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**Week of the Young
Child** April 11 - 17, 2010

Help build support for
young children.

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April Advocacy Opportunities

The Week of the Young Child Begins!

April 11 - 17

The Week of the Young Child began on Sunday. The week is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Its purpose is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Help recognize the Week of the Young Child in your community! Take whatever time you can this week to draw attention to the value of supporting young children and their families. Whether it's writing an op-ed in your local paper, sharing this [speech by James Heckman](#), talking to friends and neighbors, or sending an extra special thank you to early childhood providers, every action - big or small - will help grow our city's movement for young children.

Other Advocacy Opportunities in April

Your advocacy efforts don't have to end when the Week of the Young Child does. April is a great month to raise awareness about issues related to young children. April is:

[National Child Abuse and Prevention Month](#) - *Every five minutes a child in Massachusetts is abused.*

[Autism Awareness Month](#) - *Autism affects 1 in 110 children in America.*

[Month of the Military Child](#) - *1.7 million American*

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children and youth have a parent serving in the military.

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Community Events & Opportunities



Every Word Counts **Author Series: Jackie MacMullan**
April 13, 5-7 pm at Rowes Wharf Sea Grille (70 Rowes Wharf, Boston)

Join Mayor Menino for a night with Jackie MacMullan co-author with Larry Bird and Earvin "Magic" Johnson of *When the Game Was Ours*. [> Learn more and RSVP here](#)

Building Inclusion Care for Children at Risk
April 15, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Boston Children's Museum

Child Care Choices of Boston and the CPCARES Committee presents a panel discussion including:

- Stacy Keane, Regional Consultation Program / Boston Early Intervention
- Boston Public Schools
- Denis Lucyniak, Spark Center Medical Child Care
- Lynn Tougas, Toward Independent Living and Learning
- Jennifer McCracken, EEC Preschool Mental Health Grant
- Katherine Pierce and Dalila Hyry-Dermith, Community Support Line, Department of Public Health Care and Coordination

RSVP to Loretta Prendeville at 617-348-6497.

TalkReadPlay.org



Help! Only 51% of Boston residents have completed the census compared to 64% nationally. Each completed census can bring up to \$2,000 in federal aid to local and state governments. Encourage your friends and family to complete the census. Want to do more? Visit census.gov



The flu season is not over! [Check out the vaccination schedule for Boston clinics.](#)

[Thrive in 5 Website](#)

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Free Workshops for Family Support Providers

May - October

The Children's Trust Fund, in collaboration with many community partners, is offering over 40 free trainings for family support professionals in early education and care, early intervention, education, child welfare, health, and other social service areas. > [View the workshop calendar](#)



Parent University: May Session Registration Open

May 1, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, at Northeastern University

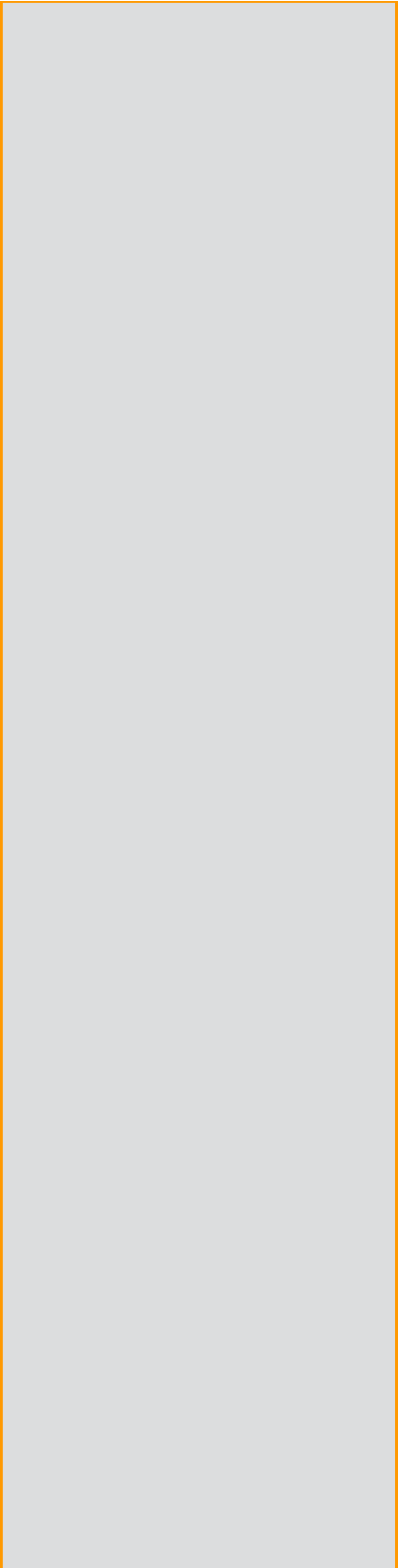
Parent University is a learning experience specifically designed to help Boston Public Schools parents increase their understanding of how children learn and develop; what their children should be learning; how to help their children get what they need to succeed; and how to bring other parents together to work for school improvement.

Don't miss the third and final Saturday session of the year - [register today!](#)

Town Hall Meeting for Families of Children with Special Needs

May 12, 6:00 pm, at Paul McLaughlin Youth Center (1135 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester)

Join the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Project B.I.N.D. (Boston Inclusion Network for Disabilities) to help build a community where children of all abilities participate and succeed. Parents, teachers, administrators, early intervention specialists, medical staff and advocates are invited to share their ideas, thoughts and needs.



Contact Debbie Collins at (617) 288-7120 x1125 for more information or to reserve a spot.

[> Download the event flyer \(pdf\)](#)

Early Childhood Educators Scholarship

Applications available online now

The Department of Higher Education and the Department of Early Education and Care have released the application for the 2010-2011 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship. The scholarship provides financial assistance for currently employed early childhood and out of school time educators and providers who enroll in an associate or bachelor degree program in Early Childhood Education or a related field.

The scholarship is awarded on a first come, first served basis. All required application forms must be submitted by the June 1 to be considered. Applications received after June 1 will be considered based on the availability of funds.

[> Read more and apply](#)

Reports & Resources

National Parent Survey

Key findings released

Zero to Three reports on key findings from a 2009 national survey of parents with children age birth to 3. Survey findings discuss topics including the recession's impact on child care arrangements, parents' understanding of social emotional development and influences on parenting approaches. [> Read Survey Report](#)

Create Custom Health Disparities Profiles

New advocacy tool

Almost one in five children in America require

special health care needs. Data from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's 2007 National Survey of Children's Health demonstrates that these children experience a range of disparities on health indicators compared to other children. This data can be accessed and used to create comparative profiles with a new tool on the [Data Resource Center website](#).

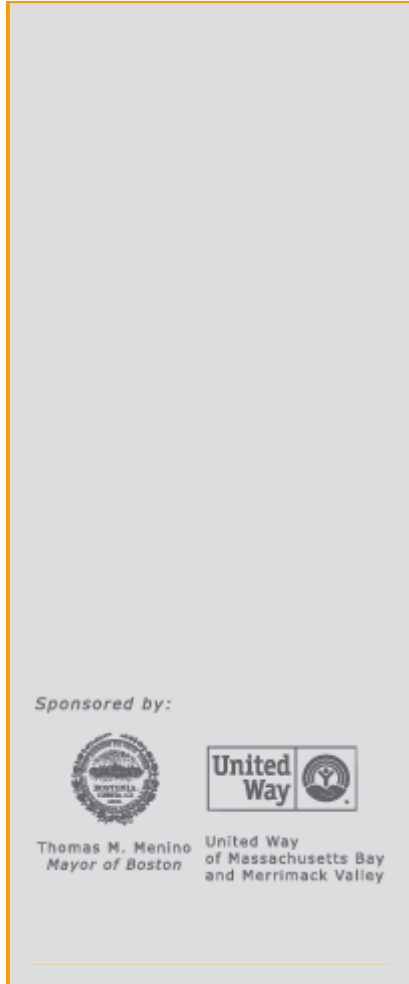
White House Child Obesity Forum

Watch online

On Friday, First Lady Michelle Obama brought together national experts and leaders to discuss the growing epidemic of childhood obesity. Breakout sessions specifically addressed:

- Empowering Parents and Caregivers
- Healthier Food in Schools
- Access to Healthy, Affordable Food
- Increased Opportunities for Physical Activities

Watch footage of the forum at whitehouse.gov.



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