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New Executive Director for Thrive in 5

John Lippitt, PhD, Selected for Leadership Position

After a three month search, Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Michael Durkin, President of United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, announce the appointment of **John Lippitt** as the **Executive Director of Thrive in 5**.

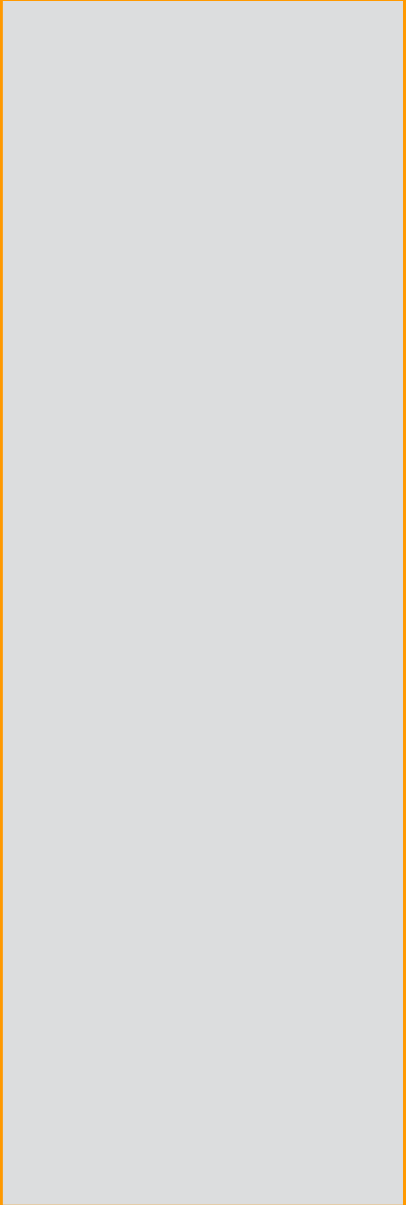
Mr. Lippitt currently works at the MA Department of Public Health as director of a project to provide comprehensive services to substance-exposed newborns and their mothers and families.

He served on Boston's 2007-2008 65-person School Readiness Action Planning Team ("the APT"), which developed the Thrive in 5 ten-year roadmap for preventing the achievement gap in Boston's next generation of students. On the APT, Mr. Lippitt co-chaired the workgroup looking at ways to improve and integrate health care and other systems that serve young children, their families and their communities. He also served on Governor Patrick's recent Readiness Project.

Previously Mr. Lippitt worked as policy specialist at the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child with Dr. Jack Shonkoff, one of the leading international experts on the science of early brain development. Among his other work, Mr. Lippitt spent fifteen years in the private sector, serving as Vice President at Investors Bank and Trust. Prior to his work in the private sector, he was a classroom teacher for three years, in grades 5-8.

Mr. Lippitt earned an MBA from the Heller School at Brandeis University and then a PhD in Social Policy with a concentration in Early Childhood Policy. His MA in elementary education is from Lesley College and his Bachelors of Science is from MIT. Mr. Lippitt is the author of numerous articles on early childhood development.

Married to a special education teacher at English High School, Mr. Lippitt is the proud grandparent of a two-year-old. Our city will benefit from Mr.



Lippitt's personal and professional commitment to ensuring that young children, their families and communities Thrive in 5.

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Second of Three School Readiness Managers Positions Posted

Another Thrive in 5 School Readiness Manager position has been posted on the Thrive in 5 website: the **Ready Systems Manager**.

This is one of three crucial manager roles at Thrive in 5, each of which will coordinate a component of Boston's School Readiness Roadmap. The Ready Systems Manager will be housed at Boston Medical Center and supported by Partners HealthCare and Children's Hospital Boston. The focus of this position is to ensure that health care and other systems that touch the lives of young children and their parents are working proactively and in coordination to support healthy child development, school readiness and overall family health.

Please share this opportunity with colleagues. Check out the full posting and application instructions online at **www.thrivein5boston.org**.

The Ready Systems posting joins the Ready Families position, posted at United Way in mid-September. The Ready Educators Manager position will be posted soon.

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