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Thrive in 5 partner Smart from the Start on the air today!

WBUR features Smart from the Start

Today's episode of Morning Edition on WBUR highlighted a key partner of Thrive in 5 - Smart from the Start - as a part of their ongoing "Project Dropout" series. This morning's story focused on the links between strong early childhood services and future success in school and beyond.

[Click here to listen to the full story.](#)

Congratulations to the Smart from the Start staff, sponsors, and families!

About Smart from the Start

Smart from the Start directly engages the lowest-income families in the city - especially parents of very young children who are isolated and facing a variety of stressors - with the goal of enhancing the healthy development and school readiness of their children. This work is an essential element of achieving Thrive in 5's goal of ensuring that all our children are ready for kindergarten entry and for sustained school success. Smart from the Start is currently operating in Mattapan, Charlestown and Roslindale and offers parents a variety of opportunities to support their young children's healthy development, including parent-child playgroups, adult education and ESOL classes, the Family Nurturing Program and financial literacy classes.

Smart from the Start is sponsored by the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, the Boston Housing Authority and the Family Nurturing Center, working closely with many City departments (schools, libraries, public health and more) and numerous community based organizations.

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