

IPA-Early Child Development Resolution

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- Whereas optimizing Early Child Development (ECD) is critical for children to achieve their full potential and for their long term wellbeing and ability to live healthy and fulfilling lives later as adults,
- Whereas strategies to enrich ECD such as Care of Child Development have been shown to have long-lasting beneficial effects toward achieving the above goals,
- Whereas the IPA represents the collectivity of the World's professional pediatric societies and is focused on advancing global child health including ECD,

The IPA recommends that:

- Programs such as Care for Child Development be incorporated in the care of all children from birth and throughout their early childhood to enhance ECD.
- The above techniques be part of the skills taught to community health care workers, allied health professionals, nurses, physicians and pediatricians during their professional education and training to enable them to strengthen the parenting capabilities of parents and caregivers of young children.
- Training institutes and universities include this knowledge and these skills in pre-service training of all people who will work with infants and young children.
- Governments and NGOs develop policies and services that work toward the above goals