



The Center for Social and Emotional Learning at Children's Institute enables adults, who work with children of all ages, to embrace and implement social and emotional learning as a core concept of their work.

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What We Do

Programs and Services

- Customized training, professional development, and capacity building
- Tools and materials to support SEL implementation

Research and Evaluation

- Support on how to collect and make meaning out of data to promote improved practice
- Original research on SEL programs, practices, and initiatives

Systems Change

- Collaboration and leadership on initiatives related to the role of SEL in improving children's lives
- Increase knowledge of SEL as a core component of care and education

Who We Work With

In order to transform the system of care and education, we work across settings, including:

- PK-12 educational settings
- Early education and care sites
- Afterschool, expanded learning, and summer learning programs
- Higher education
- Families

What We Believe

- All children need social and emotional skills to succeed in life
- All adults should intentionally and explicitly teach children social and emotional skills
- Children with strong social and emotional skills will become contributing adults who make our world a better place
- Young people are resilient and it is imperative to identify and foster their core strengths
- Engaging in SEL will improve job satisfaction of those who work with children