# EARLY YEARS

Your child's first five years have a **big impact** on their future success in school and life.





90% of a child's brain develops by age 5.



Babies start learning language and vocabulary **from birth.** 



Important life skills like focus and self-control also **develop in early childhood.** 



Young children learn and grow through positive relationships with their parents and caregivers.

#### TALK. READ AND PLAY TOGETHER

Playing, sharing books and having back-and-forth conversations — even before they can talk — helps young children learn words and language. Quality time with you is also the best thing for your child's healthy development.

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT CHILD DEVELOPMENT

You don't have to be a perfect parent, but understanding how your child is growing at each age and stage can help you be the best caregiver you can be.

### **CHOOSE OUALITY CHILD CARE**

Many Arizona families need child care for their young children. Quality child care and preschool programs help kids learn, grow and develop important life skills.



## AND CONNECT WITH US AT ## FIRST THINGS FIRST .ORG

We support early childhood programs across Arizona positive parenting, child development, health, quality child care and much more. Our website also has lots of helpful videos, articles and resources for families.





