WHAT IS BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS?
Touchpoints is a practical approach for building strong family-child relationships from before birth through the earliest years, laying the vital foundation for children’s early learning and healthy development.

PARTNERSHIPS
The Brazelton Touchpoints Center collaborates with providers, organizations, institutions, systems of care, and communities who understand that to improve outcomes for children, they must engage more effectively with families. To reach as many families and other caregivers as possible, we work with health and education providers who partner with families during children’s most formative years.

Brazelton Touchpoints Center served from 2010-2015 as lead agency of the National Center for Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (NCPFCE) for the Office of Head Start. In 2015, the Center was again chosen to serve as lead agency for NCPFCE for the new National Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System. NCPFCE supports family well-being, effective family and community engagement, and children’s school readiness, including transitions to kindergarten.

Other examples of our partnerships have included: Educare Learning Network, Harlem Children’s Zone, California Resource and Referral Network, Colorado Department of Education (Quality Improvement Program), Utah State University (Utah Early Education Quality Improvement Program), Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County, Houston Children’s Museum, California Library Association, American Indian College Fund, and Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

AT A GLANCE
Founded: 1996 by T. Berry Brazelton, MD, and colleagues
Mission: We partner with families of young children and the communities and systems of care that surround them so that all children—whatever their life circumstances, challenges, and resources may be—will be healthy, succeed as early learners, and have the opportunity to thrive.
Vision: The vision of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center is that all children grow up to be adults who can cope with adversity, strengthen their communities, constructively participate in civic life, steward our planet's resources, and nurture the next generation to be prepared to do the same.
Type of Organization: Brazelton Touchpoints Center (BTC) is a department within the Division of Developmental Medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital, a Harvard Medical School teaching hospital. BTC is also home to the Office of Head Start and Office of Child Care National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement.

Brazelton Touchpoints Foundation is the current DBA name of the Brazelton Touchpoints Project, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization registered in Massachusetts. The Brazelton Touchpoints Foundation was incorporated to raise and receive philanthropic resources to support the work of Dr. T. Berry Brazelton and the Brazelton Touchpoints Center.

Staff: 40 professional and support staff

Our work has been supported by:

BY THE NUMBERS
Since 1996, our work has reached over:

- 13 million children
- 1.5 million families
- 50,000 providers
- 1,000 community-based Touchpoints trainers
- 50 states and the District of Columbia
- 20 Tribal communities
- 5 continents

We have delivered professional and organizational development, training, and technical assistance to more than:

- 175 child care centers and family child care programs
- 160 Head Start/Early Head Start centers or programs
- 100 health care settings
- 23 institutions of higher education in health care or early education
- In-home services in 19 states and 6 Tribal communities
BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS IS EVIDENCE-BASED
The Brazelton Touchpoints approach has undergone over a decade of extensive and in-depth evaluation of its effectiveness, applicability, and validity with a range of participants and organizations, and across providers from a number of different disciplines. Brazelton Touchpoints is recognized by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as an evidence-based practice among their grantees.

IMPACT
Our work has had a demonstrated impact on:
Improved measurable developmental outcomes (e.g., social/emotional and cognitive development)
Strengthened parent-child bond leading to higher scores on measures of attachment (linked to later learning and educational performance)
Improved parent-provider partnerships in service of children’s health and early learning
Increased parent/family engagement in their child’s healthy development and early learning
Reduced levels of parenting/caregiver stress
Increased parenting competence and confidence
Decreased risk of child abuse and neglect
Lowered incidences of parental depression
Increased incidence and duration of breastfeeding
Increased well-child care treatment adherence and childhood immunization rates
Reduced use of emergency room for routine health care
Increased parent/caregiver literacy activities with children
Increased parent/caregiver ability to recognize normative regressions and manage behaviors that require referrals for assessment for additional services
Increased timely follow through on referrals for early intervention services
Improved quality of early education programs
Improved collaboration and coordination of services across disciplines and organizations
Sustained organization-wide changes

WHAT WE OFFER
We collaborate with partners nationwide to establish scalable and sustainable, low-cost, low-tech interventions that propel children’s healthy development and strengthen the collaborative relationships among families, parents, caregivers, providers, and communities.

Sectors:
Health and mental health
Public health (home visiting, child welfare, community mental health, early intervention, and other social services)
Early care and education
Children’s museums and libraries
Cross-sector community-based initiatives

Our focus is:
Professional and Organizational Development
Leadership Development
Training and Technical Assistance
Research and Evaluation
Knowledge Generation and Dissemination

Our offerings include:
Professional Development Programs and Workshops
Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) Training Program
Parent, Family and Community Engagement Tools and Resources
Mental Health Consultation Tools and Resources for Child Care Programs
Speaker’s Bureau
Brazelton Learning Network Membership Program

For more information, visit:
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