## **Improving Child Outcomes by Giving Teachers the Tools They Need**

Professional development is at the heart of the Tools of the Mind approach. Through in-person partnership development as well as endorsement and certification opportunities, we build teacher capabilities and engage educators in a continuous cycle of improvement. We believe improving outcomes for children starts with improving teachers' practice and increasing their sense of competence and creative engagement.

## Supporting Teacher Development

- Foundational theoretical understanding
- Understanding of child development: executive functions, social/emotional development, language, literacy, math and science

## Increasing Capabilities

- Applying understanding of Executive Functions (EF) in teaching practices, classroom & behavior management
- Applying understanding of theoretical tactics & child development knowledge:

## Outcomes

- Positive classroom climate
- Teacher sense of selfefficacy
- Child Outcomes: increased ER, social/emotional skills, connectedness with peers, academic achievement

