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Gain a basic understanding of child development theories and current issues in human behavior as related to patterns of change in the most critical age group of learners, ages 4-14. Cognitive, language, social/emotional and motor domains are examined. Explore the ways teaching artists can create age-appropriate arts activities within instructional settings including preK-12 classrooms and community sites.

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