

**Week of the
50TH Young Child
Anniversary**



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The Critical Early Years

The quality of a child's early experiences affect the brain for life.



90%

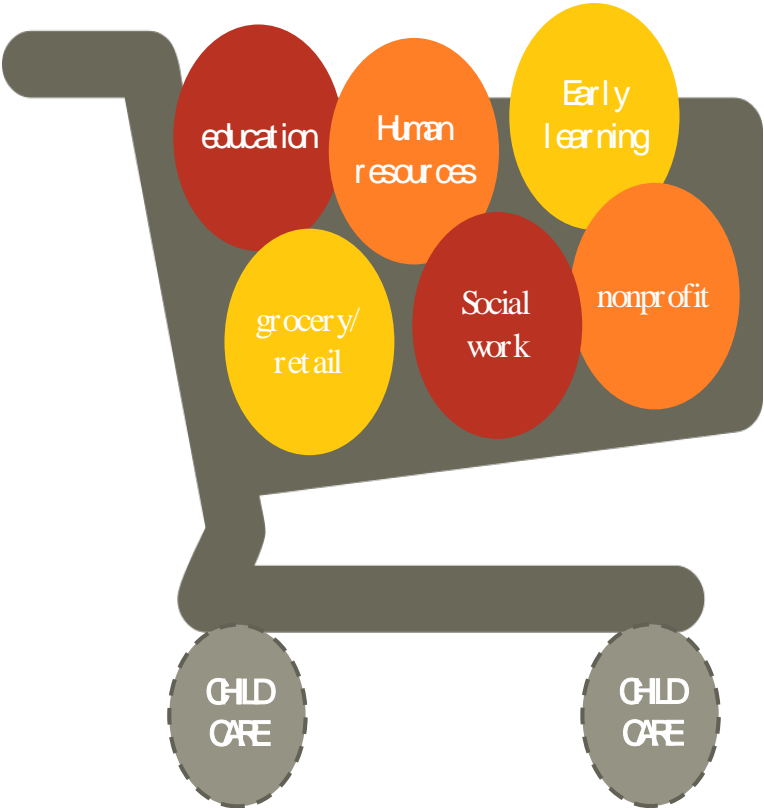
of brain
development
occurs by age 5

Source: [Harvard University](#) Center on the Developing Child

Child Care Keeps Our Economy Moving

Especially for women, who are essential to our workforce

WOMEN
make up the vast majority of many essential industries



75% of women changed jobs as a result of breakdowns in child care *before* COVID-19.

Thank You to Our Early Learning and Care Workforce!

- Approximately **5,000 people** work in the early learning and care sector in San Mateo County
 - Projected **need for 2,500 more** by 2025 to meet demand



Impact of COVID-19 on the Early Learning and Care Sector

- Approximately **62%** of our 935 licensed programs are **open** and they are facing:
 - Increased costs
 - Decreased enrollment
- **46** programs have **permanently closed** since last March
- In a recent survey, **38%** of providers reported that they have **1 month or less of cash** on hand



Thank You to the County for investing in Early Learning and Care



**THE BIG
LIFT**

 **Build Up**
for SMC's Children

**NO CHILD CARE.
NO RECOVERY.**

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
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