

Lesson 1: Relationships Gives Us Hope

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Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs)





Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)

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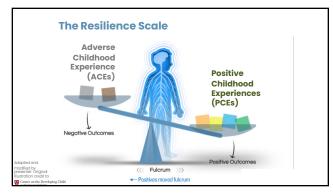


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Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)

- safe and protected by an adult in their home;
- able to talk to their family about feelings;
- their **family stood by them** during difficult times;
- enjoyed participating in community traditions;
- a sense of **belonging** in school
- supported by friends
- had at least 2 nonparent adults who took genuine interest in them

Bethell, C., Jones, J., Gombojav, N., Linkenbach, J., & Sege, R. (2019). Positive childhood experiences and adult mental and relational hea in a statewide sample: Associations across adverse childhood experiences levels. JAMA Pediatrics, 173(11), e193007–e193007.





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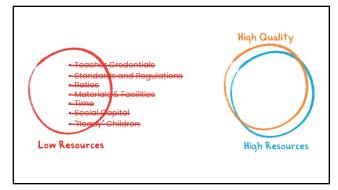
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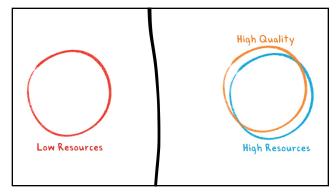
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"Safe, stable, and nurturing relationships (SSNRs) are promoted in safe, stable, and nurturing families that have access to safe, stable, and nurturing communities with a wide range of resources and services." Andrew Garner, MD, PhD, FAAP, Michael Yogman, MD, FAAP Preventing Childhood Toxic Stress: Partnering With Families and Communities to Promote Relational Health American Academy of Pediatrics 2021 Policy Statement	
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Lesson 2:			
Resourcefulness	gives	us	quality.

quality equity







How do we grow quality with equity?

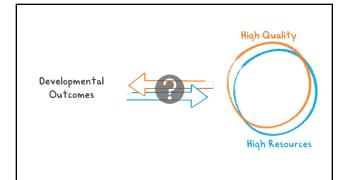


What counts cannot always be counted,

What can be counted does not always count.

Originally by Sociologist William Bruce Cameron (1950s), though most often misattributed to Albert Einstein

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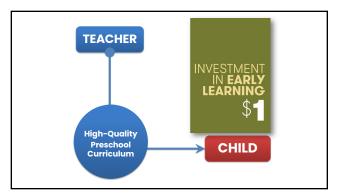


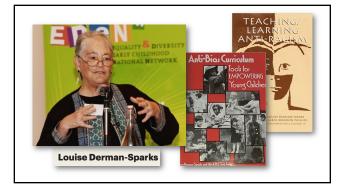


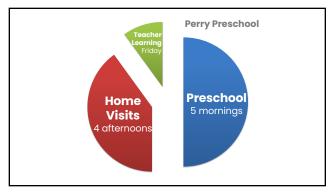
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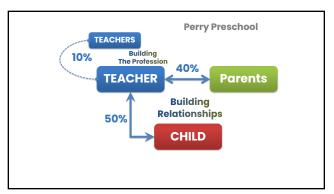
- Perry Preschool (1962)
- Abecedarian Project
- Chicago Child-Parent Centers (1987)

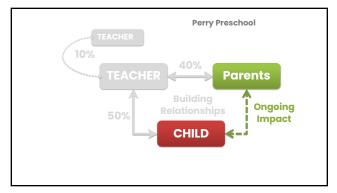
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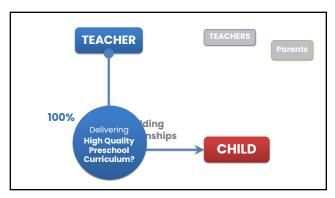








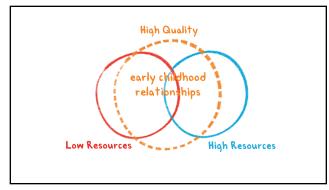




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Resources

Resourceful-ness



Lesson 3: Ordinary is powerful.



Universality without Uniformity

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Function

(meeting developmental needs)

Form

 $(\underline{how}$ to meet developmental needs)

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Developmental Needs (of children)	-
+	
Capacity (of adults) to provide <i>matching</i> developmental	
experiences	
— Developmental	
Interactions	
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"tolerable" stress

"toxic" stress

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Excessive Stress Disrupts the Architecture of the Developing Brain

Chronic or traumatic experiences in the absence of caring, stable relationships with adults, especially during sensitive periods of early development, can be toxic to brain architecture and other developing organ systems.

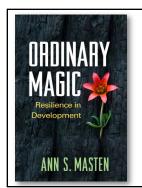
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Research shows that, even under stressful conditions, supportive, responsive relationships with caring adults as early in life as possible can prevent or reverse the damaging effects of toxic stress response.

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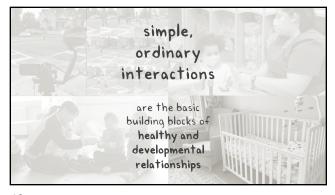


"The biggest surprise (from the study of resilience) was the <u>ordinariness</u> of the phenomenon.

Most of the time, the children who make it have <u>ordinary</u> human resources and protective factors in

Ann Masten (2014)

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simple, everyday interactions

are the basic building blocks of developmental relationships



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Supportive Relationships and Active Skill-Building Strengthen the Foundations of Resilience

Decades of research about **resilience**... the single most common finding is that children who end up doing well have had <u>at least one</u> <u>stable and committed relationship</u> with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult.

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The <u>(practice, program, or policy)</u> can help children learn and grow <u>if and only if</u> it encourages, enriches, and empowers the **human relationships** around the child.

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Goal - What is our shared purpose? Agency - How do we know we can do it?

Pathways - What do we do together?

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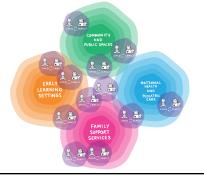
Healthy human relationships begin in **early childhood**.

Physical, behavioral, and mental health depend on **relational health**.

Our collective work can build the foundation of resilience and well-being for children and families.

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early relational ecology



Care for the Caregivers and Help the Helping Professionals

Be as invested in the families and professionals as they are in our children. We cannot make a lasting impact on children by skipping over the adults in the middle.







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ASK THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How can our Encourage, Enrich, and Empower

human relationships around children, families, and their helpers?

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