Persistence, Partnership and Power: Building an Early Childhood Movement in the United States

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“Every child can be successful in school and in life - if they and their parents have some basic opportunities from the get-go.”

- Susan A. Buffett
18 MONTHS: AGE AT WHICH DISPARITIES IN VOCABULARY BEGIN TO APPEAR
Brain Research - picture tells the story!
“It is a rare public policy that promotes fairness and social justice and at the same time promotes productivity in the economy and in society at large. Investing in disadvantage young children is such a policy.”

James Heckman, Henry Schultz
Distinguished Professor of Economics, University of Chicago, and Nobel Laureate
Why Early Childhood?

Early Childhood is the driver for successful outcomes in:

- Economy
- Education
- Health
Partnerships- Key BECF Investment Strategy
Partnerships + Strategic Investments = Results
Arizona (Phoenix)
Atlanta
California at Silicon Valley (San Jose)
Central Maine (Waterville)
Chicago
Denver
Kansas City, KS
Lincoln, NE
Miami-Dade
Milwaukee
New Orleans
Oklahoma City
Omaha at Indian Hill
Omaha at Kellom
Seattle
Tulsa at Hawthorne
Tulsa at Kendall-Whittier
Tulsa at MacArthur
Washington, DC
West DuPage, IL
Winnebago, NE

As of August 2015
Educare is a Platform for Change
Alliance for Early Success

Advancing State Policies for Young Children
Majorities in all parties say we should be doing more to ensure kids start kindergarten with necessary skills.

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Quality early childhood education is essential for children and families. Learn more at www.ffyf.org
Knowledge investments

Heckman

Buffett Early Childhood Institute
\textit{at the University of Nebraska}

Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University

Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute
Buffett Early Childhood Fund’s Nebraska Work:

- NE Expansion
- Early Learning Centers
- BECI
- Educare Expansion
- Rooted in Relationships
- Sixpence
- Educare Omaha

Buffett Early Childhood Fund's Nebraska Work:
Meet Your Future
Investment Banker

RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY AND THE ABILITY TO
MAKE GOOD CHOICES BEGIN IN EARLY CHILDHOOD