



# Erikson Institute

HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE  
AGAINST THE ODDS

We need your support for  
our most precious resource.

**The first 1,100 days of life set the stage for a child's long-term physical and emotional health, socioeconomic trajectory, life expectancy, happiness and wellbeing.**

Today, our youngest children bear the brunt of intertwined crises—Coronavirus; chronic disinvestment in equitable education, housing, and healthcare; and systemic racism. By October 2020, children will have spent over 200 days enduring a pandemic. For three year olds, that's one-fifth of their lives in the most chaotic and disruptive period in our nation's recent history.

They must develop the resiliency to survive and ultimately thrive against all the odds. Your support for Erikson Institute, the premier academic institution dedicated to early childhood, will help us train the heroes in young children's lives—teachers, social workers, civic leaders, parents and caregivers—to get them safely through this crisis so they can soar into promising futures.

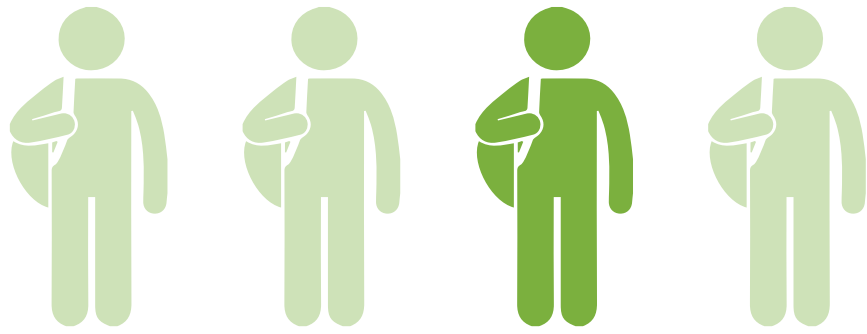
ERIKSON'S GROUNDBREAKING APPROACH  
CHANGES LIVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Erikson's work improves the lives of young children, lifting up families and the communities where they live.



Only 1 in 4  
Illinois children  
arrives at  
kindergarten  
ready to learn

Source: Illinois State Board of  
Education "Readiness Matters"  
Report, 2018



ERIKSON'S MISSION IS TO CHANGE THIS STATISTIC.  
Our work is rooted in helping **all** children arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.



**At the forefront of early teaching and learning, Erikson is dedicated to ensuring our youngest children reach their full potential.**

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**TRANSFORMING THE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
WORKFORCE**



2

**DELIVERING THE  
SUPPORT CHILDREN  
AND FAMILIES NEED**



3

**ENSURING ALL CHILDREN  
RECEIVE EQUITABLE  
OPPORTUNITIES**



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**THE TIME IS NOW TO  
SUPPORT CHILDREN,  
FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES**

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