



An Invitation to Explore the Future of Childhood

Join us in the Decade for Childhood—a multi-year initiative to explore what is eroding childhood and to create new opportunities for childhood’s future, our human future. During the Decade, we will seek to answer questions such as these:

- What is our view of the human experience and how does that affect our view of childhood?
- How have changes in child-rearing practices and societal expectations affected the overall well-being of children?
- How does poverty, neglect, and abuse impact the healthy development of children?
- How does the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child serve to protect the best interests of children?
- What supports children—and ultimately all of us—in creating strong relationships, a healthy environment, and opportunities for lifelong growth and learning? How do we make these an integral part of every child’s life?

The Decade for Childhood provides a platform for a global conversation about childhood and the exchange of ideas and experiences, the dissemination of knowledge, and the consideration of best policies and practices. Through collaboration and partnerships at local, regional, national, and international levels, we will extend our work, especially when enriched by insights across multiple sectors, including education, health, ecology, recreation, sociology, and psychology.

**The Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) and
the Alliance for Childhood are leading this initiative.**

**We invite you to join us to help all children realize
their full potential and to offer a promise for childhood’s future.**

**See the back of this page for the Ten Pillars of a Good Childhood,
a guide to support children’s healthy development, love of learning, and joy in living.**

**Every child in every nation deserves a childhood
full of hope, joy, freedom, and promise for the future.**

For more information, please visit www.acei.org/decadeforchildhood

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THE TEN PILLARS OF A GOOD CHILDHOOD

1. Safe and secure places for living and learning, with access to health care, clothing, and nutritious food
2. Strong families and loving, consistent caregivers
3. Social interactions and friendships
4. Creative play and physical activity
5. Appreciation and stewardship of the natural environment
6. Creative expression through music, dance, drama, and the other arts
7. Education that develops the full capacities of the child—cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and ethical
8. Supportive, nurturing, child-friendly communities
9. Growing independence and decision making
10. Children and youth participating in community life.



Decade for Childhood 2012-2022,
a 10-year initiative that provides opportunities for individuals and organizations
to disseminate knowledge, consider best policies and practices,
and support a global conversation about childhood. See other side for more information.

A Joint Initiative from the Association for Childhood Education International
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