



Newsletter, October 2009

Reminder

Community School Readiness Wiring Request for Proposals

Proposals due November 2

Visit [our website](#) often for updates.

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New Job Opening at Boston Public Schools

Tracking longitudinal school readiness indicators

With funding from Thrive in 5's W.K. Kellogg grant, Boston Public Schools (BPS) is hiring an Early Childhood School Readiness Data Manager. This full-time position will support the reporting of progress on school readiness for Thrive in 5 and BPS. The manager will analyze kindergarten school readiness assessment data and begin to build a longitudinal database with these data, data on children's experiences prior to entering school, and data on subsequent success in school.

To read more and apply, [visit the BPS jobs page](#) (Job ID: 337342, location: Early Learning Services).

Boston Offers Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

The best way to prevent the flu

To help you prepare yourself and your family for the flu season, Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) invites all Boston residents to a series of free seasonal flu vaccine clinics. Visit the [Clinic Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming seasonal flu clinics.

The seasonal flu vaccine is recommended for people who have underlying health problems; are in close contact with high risk persons (household contacts of infants under 6 months, health care workers); and want to avoid getting sick.

Opportunities

Child Care Choices
for Boston's
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Forum on
Preventing and
Treating the Flu
During Pregnancy

Allston/Brighton
Community
Discussion on the
New Children's
Mental Health Law

Toxic Environmental
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Money Management
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Quick Links

There will be separate vaccinations for the seasonal and H1N1 flu (formerly the "swine flu"). For more information about the H1N1 vaccination and other flu-related information and tips, visit [BPHC's website](#) or call the Mayor's Health Line at (617) 534-5050.

Are you a perinatal health or social service provider in Boston? Don't miss *Making the Case – Providing the Care*, a forum about preventing and treating the flu during pregnancy, on Thursday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Baptist Church Shaw Hall, 150 Warren Street, Roxbury. [> Read more](#)

Boston Public Schools Helps Families Prepare for Kindergarten

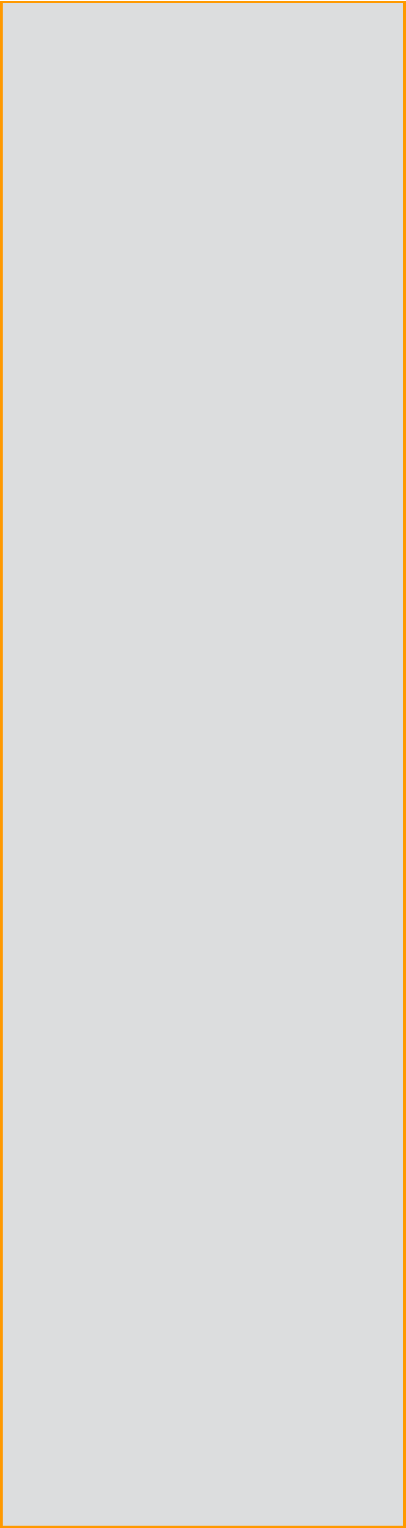
Resources for the school selection process

Families should start preparing for Kindergarten (K0 for 3 year olds, K1 for 4 year olds, and K2 for 5 year olds) a full year before their child starts school. Boston Public Schools (BPS) and their Countdown to Kindergarten program are guiding families through the preparation process, beginning with selecting the right school.

First, families can attend the **Boston Public Schools Showcase on October 24**, to get an overview of available schools. During **School Preview Time (November 2 – January 22)** families are invited to visit schools to take a tour and talk with staff. Families can also attend **Countdown to Kindergarten Information Sessions** to get answer to their questions about BPS schools, the registration process, and more. Volunteers are needed at these events.

[> For more information, check out the Countdown to Kindergarten website.](#)

Mother Baby Unit Opens at Boston Medical Center



The Mother Baby team of physicians and nurses at Boston Medical Center recently opened a new Mother Baby Unit in the Menino Pavilion. New and expectant mothers and families can enjoy a state-of-the-art nursery and private rooms, among other wonderful features.

For more information, contact Anne Marie Henri at Mother Baby Unit, (617) 414-4367.

Community Events & Opportunities

If you have community events and opportunities for providers and families that you'd like to share in our newsletter, please [contact us](#).

Child Care Choices of Boston Releases Fall/Winter Training Calendar

Child Care Choices of Boston (CCCB) offers a range of workshops, beginning in October, that focus on topics that support professional development for child care teachers and providers. > [Download the calendar here](#) or at [CCCB's website](#)

Making the Case – Providing the Care: Prevention and Treatment of Flu During Pregnancy

A forum for perinatal health and human service providers in Boston. Thursday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Baptist Church Shaw Hall, 150 Warren Street, Roxbury > [Learn more](#)

Allston/Brighton Community Forum: Discussion about the New Children's Mental Health Law (*Chapter 321 of the Acts of 2008: An Act Relative To Children's Mental Health*) Thursday, October 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Gardner Pilot Academy, 30 Athol Street, Allston > [Learn more](#)

Toxic Environmental Threats to Children's Development: What We Know & What We Can Do

Boston Institute for the Development of Infants and Parents' Annual Conference, Saturday, November 14, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at the Massachusetts



School of Professional Psychology, 221 Rivermoor Street, Boston > [Learn more](#)

**Money Management Workshops for Families:
"Family & Finances: How to Stretch a Dollar"**

Fridays 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., from November 6 to December 11, at 105 Chauncy Street, Boston ≥ [Learn more](#)

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