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Brazelton Touchpoints Center® **About Us**

Touchpoints is a practical approach for enhancing the competence of parents and building strong family-child relationships from before birth through the earliest years, laying the vital foundation for children's healthy development.

Brazelton Touchpoints Center's® programs and services are designed to shift the paradigm of care so that our service delivery systems are appropriately focused on discovering and meeting the needs of families. As such, our offering includes far more than professional training or parent education. We offer providers the opportunity to engage in a multi-year relationship in which we collaborate to change practice and engage others in the Touchpoints approach.

Professional Development

The Touchpoints professional development program is not just knowledge acquisition, but a practical method for changing the way families are served. As a knowledge and experience-based program, providers work to continuously enhance their proficiency in utilizing the Touchpoints model. BTC assists in this process by offering ongoing professional development opportunities and programs.

Resource for Proven Strategies

BTC serves as a resource for proven strategies, best practices and documentation for addressing change issues. By facilitating the exchange of these experiences, challenges and successes, we increase the capacity of every provider to (1) align resources at an organizational level to support the Touchpoints approach and (2) engage and collaborate effectively with other providers.

Knowledge Development

BTC is an important contributor to knowledge development. BTC faculty work together with members of the Brazelton Touchpoints network and outside experts to learn how we can support the needs of families of children more effectively. We have developed new ways of working across cultures, engaging fathers as caregivers, serving families of children with special needs and other applications of the Touchpoints model of practice.

When we strengthen families, we ultimately strengthen the community. Our goal is that parents everywhere work with supportive providers, feel confident in their parenting role, and form strong, resilient attachments with their children. To help achieve this, providers must be responsive to parents, knowledgeable about child development, and eager to see every parent succeed.

- T. Berry Brazelton, MD, Founder