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### Title

*Early Childhood Care and Education: from the Perspective of Professional Caregiver*

### Abstract

Many scholars and psychologists state early childhood care and education has far-reaching implications on child growth. To lay a good foundation of a child's future learning and development, caregiver plays an important role.

There are many researches indicate that from infant to three-year-old is the fastest learning stage in human life, and there is special learning needs and patterns in this stage of childhood. To address a child's learning needs, caregivers should be equipped with adequate knowledge and skills.

And, a professional caregiver can observe and understand infant's signals. By addressing infant's needs, caregiver can establish a good attachment relationship with the infant. It can let the infant build up confidence with other people, and explore the environment around them in future.

Nowadays, however, the caring of infant to three-year-old child is typically responsible by their parents, grandparents, domestic helpers, baby sitters and even relatives. There are questions that the parents whether can understand their child's development needs? Is there any related support to the parents? In fact, the utilization rate of professional child care service have reached the peak in Hong Kong, yet there are many parents can't receive sufficient supports on their child.

How the professional child care services play its role in today's child growth and development?