

# Is It In You? The Role of Playfulness in Healing & Strengthening Children Deeply Impacted by Trauma

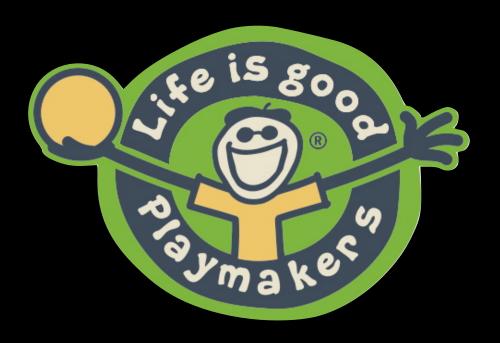
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# Who Wants to be a Playmaker!!!









## According to Einstein, the important thing is to keep the important thing...

A. Front and center

B. In the back of your mind

C. In the fridge behind the mustard

D. The important thing







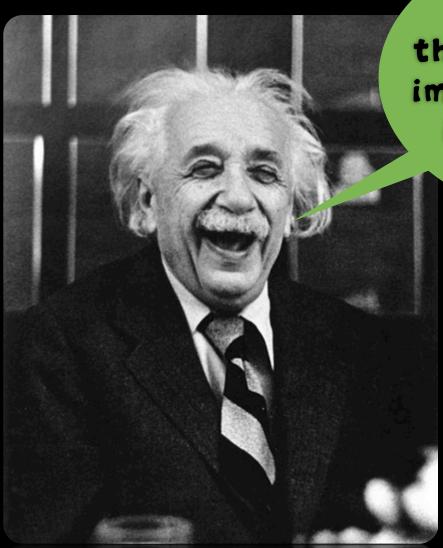




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A. Obesity related Conditions

B. Cancer

C. Adverse Childhood Experiences

D. Heart Disease











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#### U.S Center for Disease Control A.C. E. Study

Early Death

Disease & Disability

Health Risk Behavior

Social, Emotional & Cognitive Impairments

Adverse Childhood Experiences









## Jaak Panksepp discovered, through his experiment with rats, that...

A. Mammals are resilient

B. Fear destroys playfulness

C. Fear improves concentration

D. rat urine stains cashmere











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Panksepp Play Study Play Lots Some Little None

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Days









## Which of the following is not a normal response to stress?

A. The body releases adrenaline & stress hormones

B. Brain and body go on alert

C. Increased heart rate & breathing

D. Stress response remains activated when stressor is gone











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#### **Stress and the Brain**



- Film Courtesy of The Center On The Developing Child at Harvard University









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A. Joyfulness

B. Active Engagement

C. Social Connection

D. Playfulness











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#### Playfulness is best defined by...

A. Joy, Laughter & Energy

B. Games and Fun Activities

C. Engaging, Connecting & Exploring

D. Puppies, Kittens & Justin Bieber











#### Playfulness is best defined by...

C. Engaging, Connecting & Exploring



### Playfulness?

Playfulness is the motivation to freely & joyfully engage with, connect with, & explore the surrounding world.











## What is most responsible for making an activity playful?

A. The type of activity

B. Silliness & Laughter

C. The approach to the activity

D. All of the above











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### A closer look at play...











## Which of the following is not one of the four key ingredients of playfulness?

A. Joyfulness

**B.** Active Engagement

C. Intelligence

D. Internal Control











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C. Intelligence





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