

**What do we know about
building child and youth
resilience in the face of climate
change?**

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Four pathways to undermining children's well-being:

- Traumatizing events
- Anxiety resulting from climate change
- Food insecurity
- Physical illness

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- We generally know how to build child and youth resilience. Yet climate change is a “risk multiplier”.
- Children flourish in the context of “safe, stable, and nurturing relationships” with loving adults.
- However, the pathways by which children and families flourishing will be undermined are also pathways by which *relationships* of all sorts are likely to be undermined.

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To build child and youth resilience, we must attend in a new way to the resilience of social and physical infrastructure.

- Investment
- Insurance
- Innovation

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