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Families with young children can find **free or low-cost events and**

### Thrive in 5 News

#### **Thrive in 5 Selects External Evaluator** *RFP process concluded*

We are thrilled to announce the selection of our external evaluator: **a team of evaluators from University of Massachusetts Boston, led by the McCormack Graduate School's Center for Social Policy**.

The team of evaluators includes: Donna Haig Friedman and Mary Coonan from the Center for Social Policy; Alice Carter, Department of Psychology; Anne Douglass, Early Education and Care in Inclusive Settings; and Oscar Gutierrez, College of Management.

This selection concludes a comprehensive and inclusive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. We owe a great deal of gratitude to our reader and interview committees, whose volunteered time and energy were essential to this process.

We are very excited to be working with this highly qualified and skilled team! [Visit our website to learn more about this evaluation.](#)

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#### **New Name for Community School Readiness Wiring!**

*Boston Children Thrive in 5*

We've received widespread feedback that "Community School Readiness Wiring" was a confusing name that didn't accurately describe the strategy. Therefore, the strategy's advisory group and Thrive in 5 staff worked together to create a new name:

[resources](#) at the [Talk Read Play website](#)



**The flu season is not over.** For flu updates and free clinics, visit the [Boston Public Health Commission website](#)



Census questionnaires are in the mail. **Find out how you can help ensure an accurate count in your community,** visit the [Boston Regional Office website](#)

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## **Boston Children Thrive in 5: *Connecting Families, Building Community***

Boston Children Thrive in 5 is beginning in 5 neighborhoods this year. [Visit our website to learn more and get involved.](#)

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### **Community Events & Opportunities**

#### **New Bostonians Summit: Immigrant Families' Educational & Economic Success is Boston's Future!**

*March 31, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at Lavine Civic Forum, City Year*

At the Summit, data on three key issues for Boston's immigrants - ESOL, K-12 Education and Jobs - will be presented. Immigrants' critical role in the economy will be emphasized and the New Bostonians Summit Agenda will be discussed. This is also an opportunity to actively engage, provide input, leadership and momentum to promote immigrants educational and economic success.

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#### **5th Annual School-Based Health Care Awareness Day**

*April 7, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at MA State House*

Join the MA Coalition of School-Based Health Centers in celebrating the great work of school-based health centers and the partnership that make it work. Small group discussions will address the Whole Child Campaign (one of the elements is being healthy) and the Safe School Ambassador program. Finally, before you head home meet with your legislators.

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**Teaching, Testing, Learning & Leading: A Policy Roundtable for Massachusetts Elementary School Principals**

*May 1, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., at the Marlborough-Boston Courtyard in Marlborough*

At this CAYL Institute statewide roundtable, you will have an opportunity to:

- Acquire new leadership skills;
- Actively engage and network with other principals; and
- Strengthen your commitment to create transformational change for children.

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