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Job Opportunities

Recently awarded grants open positions

With funding from Thrive in 5's W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant, **Boston Public Schools (BPS) is hiring two full-time positions:**

Early Childhood School Readiness Data Manager who will support the reporting of progress on school readiness for Thrive in 5 and BPS.

Early Childhood Transition Specialist to strengthen and expand the work of the Countdown to Kindergarten program.

Thrive in 5 is a partner on two recently awarded grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Project LAUNCH (*Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health*) led by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and MYCHILD (*Massachusetts Young Children's Health Interventions for Learning and Development*) led by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHSS).

To implement these grants locally, the **Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is hiring:**

Director of Early Childhood Mental Health to provide leadership to a team overseeing the implementation of Project LAUNCH and MYCHILD as well as serve more generally as the Commission's point person on early childhood mental health.



H1N1 Vaccine is now available to all Boston Residents. [Read more flu updates.](#)



Find free and low cost events for young children and families on [Talk Read Play's events calendar.](#)



Superintendent Carol Johnson releases **[five-year plan for the Boston Public Schools' Acceleration Agenda.](#)**

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Program Manager for Boston LAUNCH responsible for implementation of LAUNCH, including working with project sites, to assure primary and preventive mental health services for young children ages birth through eight and their families.

Program Coordinator for MYCHILD responsible for implementation of MYCHILD, including working with project sites, to assure services for young children ages birth through eight with or at high risk of serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families.

For more information about these positions and to apply, visit our [Get Involved page.](#)

A formal announcement of these grants is planned for late January.

Community Events & Opportunities

Mayor Menino Launches New TV Program for First-Time Parents in Boston

With support from Children's Hospital Boston, "Parenting in Action" Premieres on BNN January 7 at 8:00 p.m.

Beginning January 7, first-time parents in Boston can tune into a new TV program for advice from local parents of older children and child development experts. **"Parenting in Action" will provide information about healthy child development, early learning, and local resources** and answer questions submitted by parents.

Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN) will air the show **every Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.** on Comcast channel 9 and RCN channel 15.

For more information about Parenting in Action and its schedule, [click here.](#)

Striving to Succeed
Through Books and Play...



The Parent-Child
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Boston Parent-Child Home Program is Seeking Families

Help PCHP connect with eligible families

The Boston Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP), a home-based literacy program, is seeking families. PCHP families are visited twice a week by a trained home visitor who promotes "learning through play", positive parent-child interactions, and academic success. PCHP is **free for Boston area families with children aged 18 months to 2.5 years and receiving state services** such as WIC or Mass Health.

For more information about PCHP, download the program flyer in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) or call PCHP Coordinator Lydia Brown at (617) 474-1143 x229

JOB OPPORTUNITY: PCHP is looking for a full or part-time home visitor. [Download the job description](#) to apply or help spread the word!



Enriching - Engaging - Empowering

Boston Public Schools' Parent University

Winter session, January 30

Parent University continues with its second session on **Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at Northeastern University** (360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, 02115). [> Register today!](#)

Parent University, led by the Office of Family & Student Engagement, is a three day-long Saturday learning series that **empowers Boston Public School parents to be leaders and advocates for student learning and school improvement.**

For more information about Parent University visit: www.bostonpublicschools.org/parentuniversity email: parentuniversity@bostonpublicschools.org or call: (617) 635-1683



Boston Public Library's Literacise

Interactive, bilingual children's exhibit

The Boston Public Library (BLP) welcomes young children and their families to **Literacise, an interactive exhibit in English and Spanish** where they can zig-zag, bunny-hop, and giant step their way through Irene Smalls' story "Jonathan and His Mommy." Literacise is **open through March 31 at BPL's Central Library** (700 Boylston Street). [> Read more](#)

Looking for more events and activities for young children and families?

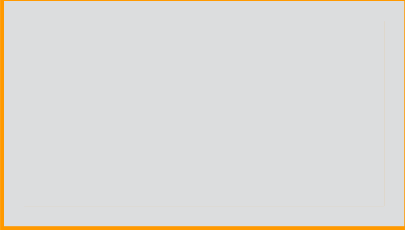
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Early Childhood in the News

Studying Young Minds, and How to Teach Them - New York Times

Benedict Carey - December 20

Cognitive neuroscience is helping to clarify how and when young brains learn fundamental math concepts. This article explores **curricula being used to promote math skills in preschool classrooms.**



Michael Levenson - January 5

Boston Globe cover story "For 5th term, vow of change" mentions **Thrive in 5 as an example of collaboration** within the city.

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