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The Positive Impact of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL): Supporting Young Children in Preschool & School Readiness Programs - April 2018

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Introductory Article:

SEL Interventions in Early Childhood

McClelland, M. M., Tominey, S. L., Schmitt, S. A., & Duncan, R. (2017). SEL Interventions in Early Childhood. *Future Of Children*, 27(1), 33.

The authors of this article examine the theory and science behind early childhood social and emotional learning (SEL) interventions. Reviewing evaluation results, they find that several interventions are promising, though we need to know more about how and why their results vary for different groups of children.

Three strategies appear to make interventions more successful, according to the authors. First, many effective SEL interventions include training or professional development for early childhood teachers; some also emphasize building teachers' own SEL skills. Second, effective interventions embed direct instruction and practice of targeted skills into daily activities, giving children repeated opportunities to practice SEL skills in different contexts; it's best if these activities grow more complex over time. Third, effective interventions engage children's families, so that kids have a chance to work on their SEL skills both at school and at home. Family components may include teaching adults how to help children build SEL skills or teaching adults themselves how to practice and model such skills.

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A Mixed-Method Examination of Preschool Teacher Beliefs About Social-Emotional Learning and Relations to Observed Emotional Support

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