

How does the Boston Family Engagement Network support families?

The purpose of our work is to support families in their role as their child's first teacher by ensuring that all families with young children, especially those with the greatest educational need, experiencing multiple risk factors, and in hard to reach populations, are engaged in their child's healthy development through access to family support services, child development knowledge and school readiness resources that are essential to their success. Our services include:



- **Referrals and access to information and programs** like quality child care; housing assistance; developmental, vision and dental screenings, WIC, early intervention, fuel assistance and more! This year alone, we have assisted over 6,000 families.

- **Promotion of the importance of early literacy** through literacy nights, and the Parent Child Home Program. Over 2,000 families have participated in and benefited from these programs.



Parent-Child Home Program – a home visitor comes twice a week

to share reading and play activities that build a child's vocabulary and the family's love of reading. To find out how to participate in the Parent Child Home Program, contact Lydia Brown at 617-474-1143 or lbrown@familynurturing.org.

- **Supporting families in building social connections with other families and their children** through parent-child playgroups, nurturing groups, family cafés and parent support groups.
- **Enhancing caregiver knowledge about child development** through family education workshops that build on a family's strengths and Ages and Stages screening. Over 1,000 families have attended our community-based workshops.

Mission Statement

The Boston Family Engagement Network partners with families of young children and community stakeholders to promote children's learning, healthy development, school readiness and potential for success starting at birth.



About Us:

The Boston Family Engagement Network is a citywide coalition focused on raising **awareness about the importance** of family engagement in the life of a young child.

We are parents and other community partners such as, early educators and family support workers who are invested in ensuring that beginning at birth, all young children have access to a quality educational experience whether at home, in school, or in child care.

Our work is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care's Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant. All services are free of charge to families.

For more information, visit our website at www.cpcboston.org or call 617-635-1507.



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Neighborhood Based Support

We want families to be aware of the resources and services available in the communities where they live and work. In each neighborhood, staff are available to assist you with questions, concerns or needs that your family may have. All are welcome to call or contact us for services. Your child does not need to be enrolled with the agency and there are no income restrictions to access these free community resources.

Where do I go for information on my child's development? How do I know when my child is ready for school?

Local Service Centers

- **Allston/Brighton**
Contact: Randi Freundlich
Family Nurturing Center
640 Washington Street, Brighton, MA
Phone: (617) 617-208-8611
Email: rfreundlich@familynurturing.org
- **Charlestown**
Contact: Le My To
The Kennedy Center
55 Bunker Hill Street
Charlestown, MA
Phone: 617-398-6242
Email: lto@kennedycenter.org
- **Dorchester**
Contact: Mary Kinsella
Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester
1135 Dorchester Avenue, Dor., MA
Phone: (617) 288-7120
Email: mkinsella@bcgdorchester.org

I want to find fun, inexpensive things to do with my child and family close to home.

- **East Boston**
Contact: Gloria Devine
East Boston Social Centers
68 Central Square, East Boston, MA
Phone: (617) 569-3221
Email: gdevine@ebsoc.org
- **Hyde Park/Roslindale/West Roxbury**
Contact: Donna Remolette
South Side Head Start
19 Corinth Street, Roslindale, MA
Phone: (617) 327-1152
Email: donna.remolette@bostonabcd.org
- **Mattapan**
Contact: Dawn Browne
Mattapan Head Start
525 River Street, Mattapan, MA
Phone: (617) 298-1785
Email: dawne.brown@bostonabcd.org
- **Jamaica Plain**
Contact: Lauren Morse
Associated Early Care and Education
962 Parker Street, Jamaica Plain, MA
Phone: (617) 413-2417
Email: lmorse@associatedeccc.org

Where do I go to get connected with WIC, food stamps, health insurance or other services?

- **Roxbury**
Contact: Veronica Nielsen
Roxbury/Jamaica Plain Family Resource Center
1542 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, MA
Phone: (617) 522-1018
Email: veronica.nielsen@commcaring.org
- **South Boston**
Contact: Cheryl Itri
South Boston Neighborhood House
136 H. Street, South Boston, MA
Phone: (617) 268-1619 x. 205
Email: citri@sbnh.org
- **South End/Fenway/Chinatown**
Contact: Vivian Izuchi
United South End Settlement House
566 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA
Phone: (617) 375-8132
Email: vizuchi@uses.org

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