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## Advancing Early Childhood Development: From Science to Scale

This October, *The Lancet* will release a new series: **Advancing Early Childhood Development: From Science to Scale**. The series reviews the latest evidence on child development and interventions; analyses what has been accomplished through investments in early childhood development; and looks at how successful programs can be scaled up to reach and support more families.

The launch of the Series takes place on **Wednesday 5th October 2016** in Washington DC, leading into to the World Bank Group's Human Capital Summit – *Investing in the Early Years for Growth and Productivity*, at their annual meeting of Finance Ministers.

There will be a live webcast of the event from 2:00 – 4:00 pm EDT.

If you are interested in more information about the Series launch event, including access information for the live webcast, please contact [LancetECD@gmmb.com](mailto:LancetECD@gmmb.com)



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**Millions of young children worldwide do not have safe and healthy lives with access to learning opportunities that build their skills.**

An estimated one in three children is at risk of not receiving the foundation they need to develop to their full potential.

The first 1000 days are a critical time for physical, mental and emotional development. While poverty, nutritional deficiencies, high stress environments, and low quality resources all affect the ability of a child's brain to develop, there are low-cost services and interventions to combat these adversities that can now be taken to scale. Ongoing commitment to early childhood development is essential to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and building stronger, healthier individuals and societies.

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The new series brings together a multi-disciplinary, global team of 47 authors from 22 premier institutions:

### Series Papers:

- Black et al *Early Childhood Development Coming of Age: Science Through the Life-Course.*
- Britto et al *Nurturing Care: Science and Effective Interventions to Promote Early Childhood Development.*
- Richter et al *Investing in the Foundation of Sustainable Development: Pathways to Scale for Early Childhood Development.*

### Additional Contents:

- Call to Action by Daelmans et al *Early Childhood Development: The Foundation of Sustainable Development.*
- Commentary by Shawar and Shifman *Generating Global Political Priority for Early Childhood Development: The Challenges of Framing and Governance.*
- Commentaries by *The Lancet*, Mrs. Graca Machel and a joint commentary by the President of the World Bank Group, Director General of WHO and Executive Director of UNICEF.

These papers, along with a recording of the launch event, will be made available on *The Lancet's* website.



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