

## CHILD TRENDS OFFERS NEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Child Trends' website now offers a "Guide to Effective Programs for Children and Youth" that presents information on programs found to "work" to enhance children's development in a user-friendly format for policy makers, program designers, and funders. The guide is based on the concept that child development is a cumulative process that begins before birth and continues into young adulthood. The guide works from a "life course" model that visually shows that varied program approaches can contribute to children's development, that different approaches are appropriate at different ages, and that developmental inputs build on one another over time, as a child grows. The model also illustrates that development unfolds over time and benefits from investment at all ages. Thus, there is no one "critical stage" where development is set.

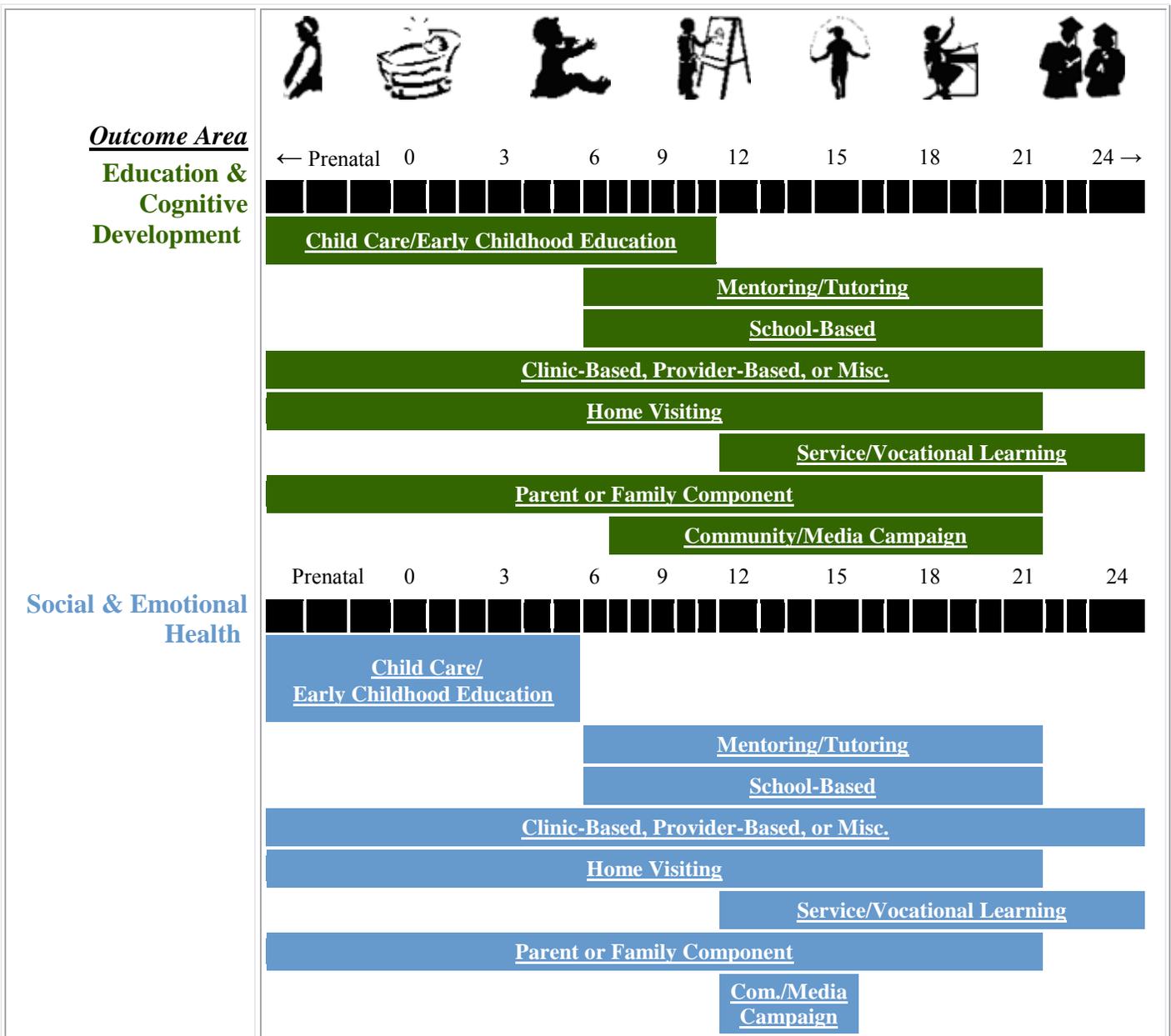
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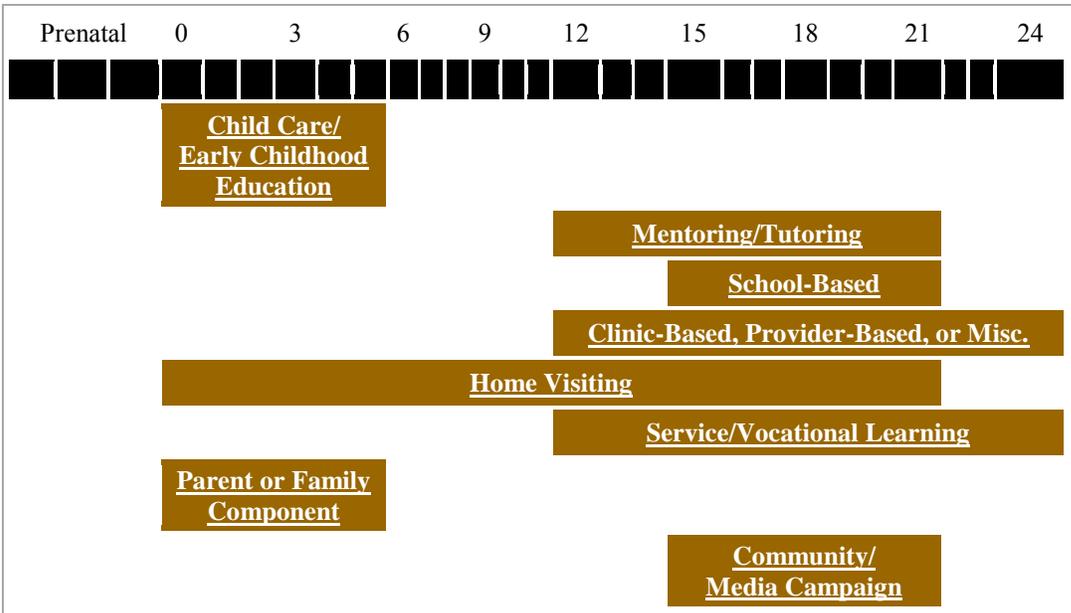


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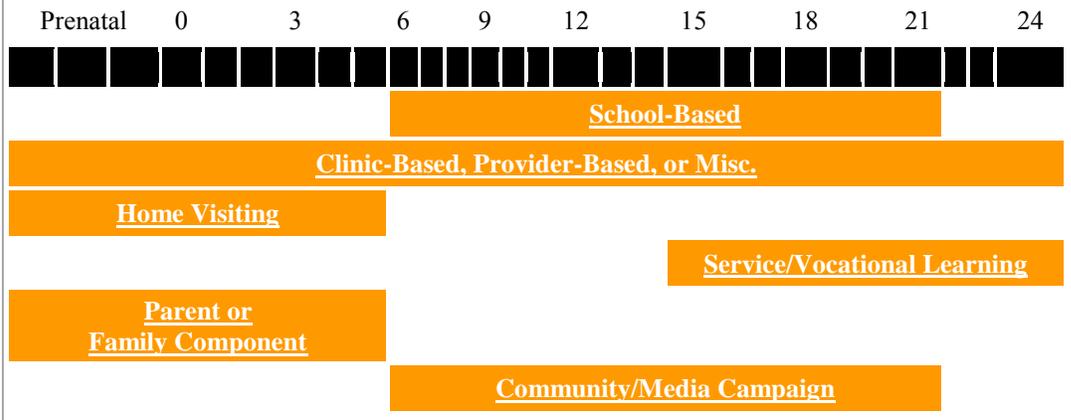
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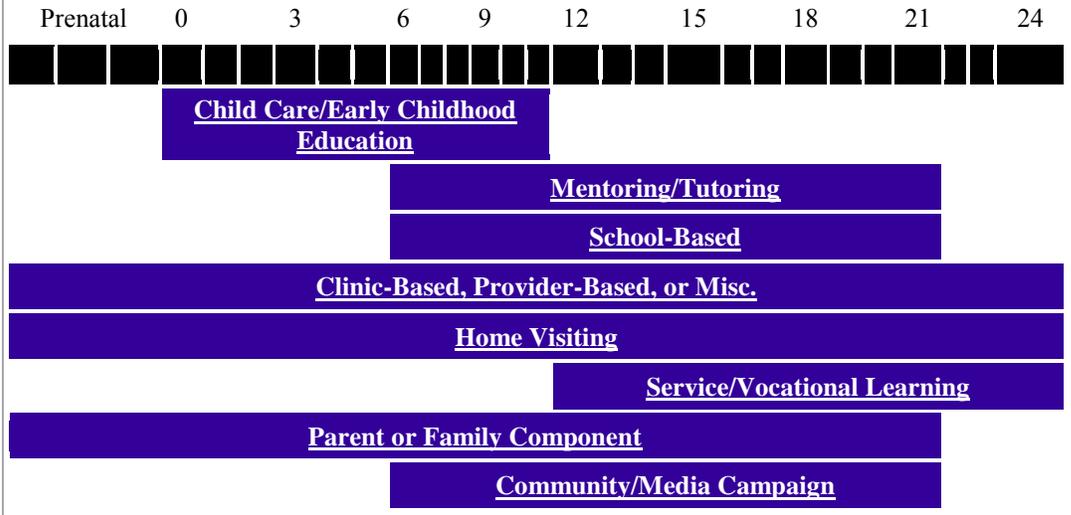
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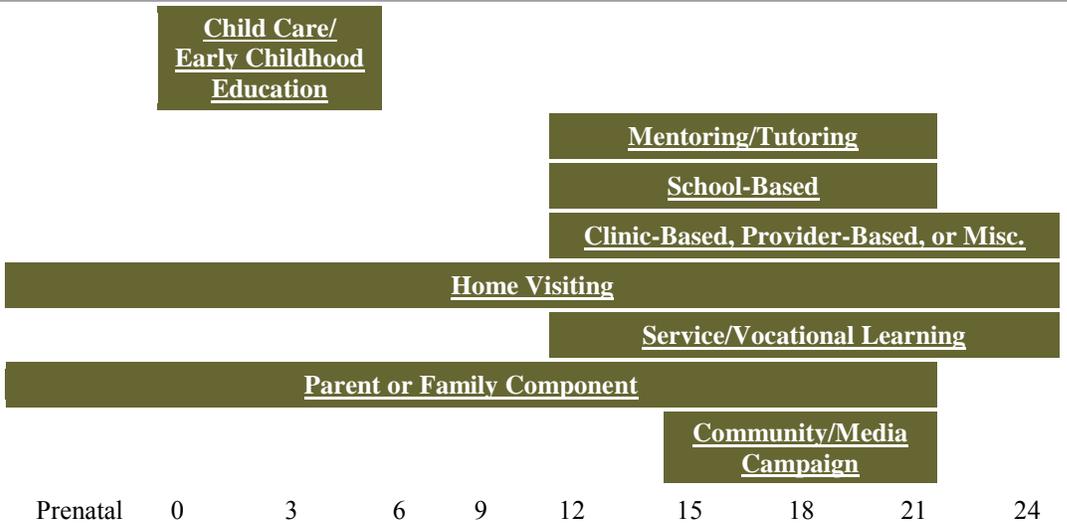
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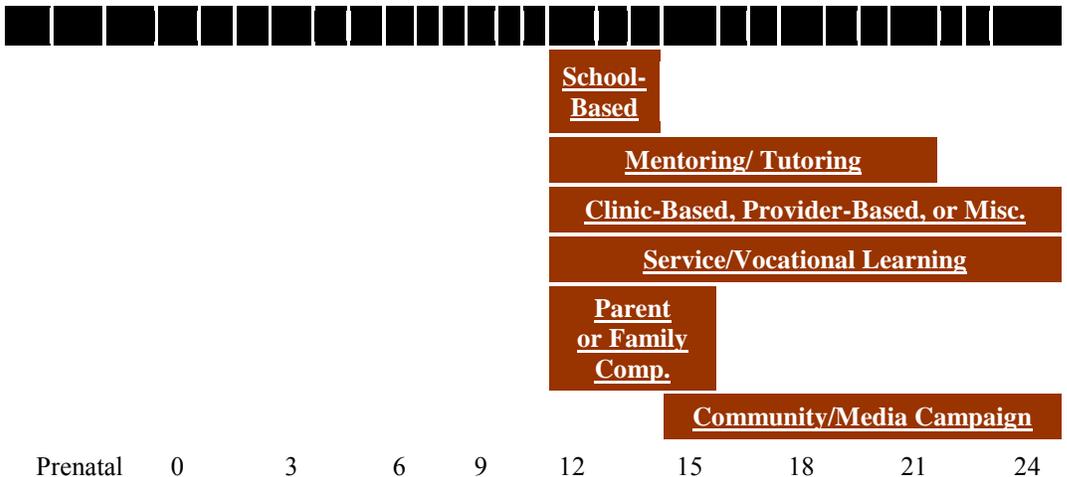
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