



Full-service Schools Roundtable

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SAVE THE DATE!

The next Full-service Schools Roundtable Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 28th**
9:00 – 11:30 am
Location TBA

The focus will be
Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Students

Roundtable Report:

Bridging the Gap Between Schools, Parents/Guardians, and Out-of-School Time Programs

On December 13th at the Full-service Schools Roundtable Meeting, the audience of 50+ stakeholders explored how to foster positive communication and collaboration between OST providers, parents and schools. Presenters Dishon Mills and Corbett Coutts, After School Office, Boston Public Schools began their comments by talking about why this task is so challenging. They observed that "these three groups often function like different *cultures* and many times do not succeed in forming successful partnerships." The areas of difference between schools and OST programs may be environment, funding streams, language, work hours, and formal vs. informal structures. The general strategies shared to assist in bridging any cultural gaps that may be encountered include:

- ✓ **Visit successful programs** - adopt best practices of successful collaborations.
- ✓ **Spend time getting familiar with other "cultures"** - take time to understand the "language" and priorities of other parties and find common ground.
- ✓ **Know your own worth** - be able to communicate your "worth" in the "language" others can understand.
- ✓ **Remember this is trial and error** - in trying to collaborate, keep trying different approaches, times of year, or points of entry to connect.
- ✓ **Communicate. Communicate. Communicate** - meet regularly to strategize, solve problems, share, and show appreciation.
- ✓ **Give and take is key** - when establishing a collaboration, look to see what can be given, not solely what can be gained.

For more information, see the attached listing of resources.

What's Happening in Boston Public Schools

Citywide Showcase of Schools

Thursday, January 5, 2006 • 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

UMass Boston Harbor Campus, Dorchester

Families can:

- * Get important information about all the Boston Public Schools under one roof.
- * See displays of student work.
- * Talk to principals, teachers and parents about what makes each school special.

The first registration rounds are:

- * **January 6-February 3** for kindergarten and grades 1, 6 and 9
- * **February 6-March 24** for all other grades.

Visit www.bostonpublicschools.org/register for the complete registration schedule, to find out the locations and hours of the Family Resource Centers.

Or call: ☎ 617-635-8040 • 617-635-9010 • 617-635-8015

Funding Opportunities

Staples Foundation for Learning: Funds to Promote Learning. The mission of the Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The foundation makes decisions quarterly and organizations must submit applications online. Grants range in size from \$5,000 to \$25,000. For more information, contact Staples Foundation for Learning, 500 Staples Drive Four West, Framingham, MA 01702, foundationinfo@staples.com, or visit: www.staplesfoundation.org
DEADLINE: JANUARY 2, 2006

U.S. Department of Education, Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities. Community Parent Resource Centers. This priority supports community parent training and information centers in targeted communities that will provide underserved parents of children with disabilities, including low-income parents, parents of limited English proficient children, and parents with disabilities in that community, with the training and information they need to enable them to participate effectively in helping their children with disabilities to— (a) Meet developmental and functional goals, and challenging academic achievement goals that have been established for all children; and (b) Be prepared to lead productive, independent adult lives, to the maximum extent possible. In addition, a purpose of this priority is to ensure that children with disabilities and their parents receive training and information on their rights, responsibilities, and protections under IDEA in order to develop the skills necessary to cooperatively and effectively participate in planning and decision making relating to early intervention, educational, and transitional services. Ten awards will be granted in the average amount of \$100,000. For more information contact Lisa Gorove, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4056, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2550, Phone: (202) 245-7357, or visit <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-22258.pdf>.
DEADLINE: JANUARY 3, 2006

Schools of Distinction Awards from Intel and Scholastic. The program, established by Scholastic and Intel rewards schools for programs that promote student achievement and innovation in education. It is open to K-12 public, private, charter, parochial, Department of Defense, and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. A school may apply in any one of the following nine categories: Academic Achievement, Literacy Achievement, Mathematics Achievement, Science Achievement, Technology Excellence, Technology Innovation, Technology Innovation, Professional Development, and Collaboration and Teamwork. The program will choose two winners per category, one at the elementary level and one at the secondary level. From these eighteen winners, two schools will be selected to receive the designation of "Best of the Best." These winners will be recognized for having a comprehensive program addressing technology, strong involvement of parents and the community, ongoing professional development, great teamwork, and for consistently achieving high academic standards. Each category winner receives a \$10,000 grant from the Intel Foundation and a host of educational products provided by Scholastic. "Best of the Best" winners receive an additional \$15,000 from the Intel Foundation, for a total of \$25,000. For more information, visit www.schoolsofdistinction.com/apply.php.
DEADLINE: JANUARY 5, 2006

Visit our website to search
past newsletters for funding
information:

www.fullserviceschoolsroundtable.org

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Jane's Trust provides support for arts and culture, education, the environment, and health and welfare. Support is given for capital campaigns, endowments, general/operating support, matching/challenge support, and program development. The Trustees are interested particularly in organizations and projects which primarily benefit underserved populations and disadvantaged communities. The Trust supports collaborations among nonprofit organizations and welcomes collaborative applications. The Trustees understand that grant requests and collaborations may from time to time bridge two or more areas of interest. Annual grants will generally range in size from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000. For more information contact Susan M. Fish, Grants Administrator, c/o Hemenway & Barnes, Select Client Services, 60 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, Phone: (617) 227-7940, Email: sfish@hembar.com, or visit www.hembar.com/selectsrv/janes/index.html.

DEADLINE: JANUARY 10, 2006

Youth Service America and DisneyHand Offer Global Grants Program for Youth Service Day Projects. Disney and Youth Service America know that youth of all ages can be involved in volunteer service projects and programs. By working with their family, school, friends, and neighbors, youth can solve community problems. Minnie grants are available of up to \$500 to youth aged 5 to 14, or the teachers, schools, and organizations that engage them to implement service projects on National and Global Youth Service Day, April 21-23, 2006. To learn more about Minnie Grants and/or to download an application form, visit www.ysa.org/awards or email MinnieGrant@ysa.org

DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2006

2005 Champions in Action Program from Citizens Bank Foundation was developed to help selected nonprofit organizations address specific social challenges, from affordable housing and homelessness to workforce development and youth support. Each quarter, Citizen Bank selects a specific topic as an area of social concern; upcoming topics include healthcare, hunger, and homelessness. The Champions in Action program rewards a nonprofit organization that is working to champion change in the community by addressing a community need. Each Champion in Action receives: A \$25,000 contribution in unrestricted funds from the Citizens Bank Foundation; Coverage from New England Cable News (NECN), including public service announcements and television profiles; Volunteer support from Citizens Bank and NECN; Public relations support; and Promotional support, including advertising in Citizens Bank branches and on Citizens Bank ATMs, as well as on the bank's website and the NECN website. In selecting Champions in Action, Citizen Bank seeks organizations with a demonstrated history of strong fiscal responsibility and leadership, as well as an ability to show how they will make effective use of the awarded support and resources. Awards are given in the amount of \$25,000. For more information contact Citizens Bank, Public Affairs Department, Attention: Champions in Action Program, 53 State Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109, Phone: (800) 852-5577, or visit www.citizensbank.com/community/champion/cmnty_champions.asp?sltRegion=2.

DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2006

The Fuller Foundation, Inc. supports non-profit agencies which improve the quality of life for people, animals and the environment. Their geographic focus area is predominately the Boston area and the immediate seacoast area of New Hampshire. Through grants they strive to effect change, make an impact on our community, and inspire good deeds. In funding Youth at Risk The Fuller Foundation, Inc. seeks proposals from qualified agencies that involve a minimum of 25 youth, 18 and under, predominately at or below the poverty line, in programs that will: help prevent youth from experiencing the detrimental effects caused by the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs through the early education of youth and parents; and challenge and empower youth at risk

The **mission** of the Full-service Schools Roundtable is to advance the healthy development and academic success of students in Boston through integrated school/community partnerships. In alignment with BPS goals, the Roundtable increases Boston's capacity to provide comprehensive, school-based supports for children, youth and families.

through peer leadership, outdoor adventure education programs, and alternative educational experiences. They fund programs which help youth reach their potential and to lead productive lives. The Foundation favors programs that are year-round, or summer programs which re-enforce values and skills that are learned during the school year. Minimum number of participants: 25 For more information contact ATFuller@aol.com or visit <http://www.fullerfoundation.org>
DEADLINE: JANUARY 15 AND JUNE 15

The National School and Business Partnership Award recognizes exemplary partnerships between schools and businesses around the country. Partnerships involving kindergarten through 12th grade public schools and/or school districts and businesses are eligible to apply for the award. The Council presents six awards per year and those selected for the award receive national recognition and the schools or districts receive \$10,000 to support partnership efforts. For more information contact awardsubmissions@widmeyer.com or visit www.corpschoolpartners.org/award.shtml.
DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2006

Nickelodeon Announces Giveaway Program to Encourage Healthy Play. Nickelodeon has announced the launch of the 2005-2006 "Let's Just Play" Giveaway Program, where the network will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the country the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to win \$5,000 to improve their school or community program's fitness resources. Nickelodeon will award a minimum of 20 winners per month with \$5,000 each to help facilitate play in their community. To enter, kids (6-15 years of age), partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders, must tell Nickelodeon what they need for their public or private school (grades K-9) or community-based after-school organization to help them play better and why, and give three reasons why play is important. For more information, visit www.nick.com/myworld/letsjustplay/giveaway.jhtml.
ROLLING DEADLINE UNTIL MAY 31, 2006

For Your Information

What's Happening at the New Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)?
December 21st, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Roxbury Community College, Reggie Lewis Center, 1234 Columbus Avenue
Please join EEC Commissioner Ann Reale and EEC staff at a regional meeting in your area to: hear about the Agency's new structure, mission and goals; discuss the planning projects underway to build a new system of high-quality early education and care; and provide input and feedback.

To register contact laurinda.rosa@massmail.state.ma.us or (617) 472-2881 x623.

Project Director Position

Build the Out-of-School Time Network's (BOSTnet) mission is to ensure that children and youth are well cared for during out-of-school time hours. BOSTnet addresses the need to enhance and provide access to out-of-school time resources by reaching out to families, providers, and policymakers. BOSTnet serves as a resource, a partner, and an advocate, committed to working on all fronts to ensure that children and families in need have access to quality services that are safe, reliable, and affordable.

The Project Director will lead the Lead to Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities Initiative (LOYD), an organization initiative centered around youth programming and inclusive programming for children and youth.

Applications are due January 6, 2006. For more information contact Kerry Perez, BOSTnet, 11 Beacon Street, Suite 1000, Boston, MA 02108 or Fax (617) 720-1291 or e-mail perez@bostnet.org or visit www.bostnet.org

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Harvard Family Research Project

Harvard Family Research Project's out-of-school time experts regularly present at conferences on a range of out-of-school time issues. Two recent presentations are now available on their website.

The symposium presentation, Supporting Children's Development in and out of the Classroom, examines parenting behaviors and their associations with children's outcomes in adolescence -- including children's participation in out-of-school time activities. It was presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development, which took place in Asilomar, California.

The presentation, Engaging Adolescents in Out-of-School Time Programs: Learning What Works, reported on the benefits of participation in out-of-school time activities, contextual predictors of youth participation in such activities, and strategies for improving recruitment and retention in out-of-school time programs at the American Youth Policy Forum in Washington, D.C.

Both are available at:

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/afterschool/conference>

Conference/Training Announcements

Health Care For All Conference
Health Reform 2006... *This is the year!*
March 17, 2006

Westborough Wyndham Hotel

The annual Policy and Organizing Conference brings together health reform leaders and activists from across Massachusetts. The conference includes workshops, panel discussions and presentations with various organizations. This year's conference will be packed with special guests, workshops and key speakers covering an array of topics about health reform in Massachusetts. For more information call (617) 275-2921 or visit: www.hcfama.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=340.

Promoting Positive Behavior
March 2, 2006

United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Room 120

Out-of-School Time professionals who participate in BOSTnet's Directors Roundtables often express the need for staff training on how to manage behavior in their programs, including how to implement general strategies to address challenging behavior(s). To address this need, BOSTnet is providing a half-day forum to equip out-of-school time professionals at any level to promote positive behavior. BOSTnet will not endorse any particular methodology, but will provide resources and general strategies to promote positive behavior. Presenters will include behavior specialists and professionals working with a wide range of youth who have been successful in creating a positive climate for children in their programs. **Pre-registration is required. There is only space for 75 participants. This BOSTnet forum is free of charge for any out-of-school time professional. Deadline for registration is February 24th, 2005*

For more information contact Susan Tufts: call (617) 720-1290 x241, email tufts@bostnet.org or fax (617) 720-1291