



Fostering Healthy Early Childhood Brain Development

## ***MAKING CRITICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND ACTION***

The Urban Child Institute's multimedia exhibition on early childhood brain development conveys current breakthroughs in scientific knowledge in conjunction with ways this knowledge can be used to promote healthy pregnancies, language acquisition, socializa-

tion, and cognitive and behavioral preparedness for life-long success. The exhibit is intended for general adult audiences, with particular relevance for anyone engaged in promoting child wellbeing—from point of care to program and policy development.

If you would like to receive more information or tour the exhibit, please contact Scott Wilson at (901) 523-9199, [swilson@theurbanchildinstitute.org](mailto:swilson@theurbanchildinstitute.org)

THE  
URBAN  
CHILD  
INSTITUTE

PARENTS

COMMUNITY

PUBLIC POLICY

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE RESOURCES  
**[www.theurbanchildinstitute.org](http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org)**

The Urban Child Institute | 600 Jefferson Avenue | Memphis, TN 38105

Both nature and nurture contribute to a child's brain development.

Stimulation helps a child's brain grow in power and intelligence.

Eighty percent of the brain develops between conception and age three.

Early childhood experiences can impact lifetime achievements.

Visit our exhibit,  
**MAKING CRITICAL CONNECTIONS**



Early exposure to language is critical for word recognition and speech.

The brain's early architectural foundations affect lifelong learning.

Healthy stimulation supports a child's brain development, affecting feelings, vision, language, and movement.

Children in impoverished families are spoken to less and with greater negativity.



Stimulation can aid brain development even as early as two months from conception.

Stress can become toxic and inhibit healthy brain development.



Substance abuse can damage a baby's brain.

We will create greater potential for our community when our actions connect to this knowledge.

THE  
**URBAN  
CHILD  
INSTITUTE**