

**“Skill Formation and the Economics of Investing in Disadvantaged Children”**

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**Abstract:** This paper summarizes evidence on the effects of early environments on child, adolescent, and adult achievement. Life cycle skill formation is a dynamic process in which early inputs strongly affect the productivity of later inputs.