

Early Childhood Development



All children deserve the opportunity to develop to their full potential. Yet an estimated 200 million children worldwide do not get a healthy start because of poverty, poor nutrition, and other challenges.

RTI International is investing in early childhood because we are committed to maximizing opportunities for young children around the world to achieve their developmental potential. We offer wide-ranging technical expertise in health, education, nutrition, and assessment to support governments to design and implement holistic programs that improve outcomes for young children.



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90%

of the architecture of the human brain is developed **before the age of 5.**

Interventions in the first **5** years of life can set children on a path **to success in early education and beyond.**

RTI is one of the world's leading centers of research and innovation in

- Newborn screening
- Maternal and child health
- Nutrition
- Measures of executive function
- School readiness
- Pre-primary and early grade education.

We believe in a comprehensive approach that reaches across technical sectors and engages families, communities, civil society, and government partners to achieve the best outcomes for young children. We prioritize local solutions to context-specific challenges and draw on our early childhood development expertise in both domestic and international settings to design and implement the most effective programs.

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