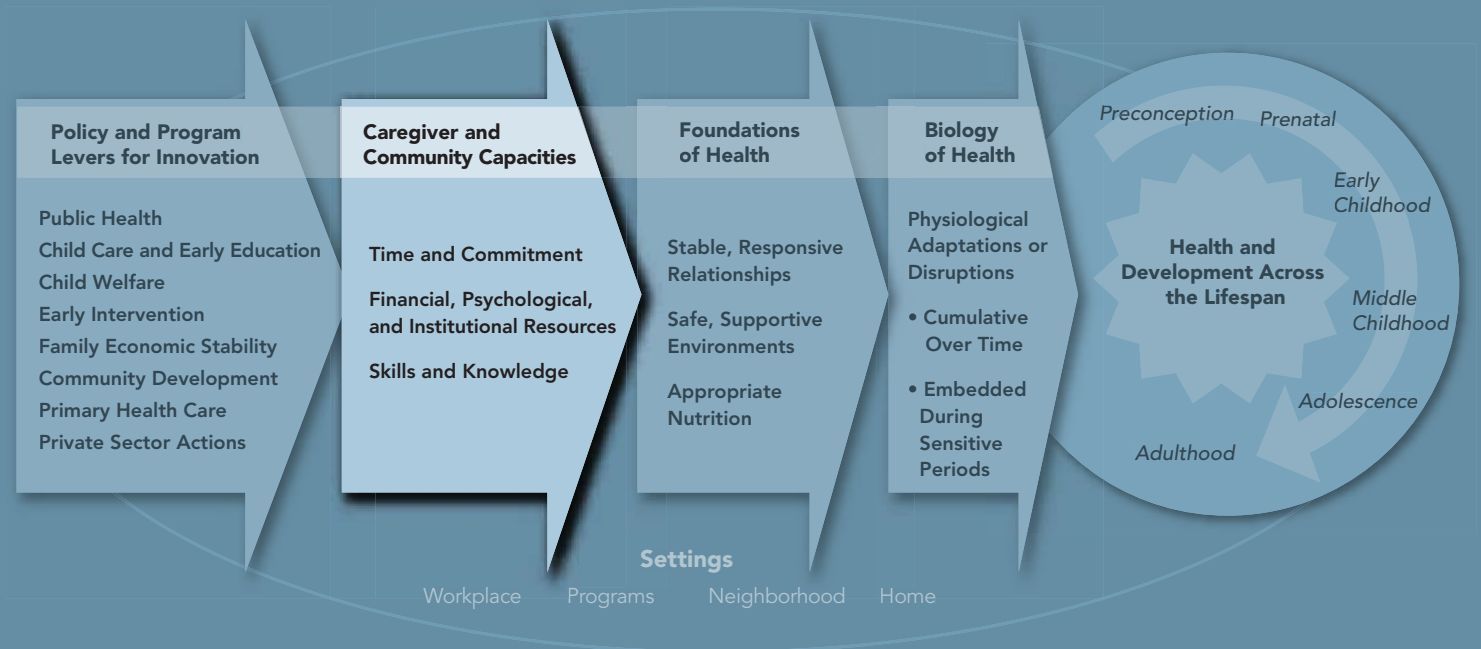


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Source: The Foundations of Lifelong Health Are Built in Early Childhood. Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, 2010.

section A

Caregiver and Community Capacities

The health of children is influenced both by the capacity of their caregivers and their community to support their development. The “community” encompasses multiple settings and contexts including neighbourhoods, parents’ workplaces, early child care settings, health-care facilities, schools and the home. Nurturing communities are organized to support parent and child needs. When caregiver and community capacities reinforce each other in positive ways, the foundations of health benefit.⁶