



Full-service Schools Roundtable

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Roundtable Report

Supporting Student Success: What Works and How Do We Know?

Please join us for our next roundtable meeting on February 6th, from 9:00 - 11:30 am, at the Boston Foundation, located at 75 Arlington Street on the 10th floor. Presentations will highlight the benefits of integrated partnerships and demonstrated strategies that promote student success in the Boston Community Learning Centers, Gardner Extended Services School, Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, and Sarah Greenwood School, which won the 2006 Thomas W. Payzant *School on the Move* prize.

Confirmed speakers include Beverly Ross Denny, Special Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning (BPS); Dishon Mills, After-School Programs Coordinator for the Department of Extended Learning Time, After-School, and Services (BPS); Erica Herman, Principal, Gardner Extended Services School; William Kelley, Director of Comprehensive Support Services and Partnerships, Unified Student Services (BPS); Carol Brayboy, Project Director, Safe Schools/Healthy Students, Unified Student Services (BPS); J. Richard Woy, Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Evaluator, JRW Associates; and Laura Perille, Executive Director, EdVestors.

A light breakfast will be served, and there will be an opportunity for dialogue following the presentations. Please RSVP by January 31st to (617) 635-6537 or mgregler@boston.k12.ma.us. We hope you can make it!

What's Happening in Boston Public Schools

The BPS Office of Federal and State Grants, in partnership with the Department of Extended Learning Time, Afterschool and Services, and Full-service Schools Roundtable

invite BPS principals and building administrators to:

Leveraging Partnership Resources
HOW TO SECURE SUPPORT, BUY-IN & SUSTAINABILITY

Thursday, February 1, 2006 - 2:30 pm - 5 pm
Mildred Ave Middle School Auditorium, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan, MA 02126

For more information, contact Colin Riley, criley2@boston.k12.ma.us

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Register for School at Boston City Hall!

Boston Public Schools has added a temporary registration site at City Hall.

January 29th - February 1st, 2007
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Boston City Hall

Register your child for kindergarten, sixth grade, or ninth grade!

For more information on BPS registration, please visit
<http://boston.k12.ma.us/register/whenwhere.asp>

What's Happening with Roundtable Members

Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnerships Program at the Sumner School

The Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnerships program (CHNP) is the community mental health outreach program of the Department of Psychiatry at Children's Hospital Boston. Our goal is to promote children's social, emotional, and behavioral health and to establish long-standing resources for children, families, and their communities, deploying three specific strategies: expanding access to mental health services, improving the quality and effectiveness of mental health services, and building the capacity of partner organizations.

CHNP serves children and their families through partnerships with Boston area elementary, middle and high schools, community health clinics, and community-based organizations, including 14 BPS sites. In the 2005-2006 school year, CHNP served approximately 3,400 children and youth, with one-third receiving treatment services and the other two-thirds involved in our prevention and health promotion services. The program also provided training and consultation to nearly 1,600 mental health and educational professionals and trainees. All CHNP school- and community-based programs feature: a *strong commitment to prevention* as part of a *comprehensive continuum of services*; *culturally competent services* based in best practices; and *services that are available according to need and regardless of ability to pay*.

At the Charles Sumner Elementary School in Roslindale, CHNP is part of a network of community-school partnerships supported through a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) grant to the Hyde Park YMCA. This partnership network has enabled the Sumner to enhance services including before- and after-school programming, mental health services in the school, special arts education, classes for parents, field trips for families, and many other activities that help make the Sumner a supportive and energizing community for staff and families.

With the movement towards a full-service school model, the Sumner has also worked to change the structure of its Student Support Team, with the active involvement of the CHNP consultants. The new structure allows for all teachers to discuss all of their students with the team meetings throughout the school year. Attention is given to students' academic, behavioral, social, and emotional development. Preventative and intervention strategies are discussed among the interdisciplinary team to most effectively meet the needs of all students.

With support from the FSSRT, the Sumner School Site Council began meeting this past winter to plan for the Sumner to become a full service school. With a strong instructional component, after school programming, and several business, higher education, and community agency partners (including CHNP) organized through the CLC, the school is already well on its way to delivering a

comprehensive full service school model of strong academics together with enrichment and support services that help children overcome barriers to learning. This process will be further supported and strengthened through activities under the Sumner's new Partners for Student Success award, which will begin in March 2007. The flexible CHNP model is a good partner in the full service school model, attending to individual student needs as well as staff development and whole school climate.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Boston After School & Beyond: The Teen Initiative

Boston After School & Beyond (Boston Beyond) is requesting proposals to create or further develop organizational networks designed to increase the engagement, high school graduation rate, and job readiness of Boston teens, especially those most likely to drop out of high school.

First Round Deadline: Bidder's Conference RSVP - January 31, 2007

Register for the Bidder's Conference using this link:

http://www.bostonbeyond.org/event_registration.php?eventid=n9g9

Bidders Conference - February 5, 2007 @ 10 AM - 12 PM, 89 South St.

Intent to Apply - by February 7, 2007. Indicate your intent to apply for a \$3,000 planning grant using this link:

http://www.bostonbeyond.org/event_registration.php?eventid=dt48

Proposals Due - February 28, 2007 @ 5:00 PM.

Contact: Adam Shyevitch at ashyevitch@bostonbeyond.org or 617-345-5322 x47.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Toolbox for Education Grant Program

The Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Program is meant to fund school improvement projects initiated by parents. The foundation will favor projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit.

Funds Available: \$5,000,000 over two years; individual grants up to \$5,000, with approximately 1,000 grants awarded.

Eligibility: Nonprofit elementary and secondary schools, including charter, private, and parochial schools, and parents associated with a nonprofit school.

Contact:

Toolbox for Education

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Telephone: (800) 644-3561 x208

Email: info@toolboxforeducation.com

Link: www.toolboxforeducation.com

Deadline: February 15th, 2007

Visit our website to
search past newsletters
for funding information:

[www.fullserviceschools
roundtable.org](http://www.fullserviceschoolsroundtable.org)

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Target Stores Community Grants

Target's program awards reading grants to schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations, supporting programs such as weekend book clubs, after-school reading programs, and events encouraging family reading time. Arts grants are given to programs that bring the arts to schools or make participation in cultural experiences, such as school touring programs, field trips to the theater or symphony, or artist residencies and workshops in schools, affordable for families. Family violence prevention grants support groups working to make individual homes and entire communities safer, such as child abuse counseling programs and shelters. Applications for Target grants are available at local Target stores and online through the Target web site.

Funds Available: Grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$3,000

Eligibility: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, schools, and local government agencies

Contact:

Target Corporation
Store Grants Program
33 South Sixth Street, CC-28Y
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 696-6098
Email: Community.Relations@target.com
Link: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>

Deadline: Ongoing

Coming Up Taller Awards

Each year the Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and reward excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth.

Funds Available: Award recipients receive \$10,000 each, an individualized plaque, and an invitation to attend the annual Coming Up Taller Leadership Enhancement Conference.

Eligibility: programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses, and eligible government entities to consider participating.

Deadline: **Wednesday, January 31, 2007**

Contact: The President's Committee
202-682-5409

Link: www.cominguptaller.org

For Your Information

Boston Public Schools Family and Community Engagement
Parent Workshops

January 24

Time: 6 pm - 8 pm

Topic: *"Let's Get Organized"*

Speaker: Roxanne Chandler, Family Ties Boston Regional Coordinator

Location: Title 1 Training Center - (Sonny Walker Computer Center), 445 Warren Street, Dorchester

Description: This workshop is a skill-building workshop for families of children with special needs. Children do not come with instructions, and neither do the challenges you face when raising a child with a disability. This workshop will help parents work with their own strengths and successes with concrete written materials to strengthen their organizational skills.

February 6

Time: 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Topic: *Negotiating with People in Power*

Speaker: Isabella Jean, Institute for Responsive Education

Location: West Zone Family Resource Center, 515 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale

Description: This session enables participants to recognize some of the techniques people in power (principals, superintendents, elected officials, etc.) may use and will prepare them to handle these techniques effectively and professionally.

February 15

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

Topic: *Special Education Basic Rights*

Speaker: Robin Foley, Federation for Children with Special Needs

Location: East Boston YMCA, 215 Bremen Street, East Boston

Description: This workshop provides families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB). It is designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with the school, to decide the child's eligibility for special education, to plan, make decisions and to monitor the educational progress of their child.

*** *Childcare and translations will be available upon request.*

For more information and to register please call Cheryl Holmes at 617-635-7750 or email Cyntoria Grant at cgrant@boston.k12.ma.us.

Urban PRIDE presents

The Dudley Library Workshop Series on Special Education Advocacy

A series of monthly trainings for families living in Boston who have children in Special Education

February - June 2007

Dudley Branch Library, 65 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA
FREE dinner and childcare will be provided!

To attend, please register by contacting Dee at (617) 338-4508 or emailing info@urbanpride.org

The Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy
presents

The mission of the Full-service Schools Roundtable is to advance the healthy development and academic success of students in Boston through integrated school/community partnerships. In alignment with BPS goals, the Roundtable increases Boston's capacity to provide comprehensive, school-based supports for children, youth, and families.

The Dropout Crisis in Massachusetts: What Can Be Done?

Friday, January 26th, 2007
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Omni Parker House
60 School Street
Boston, MA

Please join us for a presentation on the alarming rise in high school dropout rates in Massachusetts and a panel discussion of strategies to solve the problem. To attend, please call (617) 354-0002 x13 or visit www.renniecenter.org

Registration is free, on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Bridging the Gap in Education:
A Community Forum*

The current superintendent, Michael Contompasis, AND the incoming superintendent, Manuel Rivera, will both be present to give an update and talk about their plans for the future. Parents, students, educators, partners, and community residents are invited to participate in the dialogue.

January 27th, 2007
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Freedom House
14 Crawford Street
in the Grove Hall section of Roxbury

Light refreshments and childcare will be provided
Parking available

MBTA accessible via bus routes #14, #19, #23 and #28
For more information, please call Latoya Brown at (617) 445-3700
Para español llame a Samuel Hurtado at (617) 357-8431 x 232

Proposals Wanted!

*The 12th Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health
What Works in Schools: Sustaining a National Community of Practice on
Collaborative School Behavioral Health*

Proposals are now being accepted for the conference, sponsored by the Center for School Mental Health Analysis and Action (CSMHA) and the IDEA Foundation. The conference will feature ten specialty tracks and offers speakers and participants numerous opportunities to network and advance knowledge and skills related to school mental health practice, research, training, and policy.

All proposals must be submitted online, by January 31st, 2007.

Please submit proposals to: <http://csmha.umaryland.edu>

Free Advertising Opportunity for Out-of-School Time Programs!

Are you trying to increase program enrollment?

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Plan to attend the February
6th Roundtable meeting:

*Supporting Student
Success: What Works and
How Do We Know?*

Trying to reach youth from different communities?
Do you want to reach the 58,000 students in the Boston Public Schools?

It's time to advertise your program in
BOSTnet's Before- and After-School Guide!

Your program information will be included in the printed and online guide,
which is distributed in the Boston Public Schools and Parent Information
Centers, libraries, and community centers. *Free Spanish translation included!*

List YOUR program by January 31st at: <http://www.bostnet.org>

Presenters Needed!

*The Second Annual National Community Education Association (NCEA)
Region 1 Conference*

The NCEA is looking for engaging, dynamic presenters to speak on the following
topics at the Region 1 Conference:

- Creating Strong Community Partnerships
- Valuing Cultural Competency
- Empowerment and Creating Leadership
- Sustainability
- Emerging and Future Issues and Trends
- Innovative Practices

April 27th and 28th, 2007
Best Western Hotel & Conference Center
Albany, NY

If you would like to present at the conference, please download the presenter
form from www.cambridgecollege.edu/community/conference.cfm

Return the completed application to Joel.Nitzberg@cambridgecollege.edu
by February 2nd, 2007.

Race, Culture, Identity and Achievement Seminar Series

*Critical and Inclusive Classrooms for All Children:
Reflections from Two Educators*

February 6th, 2007
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Wheelock College
Wheelock Family Theatre
200 The Fenway
Boston, MA

Featured Speakers:

Sonia Nieto, Professor Emerita of Language, Literacy and Culture, School of
Education, University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Mary Cowhey, 1st/2nd Grade Teacher, Jackson Street Elementary School,
Northampton, MA

For more information, please visit: www.achievementseminars.com

Cambridge College
presents

Community Workshop Day

February 10th, 2007
9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Cambridge College
1000 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA

Session I (9:00-11:00 a.m.)

School Community Partnerships

Class Dismissed: The Role of Class and Poverty in the Classroom

Looking at Education Through the Lens of Culture: The Multicultural Landscape of the 2007 Classroom

Engineering is Elementary: Engineering and Technology Lessons for Children

Session II (11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Creating a Welcoming Environment for Students with GLBT Parents

Partnering for Success: A Full-Service Schools Approach to Addressing Barriers to Student Learning

At-Risk Students - Are They Really At Risk?

The Why and How of Parent Involvement in Student Learning

All workshops are \$35 each.

For more information or to register, please contact Stephanie Renard.

Email: stephanie.renard@cambridgecollege.edu

Phone: (800) 877-4723 x1308

Register online!

www.cambridgecollege.edu/community/workshops.cfm

Boston Youth Fund

HopeLine Summer Job Registration!

Tell a friend! Summer job registration will be held on:

February 20th, 21st, 22nd, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Online registration all day!)

February 27th, 2007
4:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Online registration all day!)

To register, applicants...

...must be a resident of Boston.

...must turn 15 before or on July 7, 2007.

...cannot turn 18 before or on August 17, 2007.

Registration does not guarantee job placement.

For more information, visit
www.bostonyouthzone.com/teenzone/employment/byf

Boston TeachNet

Seasons of Service Volunteer Opportunities

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day All Year Long! Practice what he preached all year long - visit www.bostonteachnet.org/mlk/mlk.htm

Chinese New Year with New Service! In celebration of the new year and the return of spring, students can serve their home and community by bringing cheer to the elderly and the hospitalized, writing messages to their parents, beautifying their classrooms and school environments, performing skits, and organizing fun activities for their younger peers.

Visit www.bostonteachnet.org/sheungtt/sheungtt.htm for more ideas.

Learn & Serve Resolutions!

To ring in the new year, Boston's TeachNet **Service Learning** team encourages students and teachers to assess community issues, identify solutions, and reflect on service through journals and portfolios. Here are some ways to learn and serve all year long: www.bostonteachnet.org/resolutions/resolutions.htm