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T. Berry Brazelton, M.D. and Stanley I. Greenspan, M.D., *The Irreducible Needs of Children*

For all children

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Helping families spend generous amounts of time together...

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Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

We all know that the most important things are not toys or fancy clothes or expensive vacations. What matters are relationships and nurture and time together. These are the factors that shape children for life, the factors shaping the future for all of us. As the renowned and inspiring [Drs. T. Berry Brazelton and Stanley I. Greenspan wrote](#):

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[Family and Home Network](#) works toward the goal of protecting the future for all children by offering affirmation, information and advocacy to all parents. We are guided by the science of human development and by the voices of parents themselves. In addition to reaching out to parents, we speak to the public, to media representatives and policymakers.

We want government policies to support "care of children" including but not limited to child care. We want inclusive family policies, so care provided by parents themselves is equitably supported. Unfortunately, as the [New York Times reported on December 16](#), private equity firms are investing in child care corporations and they're putting millions of dollars into lobbying, seeking government support for child care services. I responded quickly to the article, [submitting an online comment](#), and pointing out that the preferences of parents themselves are being ignored. Families are diverse, and most **do not want child care services** for their young children. We do not have millions of dollars to spend on lobbyists. Nevertheless, we persist in speaking up!

Our grassroots organization is approaching its 40th year! Please see our [Timeline](#) for highlights of our work through the decades. We'd love to have you join us and hope you will support us with a generous year-end donation.

Our work is only possible thanks to volunteers and **individual donors who recognize the importance of parent-child time together and the need to support parents as they spend generous amounts of time with their children.**

If you can help us continue our work with an end-of-year donation, we would be very grateful.

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[Members of our Board of Directors](#) and I send all our best wishes to you for a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season!

Cathy Myers

P.S. I'd love to hear from you: cmyers@familyandhome.org

Affirmation and Information for parents

For parents who are leaving or cutting back on paid work in order to care for their children, I look forward to offering January/February sessions of our free six-week workshop: **Transitioning Home**. Whether you are home by choice or by circumstance, for a few months or for years, we'd love to have you join us. Up to twelve participants can enroll in each workshop session; we'll meet once a week via Zoom for discussions.

Have you stepped out of the paid workforce to care for children?
Join our free workshops!
Discussion - reflection - learning



Transitioning Home workshop topics include:

- Expectations, personal identity and the potential for personal growth;
- The needs of infants and the critical importance of intimate, two-way mother-infant and father-infant relationships;
- Myths and realities of a home-based life, thinking about personal values;
- Resources on sequencing (someday returning to paid employment);
- Financial considerations, sharing/dividing tasks and roles with a spouse or partner;
- Family, community, cultural and societal influences;
- Public policies and advocacy: inclusiveness, equality, freedom.

Between meetings, there are essays to read, reflection/writing opportunities, and both individual and group exercises.

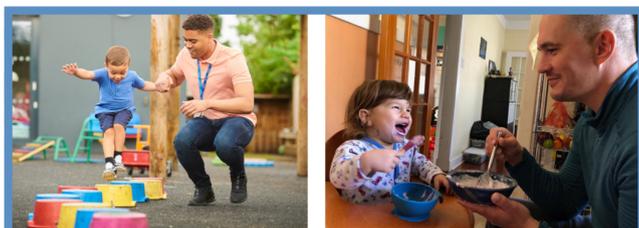
Workshop days and times will be announced in January. For priority registration, join [Family and Home Community](#) now!

For the New Year: New Features in Family and Home Community

Join us online in Family and Home Community

Our online community host (Mighty Networks) installed big software changes—we love the new ways of tagging content and organizing "Spaces," and we think you will love it, too. If you haven't checked in for a while, we'd love to see you. If you haven't yet joined us there, please do! It's free! More engagement by members will enrich the experience for us all. Introduce yourself, post a thought, a question, a resource...anything at all. And don't worry about doing things "right"—we'll be figuring this out together. You can find and follow your favorite topics, create a special interest group, or just chat with other parents. **Spend some time playing with us, make new friends, and discover what we can do together!**

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