

The Child Development Studies Team (CDS) within CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCB-DDD) has a mission to promote optimal child development for all children. The critical foundations for learning, school success, health, and general well-being are established very early in a child's life. Those early years are crucial for cognitive, social, and emotional development. Failure to invest time and resources during these years may have long-term effects, not only on the affected individuals, but on the health care, education, and juvenile justice systems.



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