

Young children's healthy social and emotional development is critical to school readiness and positive long-term outcomes.

*From National Research Council & Institute of Medicine, 2000;
Raver & Knitzer, 2002; Thompson & Raikes, 2007*

Children with Challenging Behaviors

- ◆ *Early appearing behavior problems in a child's preschool career are the single best predictor of delinquency in adolescence, gang membership and adult incarceration*
- ◆ *There is evidence to show that young children with challenging behavior are more likely to experience the following:*
 - early and persistent peer rejection
 - mostly punitive interactions with teachers
 - unpleasant family interaction patterns
 - school failure
 - high risk of fatal accidents, substance abuse, divorce, unemployment, psychiatric illness and early death
- ◆ *Early intervention services that address challenging behaviors show positive outcomes*
 - decreased risk of withdrawal, aggression, non-compliance and disruption
 - positive peer relationships including understanding of friendship, cooperation and sharing
 - increased self-control, self-correction and improved social-emotional health
 - academic success

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- ◆ *For support in developing social and emotional skills in your child, please contact us at:*

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