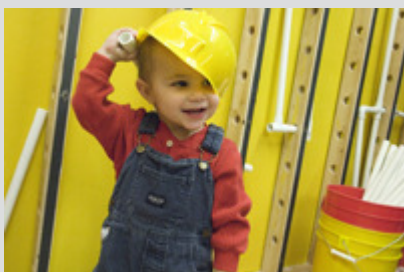




Building Boston's Future



Thrive in 5 Hiring Update

Executive Director Search Underway

The search for the *Thrive in 5* Executive Director is underway. A very strong pool of applicants has applied for this crucial leadership role. Stay tuned for more information.

Manager Positions Coming Soon

Descriptions for three Managers to coordinate implementation of the Ready Families, Ready Educators, and Ready Systems components of the roadmap will be posted in the coming weeks on the *Thrive in 5* website and in the next newsletter.

Quick Links

Happy Summer!

How is *Thrive in 5* progressing? Read on for a mid-summer update on what has been happening with *Thrive in 5* and where it's headed.

Thrive in 5 is Under Construction!

During the Birth to Five School Readiness Initiative, the Action Planning Team (APT) often said that we were designing a house, drawing up the plans to support Boston's youngest children, families, communities and schools.

This summer, partners have been laying the foundation, ensuring a solid infrastructure is in place to reach *Thrive in 5's* goals and guarantee sustainability. This includes beginning conversations with lead partners for implementation, securing resources for the next three years from the Eos Foundation and an anonymous foundation to support a core infrastructure, and hiring an Executive Director to lead *Thrive in 5*.

By mid-fall, with the "foundation poured," *Thrive in 5* will be on solid ground and drawing on community partners to help frame the work.

Help us make sure we have a strong crew!

Forward this e-mail on to friends and colleagues encouraging them to sign up for the *Thrive in 5* mailing list online at www.thrivein5boston.org.

Upcoming Summer Opportunities

Events and Activities from our Partners

With just one month left before school starts, there are still many summer opportunities that you can take advantage of – as a parent of young kids or as a volunteer.

[Our Website](#)
[Join Our Mailing List](#)

Countdown to Kindergarten

www.countdowntokindergarten.org

Find out about your neighborhood's Kindergarten Days Party, Countdown's Citywide Kindergarten Celebration at the **Boston Children's Museum** on August 27th, or opportunities to volunteer at a local elementary school on September 10th, the first day of kindergarten

ReadBoston

www.readboston.org

Find out when the Storymobile will be in your neighborhood

Boston Public Library

www.bpl.org/summer

Learn more about Wild Reads, this year's summer reading program, and events for kids at your neighborhood BPL branch

Boston Public Health Commission's Annual School Book Bag Giveaway and Resource Fair

Wednesday, August 20th, 4-7pm at Shelburne Community Center, 2730 Washington St, Roxbury

Boston Public Schools Back to School Jamboree

Saturday, August 30th, 11-3 at City Hall Plaza

More events around Boston

www.cityofboston.gov/calendar

Check out the Boston events calendar

Coming in Fall 2008

Opportunities for Your Involvement

Once school begins, be on the lookout for new products and services from partners, as well as more opportunities for your involvement with *Thrive in 5*.

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