

2. Develop a Birth-3 Program

“A child’s brain develops faster from birth-to-age-three than at any later period in life, building the foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health.”(BUILD, 2020)



Reference: BUILD (2020). National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers. <https://www.thencit.org/make-the-case>

1 Para Educator Position & 1 Teacher Stipend

Rationale:

- Better Lifelong learning outcomes for infants
- Break the “cycle”
- Retention of teen parents and teachers
- Promoting parent-baby bonds
(breastfeeding, skin-to-skin, check-ins)

***Important Clarification:** This program is to support teen parents. It is not meant to encourage sexual behavior and/or conception. We already have teen pregnancy in the valley. *Addressing this issue will increase teen-parent academic success, infant success, and wellness for both mother and baby.*