

From Neurons to Neighborhoods 10 Years Later: Promising Advances and Persistent Challenges

Where do We Go From Here: Mobilizing Science to Promote Innovation

Lessons Learned from a Global Perspective

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Overview

- **World community converging on the importance of ECD.**
- **What are the obstacles?**
- **So, what's next? An agenda for the next 10 years**
 - Foster global understanding and awareness of ECD
 - Expand access to and ensure the quality of ECD programs
 - Assess the outcome of early childhood

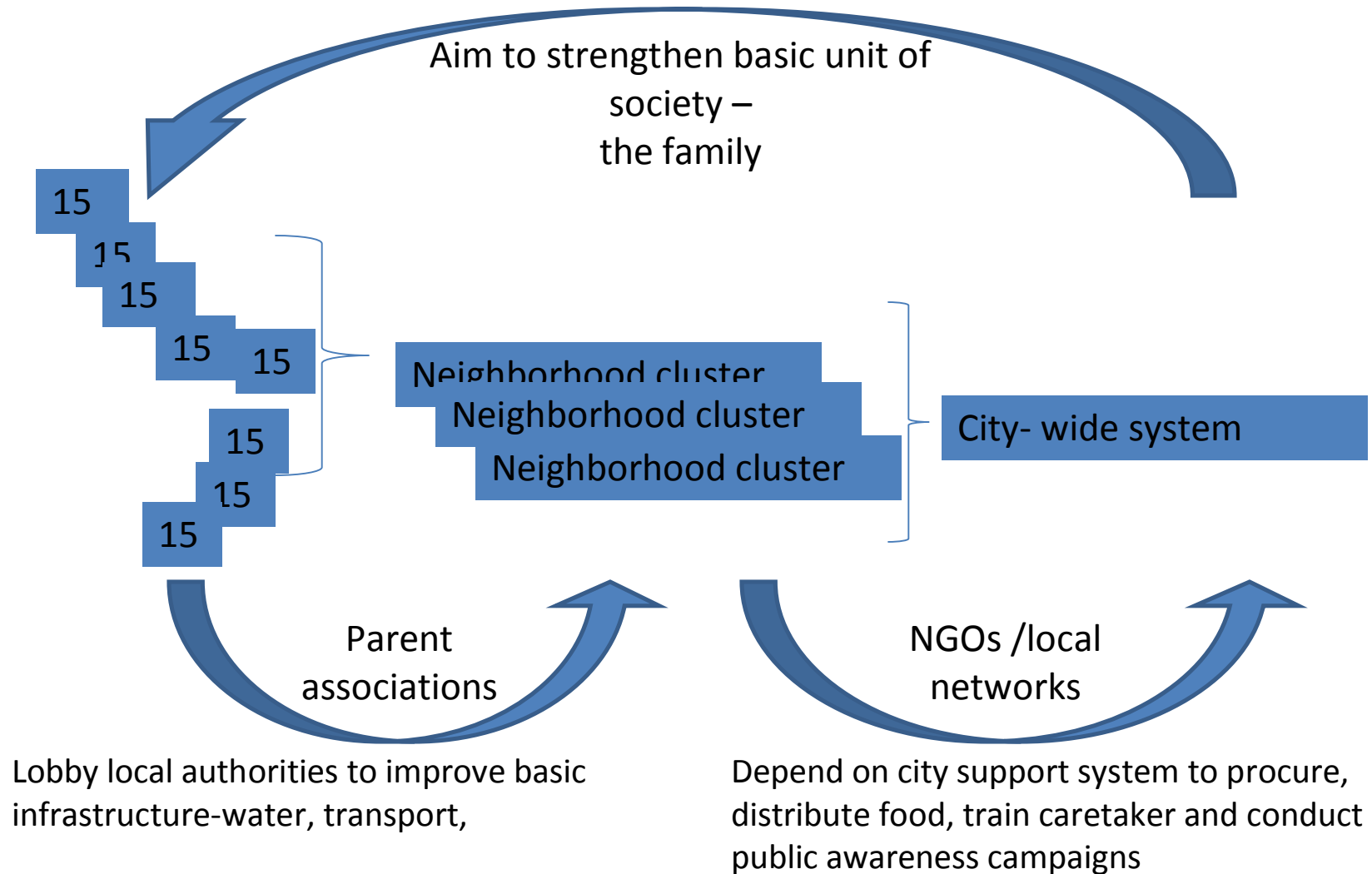
Key Messages from All Venues

- **Start at the beginning**
- **Get ready for success**
- **Include early childhood in all national policies across sectors**

What are the Obstacles?

- **Investment is immediate. Payoff is only 20+ from today**
- **Children's development involve all levels and sectors of society**
- **Infrastructure must be built from the “bottom up”**

Built Infrastructure from “Bottom Up”



An Agenda for the Next 10 years

- Foster global understanding and awareness
 - communicate the importance of healthy brain development
 - Promote a trans-disciplinary science of human development
- Expand access to ECD programs and ensure the quality of these programs
 - Strengthen the building blocks
 - Engage the private sector
- Assess the outcome of early childhood
 - Measure the outcome , systematically and comparatively
 - Develop a database of children's outcome with and without ECD programs