/Family-STEM-Community

 twitter.com/edctweets

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 go.edc.org/linkedin



88%

OF CHILDREN SCREENED

EDC helped U.S. home visiting agencies build a skilled workforce able to conduct timely screenings for children's developmental risk.



INFLUENTIAL PARTNERS

Some of the biggest names in media and technology—PBS, Apple, Google, Sesame Workshop—have sought our expertise on high-stakes, leading-edge early childhood initiatives.

Learn about Continuous Quality Improvement in Early Childhood

Data-driven, reflective approaches are improving early childhood outcomes.

edc.org/continuous-quality-improvement

Join First 10 Schools and Communities

This national network developed by EDC unites school districts, elementary schools, and early childhood programs to improve teaching, learning, and care for children.

First10.org

Contact EDC to help you develop and implement early childhood programs, products, and services.

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Our partners include federal, state, and local agencies, private philanthropies, foundations, nongovernmental organizations, and companies.

EDC's programs benefit the most vulnerable, meeting children and adults where they are and helping them gain strength and independence.



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