

## Harvard Center for the Developing Child “One Science”

- ❑ Clear, convincing, hard science about the importance of prenatal to five as a critical development period in human development
- ❑ Neurological infrastructure, interpersonal potential, and physical health are shaped during this one early period of development.
- ❑ Developmental period is true for all children in all cultures
- ❑ “One Science” applies to all professionals – health care providers, social services providers and educators
- ❑ This one period sets the potential for children’s academic skills, graduation from high school, lifelong healthy adjustment, economic independence as adult, and adult health

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- ❑ During this one period, if a child has positive interaction with attentive care givers, his/her development will be healthy.
- ❑ During this one period, if the child is exposed to adverse childhood experiences (ACES), his/her development will not be healthy development. In fact, the more ACES the child is exposed to, the worse the prognosis of a child’s healthy development.
- ❑ “One Science” is clear that to produce healthy development and mitigate the impact of ACES, children need simply exposure to a caring, attentive caregiver.