



Boston Influenza Preparedness Summit - Tomorrow, August 21

Don't miss the Boston Influenza Preparedness Summit on **Friday, August 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center** at Harvard Medical School. Discuss flu prevention and containment strategies.

[> Register today](#)

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GET INVOLVED WITH THRIVE IN 5

Don't Miss the Thrive in 5 Community Meeting in Charlestown
August 26, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

In mid-September, Thrive in 5 will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for 5 neighborhoods to implement the Community School Readiness Wiring (CSRW) strategy outlined in [Boston's School Readiness Roadmap](#) (p. 43-44). **You're invited to learn more about CSRW and provide input into the RFP at a community meeting on Wednesday, August 26**, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Kennedy Center Children's Programs (23A Moulton Street, Charlestown, 02129).

[> Learn more about the community meeting](#)



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROVIDERS

Boston Influenza Preparedness Summit
August 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Representatives from the Education, Childcare, Health Care, Residential and Adult Care, Faith, Community-Based Organization, Business, Union, and Hotel/Motel sectors, along with emergency planning partners from State and City of Boston departments are invited to attend the Boston Influenza Preparedness Summit on **Friday, August 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School.**

The **goal of the Summit is to discuss flu prevention and containment strategies** that will form the basis for a coordinated and integrated response to the threat of and/or outbreak of influenza in Boston. The intent is for planning partners to **hear the latest situational update** on seasonal and H1N1 influenza, **review lessons learned** from the Spring H1N1 outbreak, **realize**

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potential implications for the Fall, and **engage in discussion and sector specific planning** for how to manage an outbreak of influenza in Boston. The Summit is brought to you by the Boston Public Health Commission, the City of Boston Emergency Medical Services, and DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness.

> [Register now](#)

For more information, contact the DelValle Institute at (617) 343-1370 or delvalle@bostonems.org.

ABCD Early Head Start Health Fair - Vendors Wanted

Registration deadline - September 1

ABCD Early Head Start is hosting a Health Fair on Thursday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at their center (198 Geneva Ave, Dorchester, 02121). Their building houses three programs (ABCD Early Head Start, Dorchester Head Start, Gertrude E. Townsend Head Start) that serve low-income children aged 0-5 years, pregnant women and their families. The goal of the fair is to connect the families they serve with resources in the community.

If you are interested in being a vendor at the fair, call (617) 929-6259 by September 1st to secure a table (free of charge).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

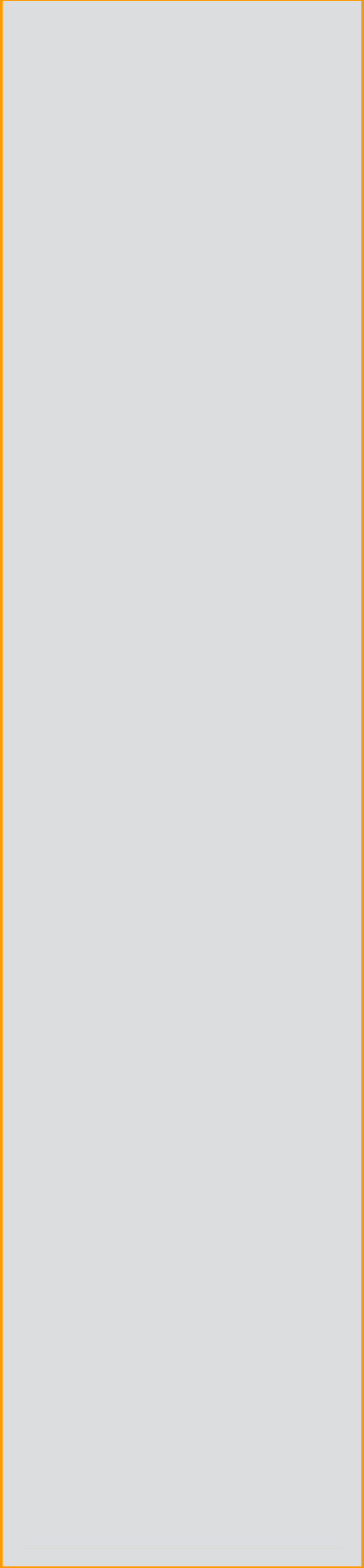
Help Countdown to Kindergarten

Shop at Whole Foods on August 25

Whole Foods' three Boston Locations will donate 5 percent of their net sale from Tuesday, August 25 to Countdown to Kindergarten.

Participating locations:

- **Fenway** - 15 Westland Avenue, Boston, 02115
- **Charles/MGH** - 181 Cambridge Street, Boston, 02114
- **Brighton** - 15 Washington Street, Brighton, 02135



Countdown to Kindergarten engages families, educators and the community in a citywide effort to enhance early learning opportunities and to support the transition into kindergarten.

[> Learn more about Countdown to Kindergarten](#)

Back to School Jamboree

September 5, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

New and returning Boston Public Schools (BPS) families and staff are invited to the 2nd Annual Back to School Jamboree on **Saturday, September 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Boston City Hall.** Come enjoy the prizes, activities, and live shows. Learn about community resources and take advantage of health screenings. This event is brought to you by the BPS Office of Family and Student Engagement.

[> Learn more about the Jamboree](#)

Do you have opportunities for providers or children and families that you'd like to share in the Thrive in 5 newsletter? [> Contact us](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD IN THE NEWS

Urban College Highlighted in Boston Globe

Early childhood program fosters microenterprises, economic development

On August 18, the Boston Globe profiled the success of **Urban College of Boston's Child Care Economic Opportunity Project.** This two-year program for low-income Latina women combines early-childhood education and business classes, providing its graduates with the knowledge to open or expand their own home-based early care and education programs. By fostering these "microenterprises" among its graduates, the Urban College program is **facilitating economic growth in low-income neighborhoods and making child care more available.** The program "has helped launch 22 new day-care businesses, expand 30 more, and create more than 200 much-needed, newly licensed day-care slots in the Boston and Lawrence areas."

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> [Read Baby steps and big gains: Urban College program guides day-care entrepreneurs toward expansion, success.](#)

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