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Early years a priority

I applaud Publisher Dave Lawrence's Sept. 7 column, *The smartest money we could spend for Florida's future*. It's imperative that we give priority to the earliest years of our children's lives. The first four years are the foundation on which the rest of their lives are built.

It is this time in which children learn fundamental behaviors and begin to define their personality. Educate children, and you will not punish adults.

It is refreshing to wake up Sunday mornings and read the publisher's encouraging messages about the community.

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