



**Legislation will help newborns flourish**  
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To the Times:

We know how important it is to make sure children get the stimulation they need in their first 1,000 days of life: reading, singing and playing with colorful objects. But did you know the difference these same Early Childhood Development activities can make in the lives of the world's most vulnerable children? Today I am writing the Daily Times to thank Mary Gay Scanlon for co-sponsoring the Global Child Thrive Act (HR. 4864). The Global Child Thrive Act in the House and Senate highlights the significance of best practices in early childhood development (ECD). ECD interventions include training caregivers to provide age appropriate techniques – singing, reading, playing with colorful objects will stimulate young minds and ensure a better future.

Children need to thrive in our community and globally. Right now, we all have a practical way to support calls for our government to maximize the effectiveness of our foreign aid tax dollars through the Global Child Thrive Act. Contact Sens. Bob Casey or Pat Toomey, asking them to sign on as co-sponsors of Senate Bill 2715. Contact your representative; if its Mary Gay Scanlon, thank her for being a co-sponsor on this legislation!

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