

The road to equity is paved with more than good intentions: Building an effective early childhood system



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ABSTRACT

Effective early childhood systems “support an integrated continuum of policies, services and programs across early learning, early intervention, health and family support so that children and families can thrive.” The continuum promotes comprehensive services and coordinated service delivery to meet the needs of all expectant families and families with young children. Such systems are often touted, but rarely achieved and taken to scale. The current pandemic and heightened global focus on systems thinking and early childhood development provide an unprecedented opportunity to change expectations for early childhood systems and to use policies, programs, and an equity lens to improve outcomes in early childhood.

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