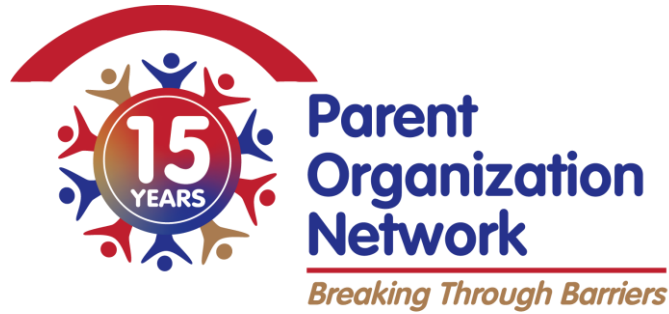


*In the Circle: Understanding your child social-emotional development and supporting his/her behaviors*

# About...



- Established in 2005
- 13 member organizations that work with families in Los Angeles County
- 3 members work within Best Start NEV
  - Los Angeles Education Partnership
  - Padres Pioneros – Parent Pioneers
  - African American Parent/Community Coalition for Educational Equity, The Village Nation
- <https://www.parentnetwork-la.org/>

# Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

# Impact on School-Age Children...

Early findings from a study found “significantly more learning loss from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 compared to previous years for:

- (a) students from a socioeconomically disadvantaged background, particularly in ELA, on both assessments across Grades 4–8 and on STAR Math in early grades; and
- (b) English learners (ELs), especially on MAP ELA across Grades 4–9 and on STAR Math in early grades.”

Source: Pier, L., Hough, H. J., Christian, M., Bookman, N., Wilkenfeld, B., & R. Miller (2021) *COVID-19 and the Educational Equity Crisis: Evidence on Learning Loss From the CORE Data Collaborative*. Stanford, CA: Policy Analysis for California Education. Retrieved from: <https://edpolicyinca.org/newsroom/covid-19-and-educational-equity-crisis>

# Impact on School-Age Children...

## *LA Times Headlines:*

- Kindergarten declines fuel steep drop in public school enrollment amid pandemic
- Why kids are having a hard time returning to school — especially kindergarteners

## Sources:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-23/kindergarten-declines-fuel-steep-drop-in-public-school-enrollment-amid-pandemic>

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2021-04-19/transition-back-to-school-kindergarten-8-to-3>

# Trauma Impact on Younger Children...

- Fears and anxieties
- Heightened Arousal
- Startles and hypervigilance
- Sleeping problems (nightmares)
- Over-reactivity, anger outbursts, and irritability
- Over-controlling, “grown up”, excessively responsible behaviors



# Trauma Impact on Younger Children

## Avoidance (Dissociative and Depressive Symptoms)



- withdrawal, passivity, and non-responsiveness
- emotional numbing
- memory and concentration problems
- denial and somatic complaints
- other depressive symptoms

# PON Partnership with Dr. Ritblatt

Professor Emerita of Child and family Development  
(San Diego State University)  
and the Founder of delibrainy,  
Dr. Ritblatt is an expert in  
early childhood social-emotional development  
with the focus on early childhood mental health  
and learning readiness. Her work focuses on  
prevention and early intervention,  
utilizing relational, reflective, and trauma-  
informed practices to support healthy  
development of children and their families.





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It is a walk of discovery!

Learning is not a race for information!

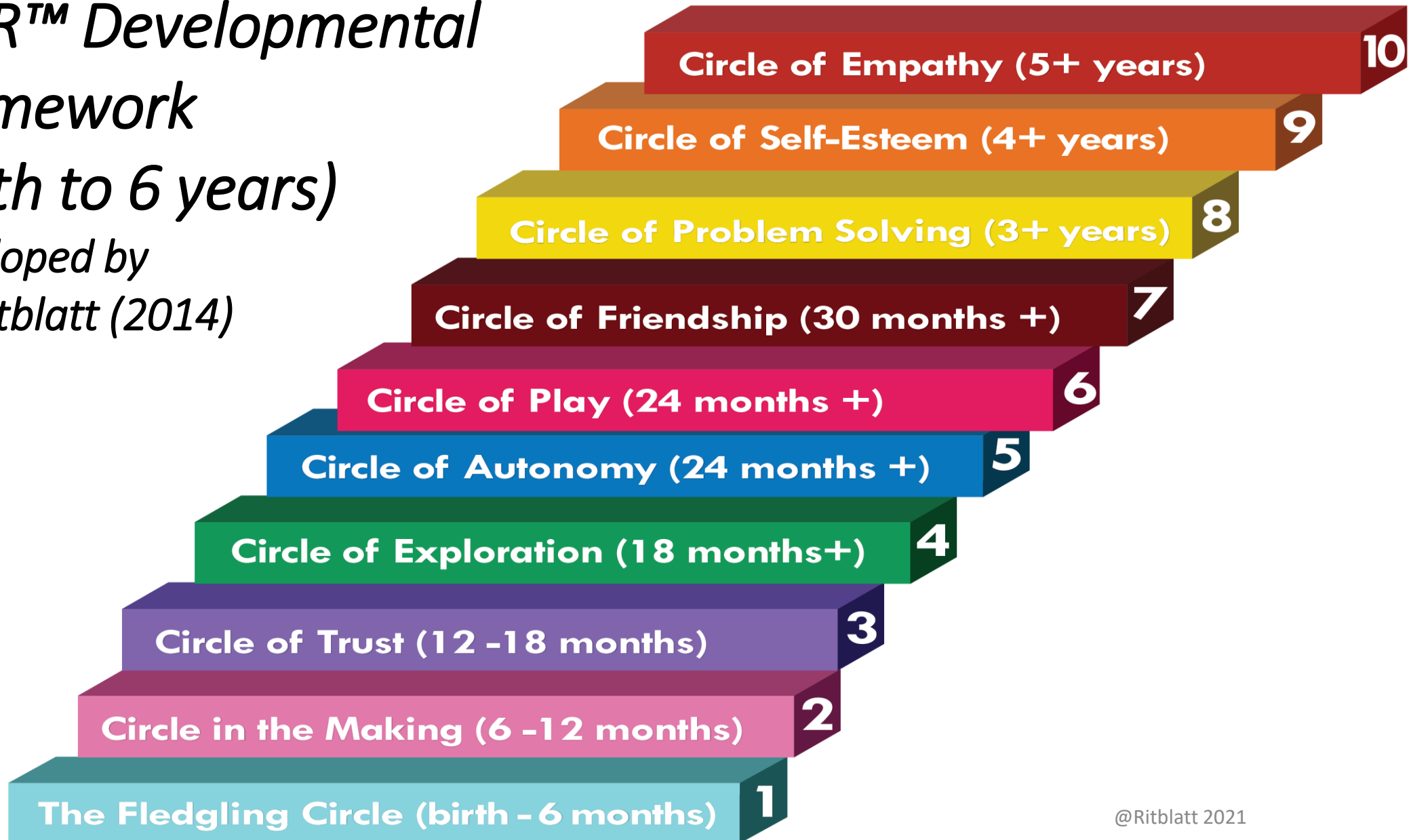


# *SELR™ Developmental Framework*

*(Birth to 6 years)*

*Developed by*

*Dr. Ritblatt (2014)*





# In the Circle Project:

