

# EARLY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT: POWERING CREATIVITY & ECONOMIC GROWTH

Learn the importance of seizing the opportunities of early brain development. The first years of life are a peak period for shaping brain architecture, when more than 1 million neural connections form every second. Supporting children during this critical period of social, emotional and cognitive development builds the foundation for lifelong learning and contributes to future economic growth and stability.

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Our national and international speakers and thought leaders



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