



25%
of our local children
are socially and
emotionally
ready when they
start kindergarten



MONTEREY COUNTY
CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

**BRIGHT
BEGINNINGS**
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

DID YOU KNOW?

Social-emotional development refers to a child's self-awareness, self-regulation, ability to cooperate and take responsibility, empathy, initiative in learning, and capability of forming close relationships. A child learns and models these skills from positive interactions with parents and caregivers.

Strong social-emotional development is a predictor of later academic, social, and emotional success.

Children who are socially and emotionally ready for kindergarten are less likely to repeat a grade.

Visit www.brightbeginningsmc.org for sources.

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with Bright Beginnings

VOLUNTEER



to host an all ages game night
with your friends and family

DONATE



resources to a local
parenting group or playgroup

ADVOCATE



for presentations at your business
about the importance of early
childhood development

Bright Beginnings is an initiative of Monterey County Children's Council. The vision of both Bright Beginnings and the Monterey County Children's Council is that all children in Monterey County live in safe, nurturing homes and communities; they are healthy, valued, succeed in school and realize their full potential. For more information please visit our website: www.brightbeginningsmc.org. Bright Beginnings also works in partnership with the Bright Futures Cradle to Career Initiative to address early childhood development.

