



“The active ingredient in the environment that’s having an influence on development is the quality of the relationships that children have with the important people in their lives. That’s what it’s all about.”

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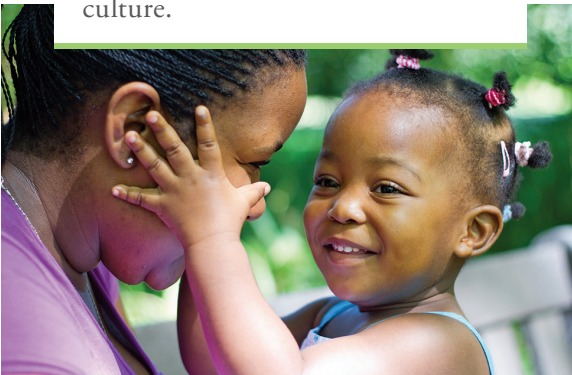
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RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

The interactions in a child's earliest years are critical to future success. The social-emotional development that takes place during this time is strongly influenced by the quality of the relationship between young children and their primary caregivers.

HEALTHY SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Early childhood mental health and social-emotional development is the developing capacity of young children to experience, manage and express emotions; form close, secure relationships and actively explore the environment and learn—occurring in the context of a caregiving environment that includes family, community and culture.



WHAT IS ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIPS?

Rooted in Relationships is an initiative that partners with communities to implement evidence-based practices that enhance the social-emotional development of children, birth through age 8. One part of this initiative supports communities as they implement the Pyramid Model, a framework of evidence-based practices that promote the social, emotional and behavioral competence of young children, in selected family childcare homes and childcare centers. In addition, communities develop and implement a long-range plan that influences the early childhood systems of care in the community and supports the healthy social-emotional development of children.
