

# 5 FACTS ABOUT THE BRAIN

1. Children's social, emotional and cognitive development is interwoven
2. Children learn in different ways
3. The impact of poverty is a trauma in a child's life
4. Attachment and bonding matter
5. Children's brains are malleable into adulthood

# FORTIFIED ENVIRONMENTS

## ***A fortified teaching and learning environment:***

1. Reduces stress
2. Fosters positive connections with adults, peers, families, and communities
3. Increases readiness for learning
4. Delivers rigorous and engaging content
5. Promotes attributes common among all successful students, such as motivation, self-regulation, tenacity and resilience