Brain Growth and Education Funding

We’re three years too late with investments that give every child a fair start in life. The brain is most receptive to both positive and negative experiences during the first three years of life.

By age three, a baby’s brain will reach 80% of adult size. Many of our most important building blocks for the future are laid during this period.

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Our greatest opportunity and our current funding are out of alignment. We can do better.

Early Intervention Is More Effective in Producing Favorable Outcomes Than Later Remediation

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The economics of human potential: Invest more resources earlier for the greatest impact on the lives of children.

For more information on how to promote optimal brain development in our community’s children, visit http://theurbanchildinstitute.org.