



Strong Foundations For Our Youngest Children

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Taking a systems approach, the BUILD Initiative partners with state leaders working in early learning, family support and engagement, special needs and early intervention and health, mental health and nutrition. BUILD provides guidance, leadership training and capacity building.

BUILD's focus is on supporting state leaders in their efforts to coordinate policies, programs and services; create infrastructure; improve integration and achieve scale in four areas:

- [Early learning](#)
- [Family support and parenting programs](#)
- [Services for children with special needs](#)
- [Children's health, mental health and nutrition](#)



Top Resources

The ABLe Change Framework: A Conceptual and Methodological Tool for Promoting Systems Change

This paper, by Pennie G. Foster-Fishman and Erin R. Watson, presents a new approach to the design and implementation of community change efforts like a System of Care.

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Our work with states places special emphasis on equity, quality and the connections between systems.

BUILD state partners are pioneers in a national movement to promote better outcomes for our country's youngest children through a seamless, "whole systems" framework.

We strive for comprehensive policies that:

- Respond to the needs of families
- Use public and private resources wisely
- Promote racial equity
- Prepare young children for the future
- Incorporate what we know about brain development into best practices for care and learning

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