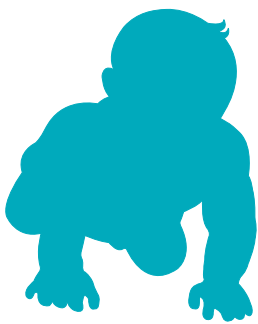


# WHY YOUR CHILD'S EARLY YEARS ARE IMPORTANT FOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Early education and care shapes a child's future,  
laying the foundation for healthy development.



THE EARLY YEARS ARE CRITICAL FOR  
ESTABLISHING A CHILD'S

**PHYSICAL HEALTH**  
**SOCIAL SKILLS**  
**EMOTIONAL HEALTH**  
**COGNITIVE CAPACITY**  
**LANGUAGE SKILLS**



## FACT

Scientists have found children's brains go through a period of rapid growth during their first years, as they are learning more than they will at any other time in their life.

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The way brain development occurs in a child's first years is like a game of tennis – children serve and adults return. Back-and-forth interaction is the essence of the brain development game.



## FACT

Research shows quality education and care early in life leads to better health outcomes and education and employment opportunities later in life.

Your first step into early childhood education & care

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