



EARLY CHILDHOOD Innovation Network

The Early Childhood Innovation Network (ECIN) is a local collaborative of health and education providers, community-based organizations, researchers, and advocates promoting resilience in families and children from pregnancy through age 5 in Washington, D.C. The experiences and environment that surround children deeply affect them during this critical period of brain development.

Community partnership is crucial to developing and implementing these innovations. Family perspectives and experiences, coupled with evidence-based design that we assess and improve in real-time, ensure that everyone served by ECIN gains the maximum benefit.



ECIN works to:



keep parents well
by protecting and enhancing
their mental health



build healthy brains
to optimize early childhood
developmental outcomes



prepare children to learn
by getting them ready
for school at age 5

50 providers supported
in Compassion, Practice,
Relationships and Restoration
(CPR²) Provider Wellness sessions

Snapshot of the impact and diversity of ECIN's work in Washington, D.C., from 2016 – 2019:

5,860
children and
families served



1,700
children reached by



Mental health specialists and
care coordinators engage
families at routine health visits
from birth to 3

**Funding secured to
expand HealthySteps**

300 children
served via the Infant/Toddler
Community of Practice (I/T CoP)

100 parents/caregivers
participated in
Parent Cafes



700 care providers
trained in trauma-
informed practice

2,400
children

in schools with
mental health
consultation



350
teachers

enhancing wellness
and behavior
management practices

80 parents/caregivers

in our Mindful Parenting pilot, which helps
parents focus on:



- self regulation
- self-esteem
- emotional awareness
- problem solving
- social interactions

**50 staff and
partners**

trained through workshops
to advance race equity



130 parents/caregivers
reached by Resilient
Communities D.C.



**2 Washington,
D.C. Council
bills passed**

