Confused about Development
Something about the brain
Only for scientists
Don’t understand how it works

Self-Made Child
Development is automatic
Discipline
Stress is good for you
We turned out ok

What’s in the swamp of...
Early Child Development
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Family Bubble
Bad parents
Programs are good but Mom is best

Programs
Government provides;
individuals access
Unclear about what constitutes quality

Interdependence
Children grow up to participate in community

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Children’s Mental Health (Alberta)

What’s in the swamp of...

Kids Don’t Have It
- No emotional capacity
- No memory

Children are Little Adults
- Same but less complicated
- Need the same treatment as adults

Functioning
- Good mental health = ability to function normally

Mental Health is Emotions
- Just be happy
- Need to learn self-control
- Better discipline will help

Mental Illness is Chemicals
- Genetic; set in stone
- Nothing we can do
- Drugs are the only treatment

Environments Matter
- Mostly home and parents
- Society and communities are also important
- Government has responsibility

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