



Full-service Schools Roundtable

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SAVE THE DATE!

Making the Most of Partnerships
on: April 27th
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
at: United Way of Massachusetts Bay
51 Sleeper Street,
Boston, MA 02210

Roundtable Report

February Meeting Focuses on Mental Health Needs in Schools

On February 28th, the Full-service Schools Roundtable convened over 120 individuals from Boston Public Schools, foundations, and mental health, health, and state agencies at Northeastern University to explore the challenges and possibilities of meeting mental health needs in schools. Panelists explored: how mental health problems look from the principal's office; coordinating services for children and families, school-clinic-hospital mental health partnerships, and harnessing community partners for school-based services. Small group discussion focused on: the referral and resource identification process, partnership issues, prevention strategies, and the student support structure in the school.

All invited to a follow-up discussion at the next Roundtable meeting:

Making the Most of Partnerships

on: April 27th 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
at: United Way of Massachusetts Bay
51 Sleeper Street, Boston

For more info, contact Jill Asser at jasser@bu.edu.



As a partner in the Coalition for Community Schools, The Roundtable invites you to attend the 2006 National Forum:

Community Schools: Creating the Conditions for Learning

June 14-16, 2006

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland.

It's an exciting time for community schools, and this year's Forum promises to continue the momentum building around the movement. *Community Schools: Creating the Conditions for Learning* will focus on how community schools create an environment in which all children can learn and succeed at high levels. Participants will explore the conditions for learning through the lens of leadership, policy, systems and practice changes.

For more information, read the [Forum Overview](#).

A limited number of school site visit slots are available for a small additional fee. Register early to ensure your place.

REGISTER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

What's Happening with Roundtable Members

Spread the Word Campaign...

by Paula Georges, Director of Child & Adolescent Mental Health,
Boston Public Health Commission

The Boston Coalition for Child & Adolescent Mental Health seeks creative ways to reduce the stigma related to mental health. To carry out this challenge, we spoke with communities who work with and care for children and adolescents. Through all these conversations, a common theme arose. Happy or sad, anxious or calm, restless or tired, angry or forgiving, **"spread the word, everyone needs someone to talk to."** This simple public awareness message does much to reduce the stigma related to mental health and emotional wellness.

The Coalition is kicking off its **"Spread the Word Campaign"** on **Tuesday, May 2nd from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at English High School**, to celebrate the annual May observance of child mental health week. The event features Urban Improv and Youth Unscripted. Using improvisational theater, these performers help young people discover approaches to resolving situations that could otherwise lead to unhealthy behavior or violence. Along with engaging scenarios, refreshments, entertainment and door prizes, the event showcases four Boston community groups who are getting out the message that there are many healthy ways to cope with emotional challenges and prevent violence. Boston youth are invited and all adults that love and care for young people.

Another feature of the Campaign is an easy to read tip sheet, **"Understanding how teens behave emotionally, ages 13 to 15"** now available in English & Spanish, and on-line at talklisten.org. A Training of Trainers (TOT) all day session on the effective use of the tip sheet is scheduled for late May. The purpose of the (TOT) is to recruit group leaders to spread the information in the tip sheet to others in their organization, agency, school or community. For more information on the May 2 event and the TOT session, please contact Paula Georges at pgeorges@bphc.org or (617) 534-5671. The Boston Coalition for Child & Adolescent Mental Health is grateful for the support of the Boston Public Health Commission and Children's Hospital Boston.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Boston Parks and Recreation Department: Small Changes Beautification Grants is part of a four year grant program to fund moderately priced yet significant beautification projects. Created with funds donated by the Democratic National Convention, the initiative will fund moderately priced, yet significant, beautification projects and enhance the quality of life in Boston's neighborhoods. Any beautification project designed to make a long-lasting or permanent impact in a Boston neighborhood is eligible.

The Parks Department will award funds for general improvements and for permanent installations; grants of \$10,000 or more will require a match. General improvements may include: Open space stewardship programs for youth or adults - environmental education and analysis of debris source, Clean-ups including waste removal costs, Professional planting or pruning of trees, Graffiti removal. Permanent installations may include: New benches, murals, paving & fencing, Restoration of murals and plaques, Restoration or repair of existing decorative fencing, Landscape improvements (public land only) with five year maintenance plan.

School Mental Health Services in the United States, 2002-2003 is a report that details data on types of MH problems encountered in schools, services schools deliver, numbers and qualifications of school staff providing services, arrangements for delivering the services, and major sources of funding for school MH services.

While survey findings indicate that schools are responding to the mental health needs of their students, they also suggest increasing needs for mental health services and the multiple challenges faced by schools addressing these needs.

To view the full report visit:
www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/media/ken/pdf/SMA05-4068/SMA05-4068.pdf

Visit our website to search
past newsletters for
funding information:

[www.fullserviceschools
roundtable.org](http://www.fullserviceschoolsroundtable.org)

Exterior architectural or landscape lighting Range of grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for general improvements and \$5,000 to \$30,000 for permanent installations. For more information contact: Lucy Kelleher, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Attention: Small Changes, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02118, Phone: (617) 635-4989, or visit: www.cityofboston.gov/parks/smallchanges.asp
DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2006

U.S. Department of Education: Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Program supports the enhancement, expansion, documentation, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative, cohesive models that are based on research and have demonstrated that they effectively:

- integrate standards-based arts education into the core elementary and middle school curricula;
- strengthen standards-based arts instruction in these grades; and
- improve students' academic performance, including their skills in creating, performing, and responding to the arts.

Projects funded through the program are intended to increase the amount of nationally available information on effective models for arts education that integrate the arts with standards-based education programs. 35 recipients will be awarded a total of \$8,700,000.

For more information and eligibility requirements contact: Diane Austin, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4W210, Washington, DC 20202, Phone: (202) 260-1280, E-mail: artsdemo@ed.gov, or visit:

www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=7893

DEADLINE: APRIL 7, 2006

Mattel Children's Foundation Announces Second Year of Domestic Grantmaking Program: Applicant organizations must have a mission that focuses on direct service to children up to 12 years old. Priority will be given to organizations or programs that use creative and/or innovative methods to address a locally defined need directly impacting children in need and that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include learning, health, and girl empowerment.

Through this effort, unsolicited applications for funds from organizations working to benefit children in need in the United States are accepted. Organizations with 501(c)(3) public charity status that are able to demonstrate they directly serve children in need may be eligible for grants of \$5,000 up to \$25,000.

Applicant organizations must have an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million. Organizations may not be affiliated in any way with national organizations, regardless of whether funds are received from the national entity. Organizations may submit under a fiscal agent as long as the program has been in existence for at least two years.

Two types of grants will be considered: 1) Program-specific grants, i.e., funding for the launch of new programs or expansion of existing programs; and 2) Core operating support, i.e., support for administrative and operating costs that help organizations to sustain their programs.

The Full-service Schools Roundtable appreciates support for its work from The Boston Foundation, Herman and Frieda L. Miller Foundation, Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust, and an anonymous foundation.

Applications must be submitted online through the Mattel Web site. See the site for complete program guidelines and eligibility information:

www.mattel.com/About_Us/Philanthropy/.

DEADLINE: APRIL 7, 2006

U.S. Department of Education: Literacy through School Libraries aims to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists. 100 recipients will be awarded a total of \$18,901,586.

For more information contact: Irene Harwarth, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3W227, Washington, DC 20202, Phone: (202) 401-3751, E-mail: Irene.Harwarth@ed.gov, or visit: www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=7972

DEADLINE: APRIL 11, 2006

National Association of Secondary School Principals Invites Applications for MetLife Foundation Bridge Builders Grant Program for public middle and high schools serving large numbers of low-income students and/or underrepresented minorities (more than 40 percent of the student body) in the United States are eligible to apply.

Projects awarded grants will seek to implement recommendations stemming from two publications: "Transitions and the Role of Supportive Relationships, the 2004-2005 MetLife Survey of the American Teacher" and "Sent to the Principal: Students Talk About Making High School Better," a project of [What Kids Can Do](#). Both publications point to the lack of support and trust between students and their principals. Both recommend building better relationships among adults and students, as they greatly influence student academic and social outcomes. NASSP encourages applications from schools interested in addressing this particular disconnect.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include mentoring initiatives; student advisories; personal adult advocate initiatives; civic engagement projects; professional development with focus on personalization; and engaging families in school.

Twenty-five grant awardees will receive \$5,000 to implement a special initiative aimed at building better relationships among adults and students. From that pool of twenty-five, NASSP will select five exemplary awardees to participate in a panel presentation at the 2008 NASSP Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Complete program information and application materials are available at the NASSP Web site: www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=568&DID=48228. For more information, contact Judith Richardson, Program Director at richardsonj@principals.org.

DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2006

For Your Information

Afterschool and Youth Advocacy Day

Let's really turn out to support quality out of school time for Massachusetts'

children and youth! Providers, children, youth, and supporters from all across the state will gather to hear from key supporters and to visit their legislators and make our voices heard!

March 23rd

Great Hall at the State House, Boston, MA

9:00 AM Breakfast and Registration

10:00 AM Speaking Program

11:00 AM Send-off and meetings with Legislators

Legislative Sponsors: Offices of Representative Marie St. Fleur and Senator Thomas McGee

Organizational Sponsors: BOSTnet, Citizen Schools, Get on B.A.S.E., Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership, Massachusetts Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, MADCA, Massachusetts 2020, Massachusetts School-Age Coalition, Parents Alliance for Catholic Education, The Medical Foundation/BEST Initiative, United Way of Massachusetts Bay, United Way of Pioneer Valley, WestMOST, and YMCAs of Massachusetts

Click on these links for more information:

[Sign Up For Advocacy Day Right Now!](#)

[Get Tips For Setting Up Your Meetings](#)

[Get the Young People in Your Programs Involved!](#)

[MAP Website](#)

In 3 months BPS will have a new Superintendent...

Come to a community forum to lay out concerns and create a community agenda for the next Superintendent of Boston Public Schools.

Moderated by: Sarah Ann Shaw

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Bacon

Saturday, April 1, 2006 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Boston Day & Evening Academy (formerly Wheatley School)

20 Kearsarge Street, off of Warren Street in Roxbury

across from the Dudley Library

(parking available, T accessible via Dudley Station or bus routes #23 or #28)

For more information, call Kim at (617) 357-8431 x227

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Food, childcare, and translation will be provided.

This event was made possible with the generous support of The Boston Foundation and is being hosted by Community Partners for a New Superintendent

 **BOSTnet** proudly presents . . .
The 2nd Annual SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR

**Franklin Park Zoo
April 6th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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.

Full-service Schools Roundtable Staff

Marta Gredler,
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AnnaLisa Prada,
Program Director

Jill Asser, Graduate
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Explore all the local resources available to your program this summer! Come meet representatives from the following organizations: Appalachian Mountain, Club's Youth Opportunities Program, Boston Children's Museum, Camp Fire USA, City of Boston, Franklin Park Zoo, Historic New England, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Outdoor Explorations, WGBH's ZOOM and FETCH, and the USS Constitution Museum. This event is part of BOSTnet's Boston Directors/Youth Directors Roundtable Series.

RSVP today: buck@bostnet.org or (617) 720-1290 x239
For more information visit: www.bostnet.org



2006 Compassionate Caregiver Award

Call for Nominations: In 1999, the Kenneth B. Schwartz Center established an annual award to honor caregivers displaying extraordinary compassion in caring for patients. For the eighth year, the Schwartz Center will honor a paid, employed caregiver who has direct contact with patients in any setting where patients receive care in Massachusetts.

Nurses, CNAs, technicians, physicians, home health aides and teams of multidisciplinary caregivers as well as many other categories of caregivers are eligible for this award. The winner will receive \$5,000 and four finalists will receive \$1,000 each.

Nominations for Compassionate Caregiver Award must be **postmarked on or before April 10, 2006**. A statewide Award Review Committee comprised of nurses, physicians, social workers, community health workers, patient advocates and consumers will review nominations. The award will be presented at the Schwartz Center's annual dinner on November 1st, 2006, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston. Approximately 1,500 people from the health care community and beyond attend this event. Questions? contact lin@hcfama.org, (617) 726-0512, or visit: www.theschwartzcenter.org/caregiver.asp.

Coalition for Community Schools Establishes a National Awards Program

To highlight the expansion and effectiveness of community schools, the Coalition for Community Schools is establishing a national awards program. Awards will be given at the National Forum in Baltimore, June 14-16, 2006. Two individual schools and two communities will be honored. Please share information about these awards with your constituents. Use the attached form to make nominations. Applications must be submitted by fax (202) 872-4050 or email to ccs@iel.org no later than April 15, 2006.

Conference/Workshop Announcements



W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research
and the Stay Strong Foundation

**Inform Your Mind, Fuel Your Spirit:
Mental Health Awareness in the Black Community**

Wednesday, March 22nd, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Harvard University, Science Center, Lecture Hall B, 1 Oxford Street

Panel discussion and book-signing with the authors

What is mental illness? Why are we ashamed to talk about it?

Moderated by **Terrie Williams**, Author of *A Plentiful Harvest: Creating Balance and Harmony Through the Seven Living Virtues*, Founder of Stay Strong Foundation and The Terrie Williams Agency
Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, Author of *Lay My Burden Down: Suicide and the Mental Health Crisis Among African Americans*, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
Rhonda Ross, Writer, Vocalist and Emmy-nominated actress
Dr. Altha J. Stewart, President, American Psychiatric Foundation, Former President, Black Psychiatrists of American

For more information contact the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University at (617) 495-3611 or email dhamilt@fas.harvard.edu. For more information about the Stay Strong Foundation, email tmwms@terriewilliams.com. Underwritten with an educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company.



Next Bridging the Gap Training: Understanding the BPS Curriculum and How to Integrate Social Studies into After School

Thursday, March 30th, 10:00 AM - 12:00PM (Location: TBD)

Understand BPS K-12 curriculum standards and frameworks for Social Studies. Learn strategies, activities, and resources to use with students to incorporate current events, historical themes, field learning experiences and personal and local history into OST programs.

Presenter: Sid Smith, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

**Space is limited. To reserve your spot please contact Rachel Green, Bridging the Gap Coordinator, at (617)635-6609 or e-mail: rgreen2@boston.k12.ma.us

Visit our website for more
information:

[www.fullserviceschools
roundtable.org](http://www.fullserviceschoolsroundtable.org)

The 4th Annual PEAR Conference PROGRAM IN EDUCATION, AFTERSCHOOL AND RESILIENCY

The Whole Child - The Whole Day: *Building Systems, Transforming Relationships*

Thursday, April 6th, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Featuring: *Monkey Dance* (a documentary film)
plus Conversation with Boston-area youth

Friday, April 7th, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Featuring: Opening remarks by Mayor Thomas Menino
plus Leading experts in best practices, extended day,
financial sustainability, mental health and more

Omni Parker House, 60 School Street, Boston
Please register early as space is limited. Registration fee: \$20.

Registration and more information online at www.pearweb.org.

***ACTION FOR LIFE, VOICES OF HOPE:
SUICIDE PREVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN***
5th Annual Massachusetts Suicide Prevention Conference

Tuesday, April 25th, 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM
&
Wednesday, April 26th, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, Sturbridge, MA

Conference objectives: Participants will gain new information and increase their awareness of suicide as a public health issue; Participants will become familiar with the goals and objectives of the Massachusetts Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention; Participants will learn how they can “take action” with the Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention to implement the Strategic Plan; Participants will gain knowledge about the special needs of suicide survivors; Participants will enhance their suicide assessment and intervention skills

Who Should Attend? Public health and mental health professionals, social workers, nurses, public safety officials, first responders, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, corrections personnel, community leaders and advocates, survivors, counselors, clergy and faith community leaders, educators and school administrators, elder service staff, persons working with youth programs, GLBT advocates and allies and anyone interested in preventing self-harm and suicide in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Registration: Registration is accepted by mail only. If you have questions regarding program registration contact: AdCare Educational Institute (508) 752-7313; (508) 754-0039/TTY. Advance registration and payment are required.

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**Boston Coalition for Child & Adolescent Mental Health
announces the Spread the word campaign... Everyone deserves
someone to talk to**



Come Celebrate Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday, May 2nd, 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
English High School, Jamaica Plain

Light refreshments and door prizes
M.C. Mariama White-Hammond, Project Hip Hop
Share Strategies • Promote Resilience • Prevent Violence
Experience Urban Improv & Youth Unscripted's Participatory Approach

Youth invited and all adults that love and care for young people



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