Early Childhood Development Plan

Brain Studies

Project Background

Last class you watched the documentary *Brain Matters: Early Childhood Development* that provided multiple pieces of evidence for best practices to give a child the greatest chance to thrive later in life. The documentary discussed the *Abecedarian Early Intervention Project* and ECD (*Early Childhood Development*) movements around the world that are proving highly successful in creating happy, successful children. The video closed with one researcher stating:

"The Science is clear on what can lead to improved outcomes....There is real research behind this."

Project Goal

You and your group are to create an informative action plan for new parents that provides them with evidence-based interventions that support optimal brain development for children in their early years. You should provide multiple, concrete examples of what parents can do. At every step as yourselves, *Would this be a useful resource to me if I was a new parent?* That question will guide you on whether your project is impactful.

Contents of the Action Plan

Your group's action plan should at a minimum include the following key ideas:

- The Abecedarian Early Intervention Project.
- The four key experiences of ECD.
- Self-regulation.
- The societal cost of inaction.

Action Plan Format

You and your group are free to present your plan in any format that you believe would be most impactful. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A video.
- A tri-fold pamphlet.
- A presentation.

- An illustrated children's book.

- A chapter section in a textbook on Human Development.

Logistics

1. Your project must be finished and submitted by the end of class time today.

   - Video projects and presentation slides should be emailed to me.

   - Pamphlets, children's books, etc should be printed and given to me.

2. In addition to the project each group will type, print, and turn in by the end of class a **Contributions Page** containing the following:

   - Centered, bold text title: **Contributions: Early Childhood Development Plan**.

   - Centered, normal text directly below the title: Your first and last names in alphabetical order by surname.

   - Centered, today's date directly below the group member names.

   - In the body of the text bold face each of your names, again in alphabetical order by surname followed by a description of your contributions to the project.

Example:

<div align="center">

Contributions: Early Childhood Development
John Doe, Jane Green, Steve Thomson
15 November 2024

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John Doe: I contributed to outlining the evidence from the video to support our action plan. I helped write the script and acted as the *Father* in the video. I helped with the editing of the video as well.

Jane Green: I contributed by....