

Welcome to *The Science of Early Child Development*, 2nd Edition

Each of the five modules in this resource contains the following sections:




The **Overview** section starts each module and provides background information about the main ideas and terms used in that module. This is the section where you will find concept definitions and examples to give you a clear understanding of the main topic area of the module.

This **Research** section is next. This provides a variety of research examples that relate to the module topic. The research examples are a sampling of what experts in the field are currently working on. You will be able to hear from the experts themselves, read reports that discuss their findings, and get in-depth information through a variety of media.

The third section, **Links to Practice**, is where the concepts and research findings are applied. You will have a chance to consider how to link the ideas and concepts in this module to what happens in “the real world”. By watching and reading about examples of positive practices, programs and policies, you should come away with ideas about how to support healthy development for children, families and communities.

Throughout each of these sections you will find a variety of learning opportunities. Interspersed through the text on each webpage you will find **readings**, such as articles, reports and examples; **videos** of experts, interactions between children and adults, and examples of child and family programs; **websites** to explore; **questions** for reflection and discussion; interactive **games** to review concepts and ideas; **slideshows** to review highlights of information. And, of course, each module ends with a list of the references cited in the resource.

Accessing the content:

To see the information in any of the five modules you just **click on the module title** on the homepage. To **navigate** through the resource you can use the page forward  and page back  icons at the top of each page. You can also click on the **Table of Contents**  icon to see all the sections and subsections and click on the page you would like to see.

At the end of each table of contents, you will see a link to video transcripts, which contains transcripts of all of the videos in the resource.

Enjoy exploring the material!