



The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

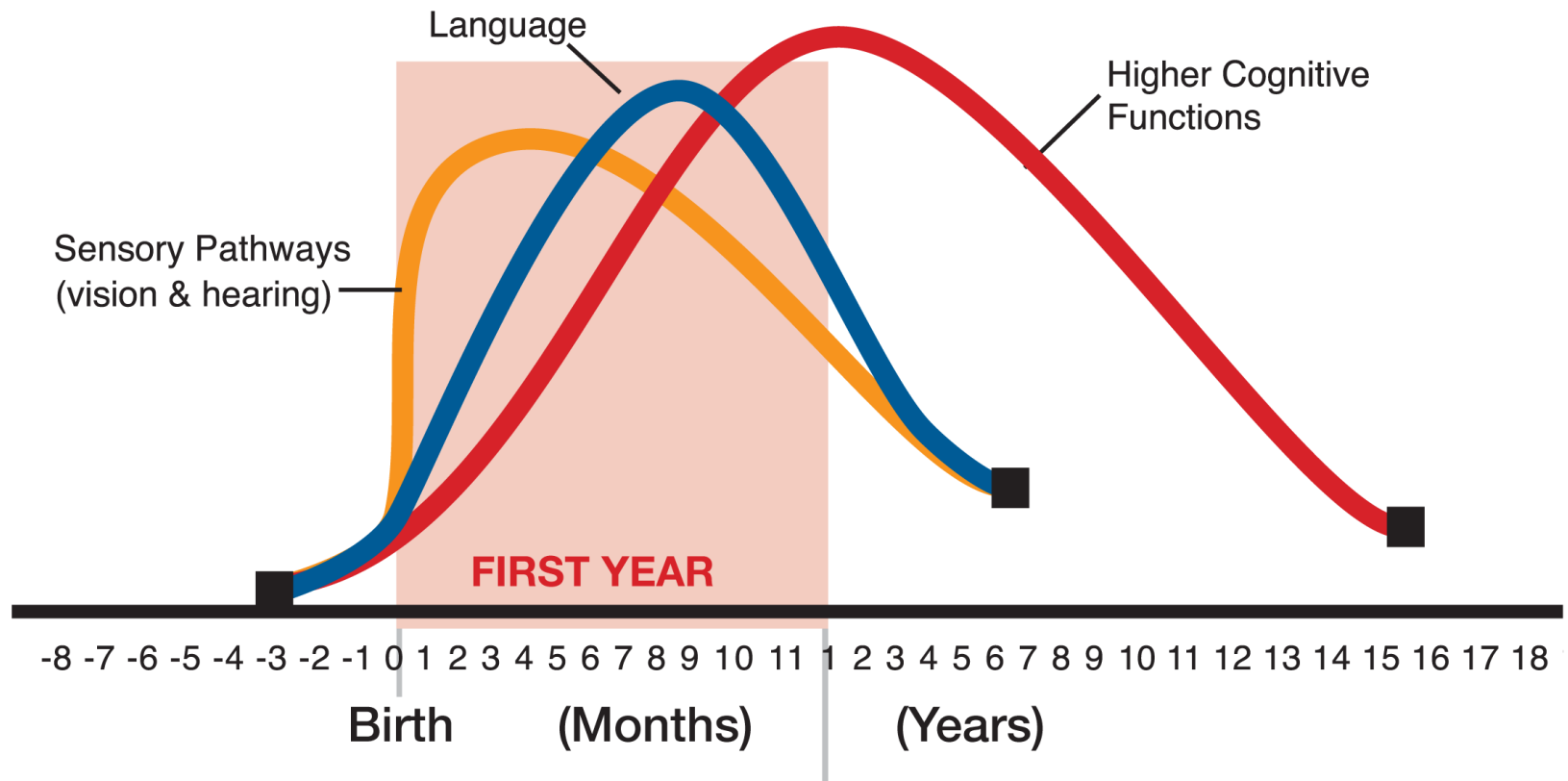
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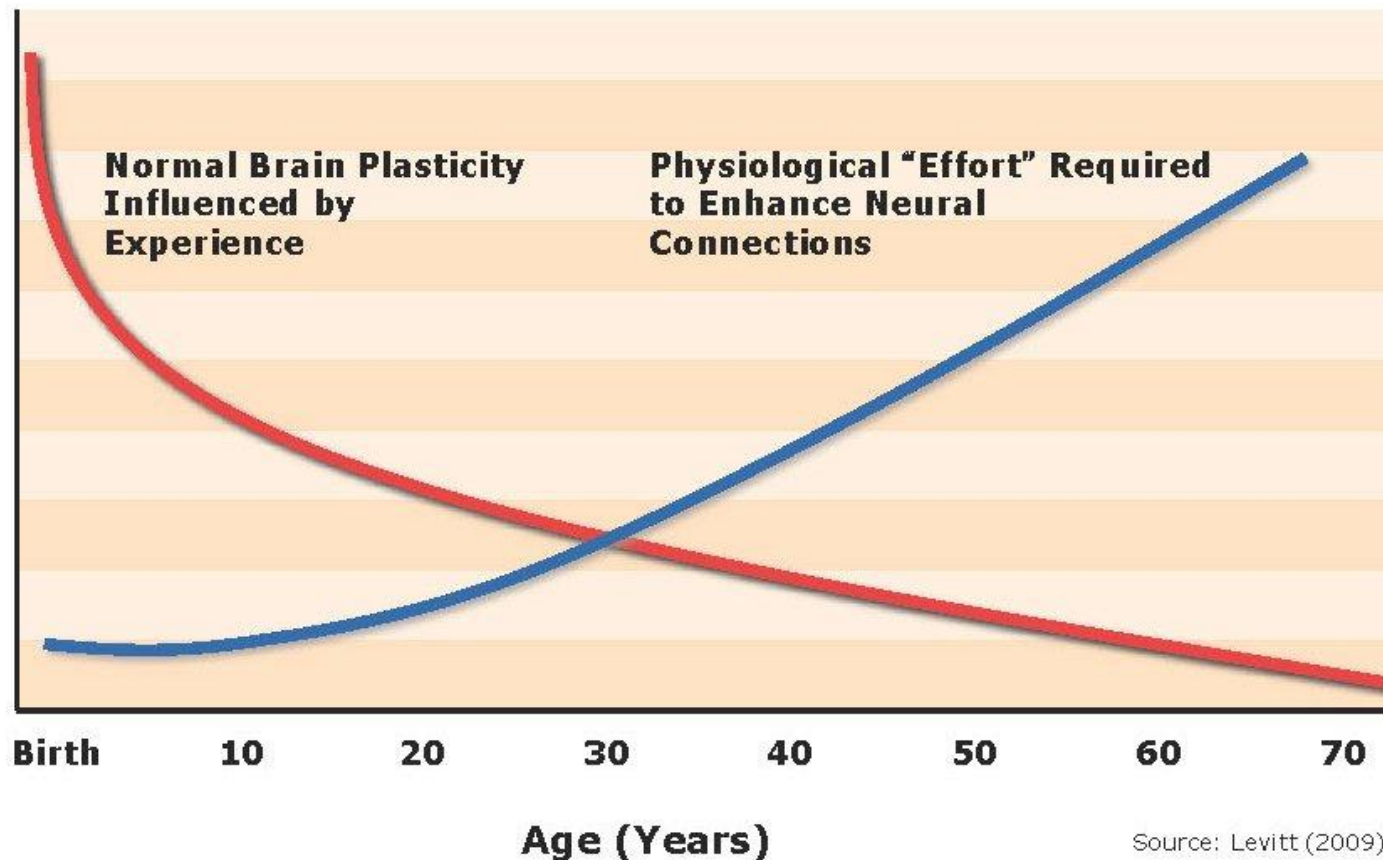
Brains Develop Early

700 Synapses Formed per Second in the Early Years

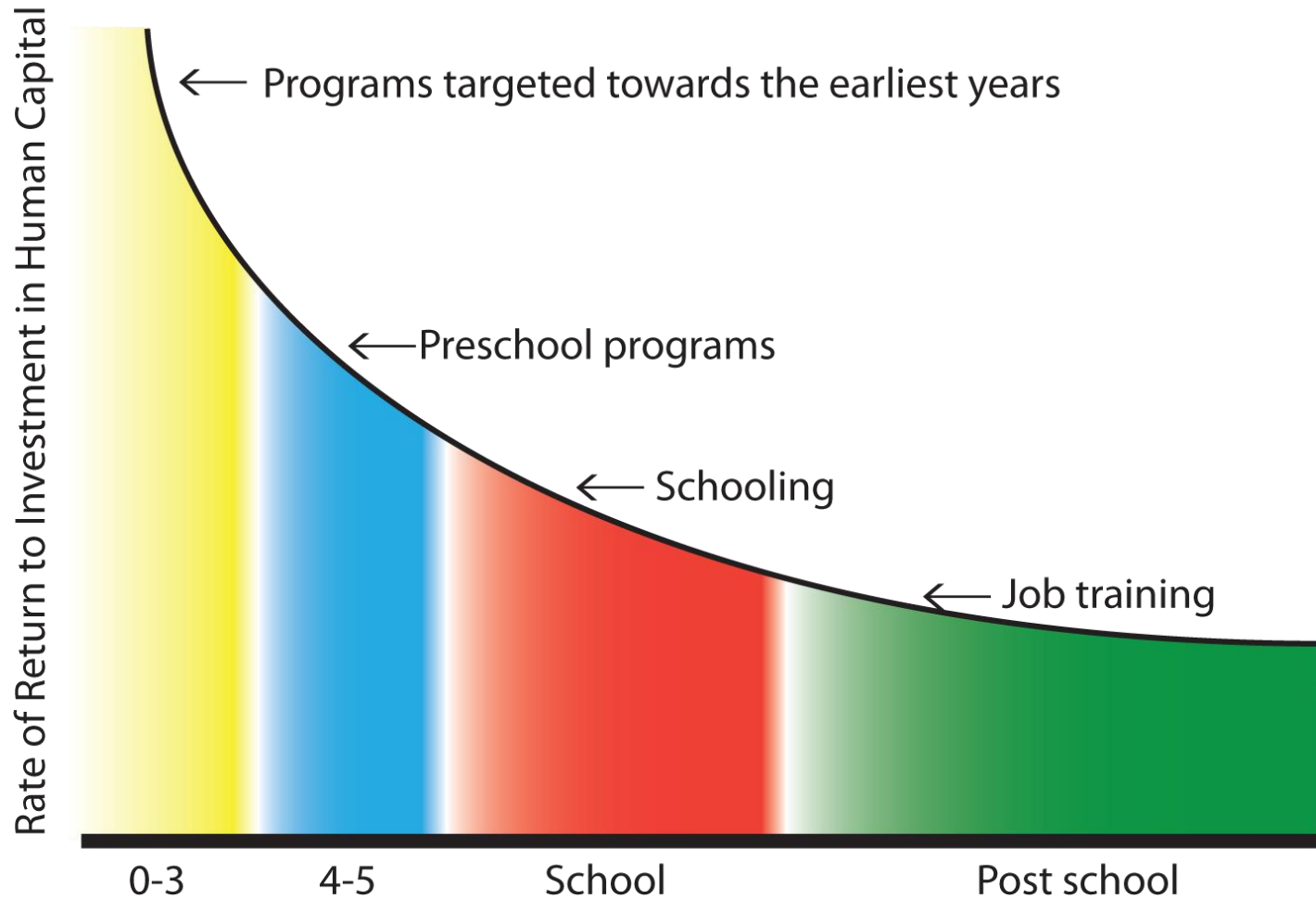


Learning Starts Early

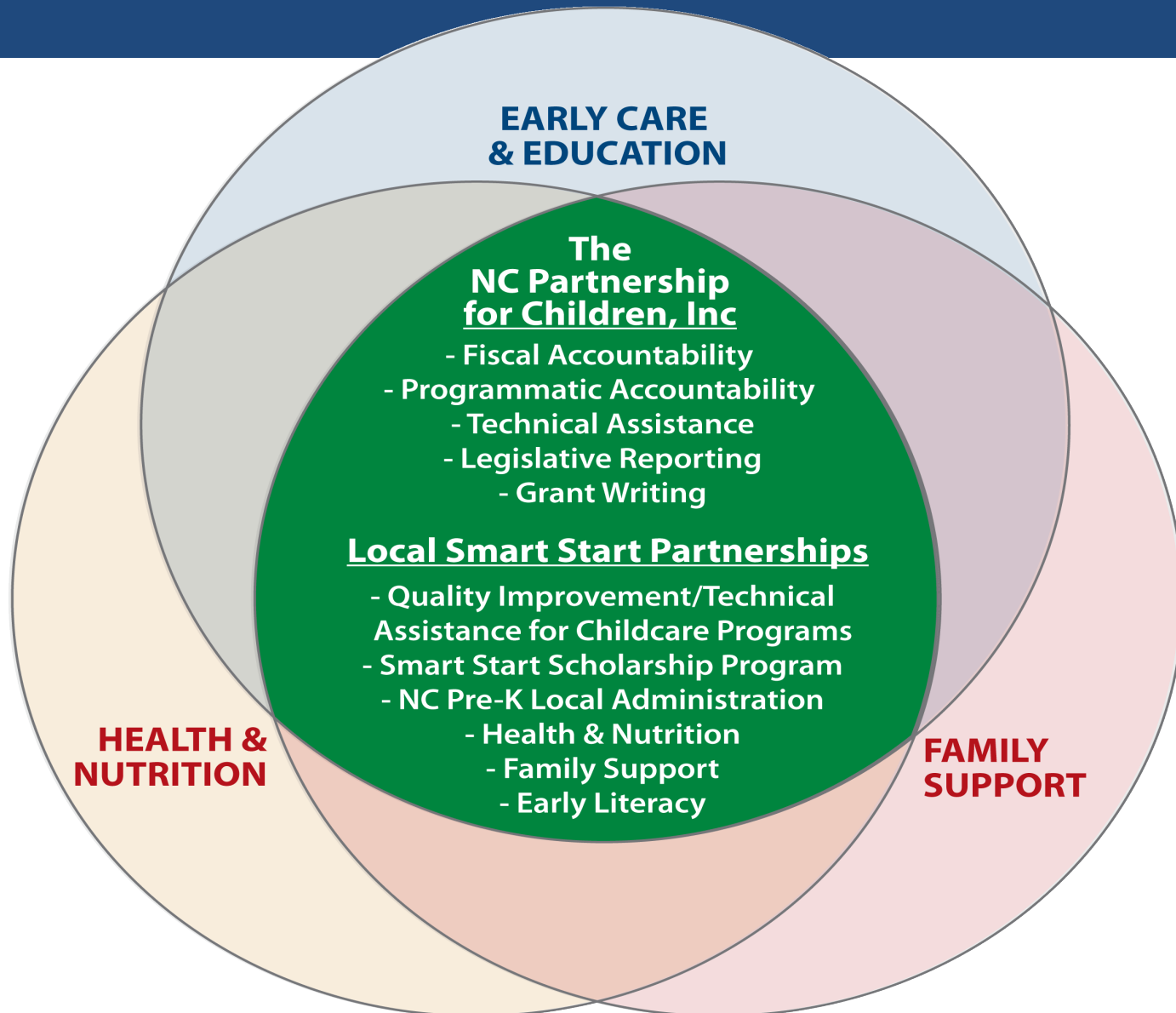
The Ability to Change Brains Decreases Over Time



Why Birth to Five?



The Smart Start System



Ensuring Strong Oversight

New NCPC Board members appointed by state leadership:

- **Lorie Barnes** – Executive Director at NCaeyc in Raleigh
- **Robert Eagle** – VP and Treas. of Eagle Holdings & Development in Charlotte
- **John “Zac” Everhart** – Owner of Excel Learning Center in Carteret County
- **Joan Graham** – Owner of Kids `R` Kids in Greensboro
- **Anna Mercer-McLean** – Director of Community School in Carrboro
- **Douglas S. Pungert** – retired General Counsel for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education
- **Dr. Rosemary Stein** – pediatrician at IFC Pediatrics in Burlington
- **Rev. Stan Lewis** – joint pastorate at churches in Halifax County.

Updates as Board Chair

- Collaborating with state leaders to support the Governor's Education Cabinet
- Engaging North Carolinians across the state at Smart Start Faith Summits
- Leading discussions at Holshouser Legislative Retreat
- Finding the next NCPC President

Updates From 2013 Session

- Smart Start fundraising at all levels
 - FY 12-13 Smart Start leveraged an additional \$26.3 million in cash and in-kind contributions
- Reaching more children to improve early literacy
 - In 2012-2013:
 - 20,557 children participating Reach Out and Read
 - 555 classrooms participating in Raising a Reader
 - 51 medical offices participating in Reach Out and Read

Supporting Families During the Federal Shutdown

- Partnered with DCDEE to keep North Carolina families working
- Worked with local communities to find solutions for children

Thank You

The North Carolina of tomorrow depends on the children of today.



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