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*Partners in preparing teachers of young children*

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**Harlem Children's  
Z O N E**

## *A Promising Social Experiment*

A social experiment is underway in Harlem Children's Zone. After years of sponsoring programs for children and youth whose lives were negatively impacted by poverty and seeing limited or short-lived results, Geoffrey Canada decided to change the approach. Rather than offering discrete programs to change certain aspects of poverty, he launched a series of integrated interventions referred to as a "Conveyer Belt," which addresses the whole family from prenatal classes to middle school success. For more of this story, click [here](#).

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## *Tips from Essentials*

### *Be Spontaneous!*

Don't wait until 10:15 on Wednesday to sing "Eentsy Weentsy Spider." If it is raining, sing! If a child brings in some maracas sent by a relative in Mexico, don't put off playing them until music time. Or if a child brings in a tape or CD — put it on and dance!

What is the best part about music with children? They love it. And they could care less whether you can carry a tune, or play an instrument, or read music, or even keep time with the beat. Just enjoy yourselves.

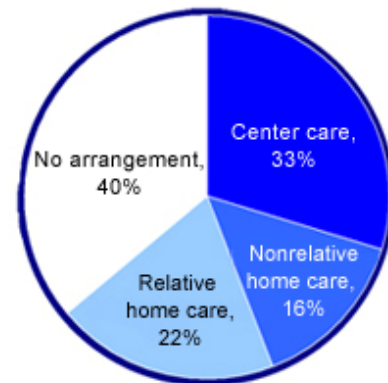
From *Essentials for Child Development Associates Working with Young Children*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, p. 327.

## *Advocacy Links*

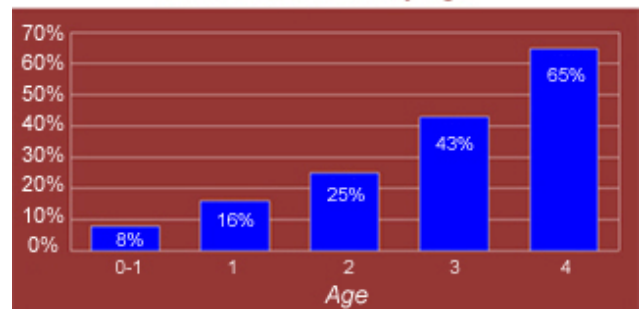
Each issue of CouncilLINK features an advocacy resource for information and tools that can help us improve our effectiveness in convincing the public and policymakers about the importance of supporting educational services for children and families. This month's link is to ZERO TO THREE.

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## Child Care Arrangements for U.S. Children



### Center enrollment by age



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