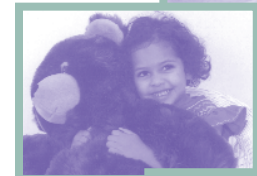




Violence prevention begins in the high chair, not the electric chair.

—Rob Reiner, Chair, California Children and Families Commission

- **Violence has a traumatic impact on young children:** Witnessing or experiencing violence at a young age increases a child's risk for a variety of future problems, including aggression, involvement in violence, and difficulties in learning, forming healthy relationships, and maintaining emotional health.
- **Supporting healthy early childhood development is essential in preventing violence:** When children's needs for nurturing, protection, and learning are met, they are far less likely to become involved in violence when they grow up.
- **Early approaches are cost-effective:** Investment in early childhood programs more than pays for itself in crime-related and welfare savings.



Violence prevention needs to start earlier and acting as early as possible, in the first five years of life, is critical to success.

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