



# Using Science to Understand the Effects of Adversity and Build Resilience

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## 21st-Century Science Offers a Compelling Platform for Science-Informed Innovation at the Front End of Child Welfare

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Effective learning, resilience, and lifelong physical & mental health

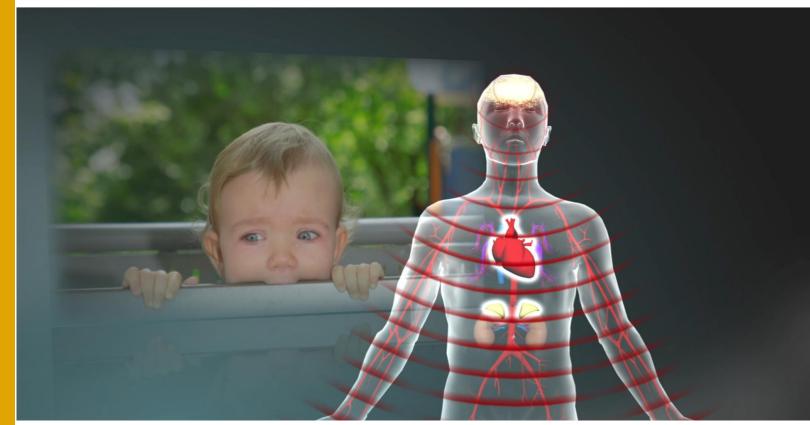
School failure, risky behaviors, chronic illness, and shorter lifespan





#### The Biology of Stress Explains How Adversity Gets Under the Skin and Affects Development

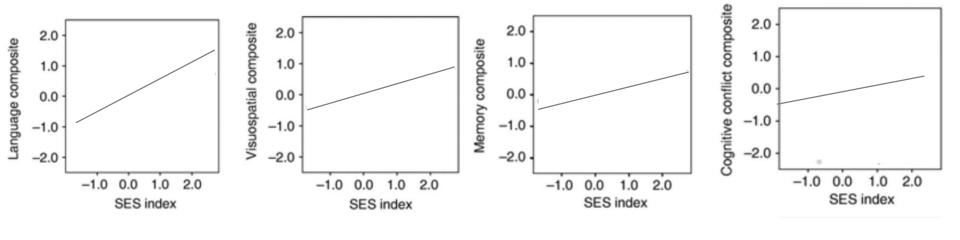
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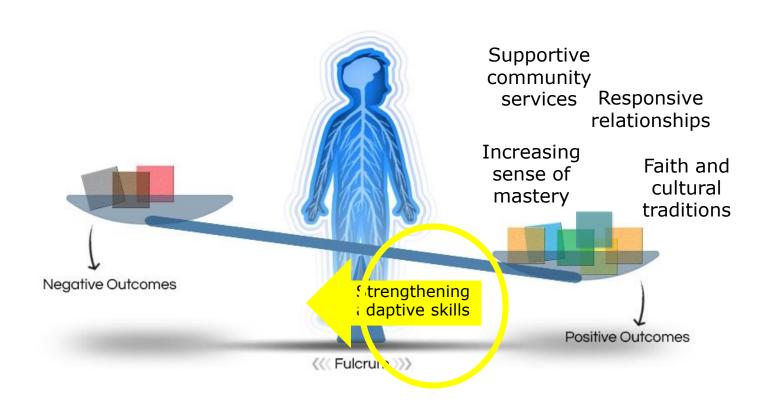
### Understanding Individual Variation: Why Do Some Children Overcome Hardship While Others Do Not?



Source: Noble et al. (2007)

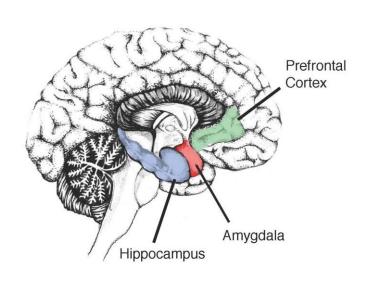


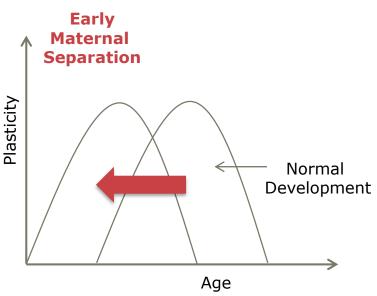
## Resilience Can Be Strengthened by Supportive Relationships and Skill-Building





# Science Could Be Leveraged to Guide Better Timing of Interventions: Early Life Stress Can Accelerate the Maturation of Fear Circuits



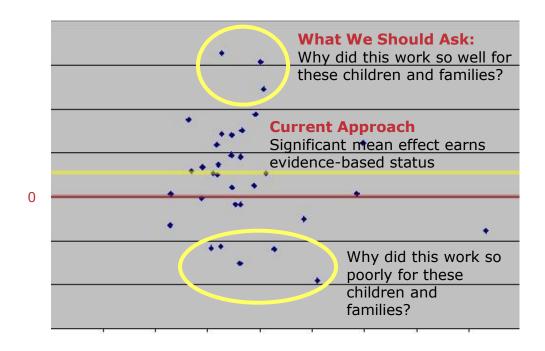


Source: Callaghan & Richardson (2012)



### Matching Services to Needs Requires Rethinking the Definition of an Evidence-Based Program

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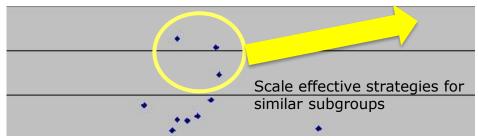




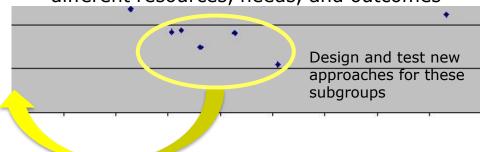


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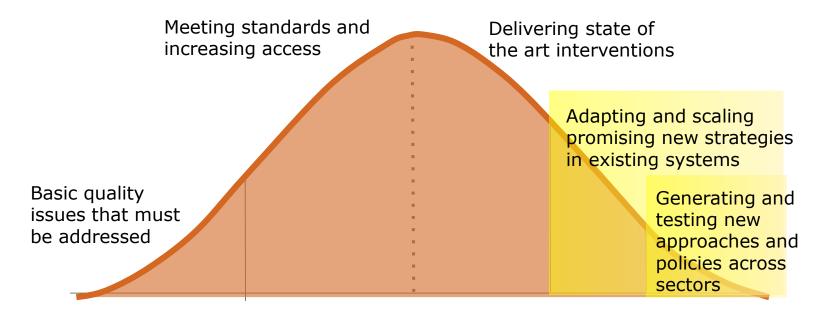
Build a suite of programs and policies **across sectors** that matches different strategies to different resources, needs, and outcomes







## A Vibrant and Increasingly Effective Field Requires a Full Spectrum of Engagement



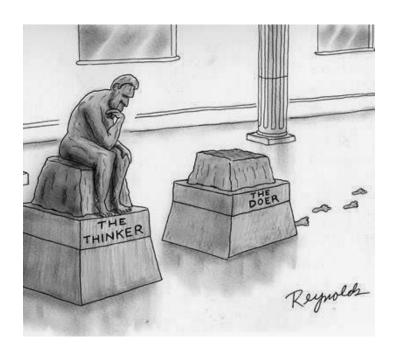
(Adapted from Everett Rogers, Diffusion of Innovations, 2003)





#### Making the Science Actionable: A Master Session April 25 at NCCAN

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Building on the science you've learned today, this NCCAN Master Session will pull out three simple science-based principles you can use to design better practices and policies in child welfare...

... so you can identify areas for action that have the greatest potential to increase impact for young children and their families!

#### April 24–26, 2019

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### Thank You & Next Steps

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- Download the handouts to learn more. Click on the files in the "Handouts" box on your screen.
- Do you have innovative ideas, questions or concerns about trauma and resilience? Tell us about your work. Send an e-mail to hello@CANTASD.org with "Trauma and Resilience" in the subject line.

#### **Upcoming:**

March 20: Are the Words "Toxic Stress" Toxic? Re-thinking the Narrative About Early Life Stress

April 11: Workforce
Well-being—Centering
Yourself to Better
Support Others

April 17: Integrating Mindfulness to Support Well-Being and Resiliency

