

## The Medical Community and Early Childhood Advocacy

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## Our Vision

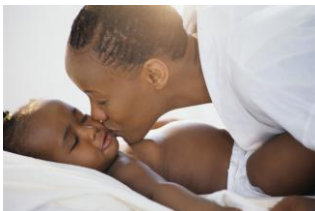
Docs For Tots has a two-part **vision**:

- pursuit of social justice in health and development for young children
- changing the nature of professionalism for children's doctors through increasing their civic engagement beyond clinical practice walls



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## The Roots of Children's Health and Well-being



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## Trusted and Effective Messengers



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Q19 For each of the following people or groups, please tell me how much you would trust their opinion on issues facing children and families – a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or not at all? (Percent)

	Great Deal	A Fair Amount	Not too Much	Not at All	(Don't Know)
<b>Sorted by Total Agree*</b>					
• A Local Doctor	88	11	0	0	0
• A Local Teacher	82	16	0	0	0
• A Local Nurse	82	16	0	0	0
• The Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics	81	17	0	0	0
• A Local Minister	80	18	0	0	0
• The Arkansas Parent Teacher's Association	77	20	0	0	0
• Arkansas Nurses Association	76	21	0	0	0
• A Politician	76	21	0	0	0
• The Arkansas Education Association	67	30	0	0	0
• Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families	63	35	0	0	0
• The Christian Coalition	62	35	0	0	0
• A Local Lawyer	62	35	0	0	0
• The Southern Baptist Convention	60	36	0	0	0
• A non-partisan organization advocating on behalf of children	59	37	0	0	0
• The Chamber of Commerce	50	48	0	0	0

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## Our Strategy



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## Bring physician messengers to the early childhood advocacy arena



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## Frame early childhood issues from a health perspective



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## "Investing in Early Care and Education is a Powerful Public Health Initiative."



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## World Health Organization Definition of Health

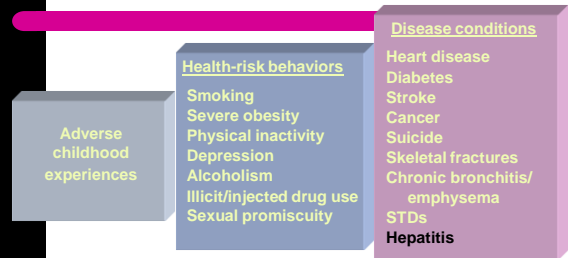
"A state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of infirmity."

Tempkin, O. (1953). What is health? Looking back and ahead. In Gladston, I. (Ed), *Epidemiology of Health*. New York: New York Academy of Medicine, Health Education Council

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## Trajectory From Early ACEs

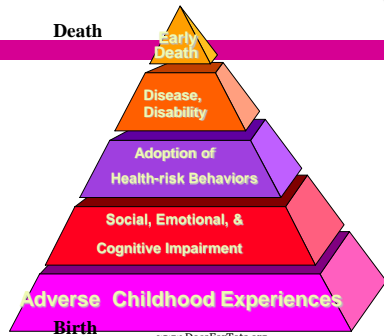


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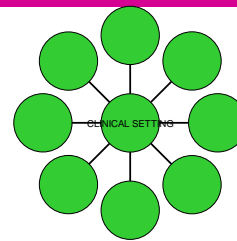
## Without Intervention, ACEs Consequences



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## Promote the clinical venue as a unique access point to early childhood



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## Practice Transformation- Physician Education



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## Bridging health and broader early childhood communities



Opens up important conversations between health and early care and learning, systems building, high level policy and practice

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## Developing a nationwide network



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