



WHAT IS BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS?

Touchpoints is a practical approach for building strong family-child relationships from before birth through the earliest years, laying the vital foundation for children's early learning and healthy development.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Brazelton Touchpoints Center collaborates with providers, organizations, institutions, systems of care, and communities who understand that to improve outcomes for children, they must engage more effectively with families. To reach as many families and other caregivers as possible, we work with health and education providers who partner with families during children's most formative years.

Brazelton Touchpoints Center served from 2010-2015 as lead agency of the National Center for Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (NCPFCE) for the Office of Head Start. In 2015, the Center was again chosen to serve as lead agency for NCPFCE for the new National Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System. NCPFCE supports family well-being, effective family and community engagement, and children's school readiness, including transitions to kindergarten.

Other examples of our partnerships have included: Educare Learning Network, Harlem Children's Zone, California Resource and Referral Network, Colorado Department of Education (Quality Improvement Program), Utah State University (Utah Early Education Quality Improvement Program), Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, Houston Children's Museum, California Library Association, American Indian College Fund, and Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

BY THE NUMBERS

Since 1996, our work has reached over:

13 million children
1.5 million families
50,000 providers
1,000 community-based Touchpoints trainers
50 states and the District of Columbia
20 Tribal communities
5 continents

We have delivered professional and organizational development, training, and technical assistance to more than:

175 child care centers and family child care programs
160 Head Start/Early Head Start centers or programs
100 health care settings
23 institutions of higher education in health care or early education
In-home services in **19** states and **6** Tribal communities

AT A GLANCE

Founded:

1996 by T. Berry Brazelton, MD, and colleagues

Mission:

We partner with families of young children and the communities and systems of care that surround them so that all children—whatever their life circumstances, challenges, and resources may be—will be healthy, succeed as early learners, and have the opportunity to thrive.

Vision:

The vision of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center is that all children grow up to be adults who can cope with adversity, strengthen their communities, constructively participate in civic life, steward our planet's resources, and nurture the next generation to be prepared to do the same.

Type of Organization:

Brazelton Touchpoints Center (BTC) is a department within the Division of Developmental Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital, a Harvard Medical School teaching hospital. BTC is also home to the Office of Head Start and Office of Child Care National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement.

Brazelton Touchpoints Foundation is the current DBA name of the Brazelton Touchpoints Project, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization registered in Massachusetts. The Brazelton Touchpoints Foundation was incorporated to raise and receive philanthropic resources to support the work of Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and the Brazelton Touchpoints Center.

Staff:

40 professional and support staff

Our work has been supported by:

The Buffett Early Childhood Fund, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, A.L. Mailman Family Foundation, Irving Harris Foundation, Robin Hood Foundation, Amon G. Carter Foundation, Office of Head Start, Office of Child Care, and United Way



BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS IS EVIDENCE-BASED

The Brazelton Touchpoints approach has undergone over a decade of extensive and in-depth evaluation of its effectiveness, applicability, and validity with a range of participants and organizations, and across providers from a number of different disciplines. Brazelton Touchpoints is recognized by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as an evidence-based practice among their grantees.

IMPACT

Our work has had a demonstrated impact on:

- Improved measurable developmental outcomes (e.g., social/emotional and cognitive development)
- Strengthened parent-child bond leading to higher scores on measures of attachment (linked to later learning and educational performance)
- Improved parent-provider partnerships in service of children's health and early learning
- Increased parent/family engagement in their child's healthy development and early learning
- Reduced levels of parenting/caregiver stress
- Increased parenting competence and confidence
- Decreased risk of child abuse and neglect
- Lowered incidences of parental depression
- Increased incidence and duration of breastfeeding
- Increased well-child care treatment adherence and childhood immunization rates
- Reduced use of emergency room for routine health care
- Increased parent/caregiver literacy activities with children
- Increased parent/caregiver ability to recognize normative regressions and manage behaviors that require referrals for assessment for additional services
- Increased timely follow through on referrals for early intervention services
- Improved quality of early education programs
- Improved collaboration and coordination of services across disciplines and organizations
- Sustained organization-wide changes

WHAT WE OFFER

We collaborate with partners nationwide to establish **scalable and sustainable, low-cost, low-tech interventions** that propel children's healthy development and strengthen the collaborative relationships among families, parents, caregivers, providers, and communities.

Sectors:

- Health and mental health
- Public health (home visiting, child welfare, community mental health, early intervention, and other social services)
- Early care and education
- Children's museums and libraries
- Cross-sector community-based initiatives

Our focus is:

- Professional and Organizational Development
- Leadership Development
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Research and Evaluation
- Knowledge Generation and Dissemination

Our offerings include:

- Professional Development Programs and Workshops
- Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) Training Program
- Parent, Family and Community Engagement Tools and Resources
- Mental Health Consultation Tools and Resources for Child Care Programs
- Speaker's Bureau
- Brazelton Learning Network Membership Program

For more information, visit:
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