

Business Leadership to Make Children America's Top Priority

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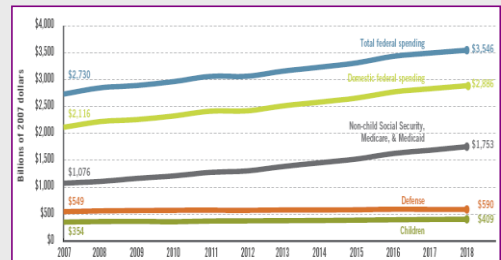


Carving a Mountain



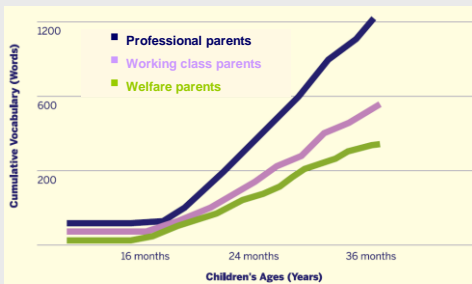
Early Childhood is Our Best Investment: Why Isn't It Our Spending Priority?

2007–2018: Real Federal Spending on Children and Other Major Items



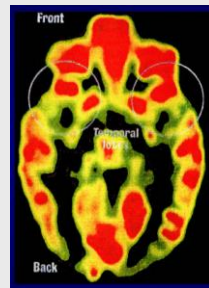
Source: The Urban Institute and The New America Foundation, 2008.

“Everyone is Born Equal, and It Stays That Way for About 15 Minutes”



Source: Hart & Risley (1995)

A Picture Worth a Thousand Words



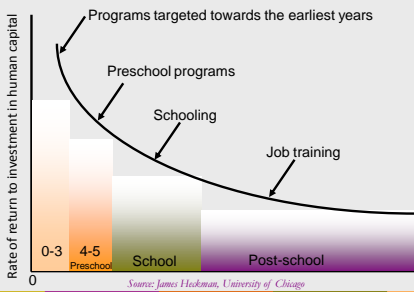
Healthy Development



Development Affected by Environmental Stress

Source: Chugani, H.T., Wayne State University

“Learning Begets Learning; Skill Begets Skill”



What I Heard on the Hill:



If You Build It, They Will Come: The Power & Promise of Educare



An Inspiring Story from Oz



Your Homework Assignment:

- Take ownership of your state’s Early Learning Council
- Lend your management expertise to providers or the public sector
- Recruit new disciples
- Identify and invest in public-private partnership opportunities
- Make early learning investments part of your state’s economic development agenda