

# Boston Children Thrive in 5

## Connecting Families, Building Community

### What is Boston Children Thrive in 5?

Boston Children Thrive in 5: Connecting Families, Building Community is a neighborhood-based effort to bring the entire community together to support young children by supporting parents and caregivers in their role as their child’s first teacher.

Boston Children Thrive in 5 is unique in that it builds on the everyday relationships and routines that families have in their neighborhood. It engages all members of the community to offer early childhood information and resources everywhere parents go – from the supermarket to the health center, the bodega to the church, the hair salon to the bank.

Boston Children Thrive in 5 neighborhoods create:

- ☞ “No wrong door” for families in need of services by improving the way agencies work together, increasing referrals and follow up for families.
- ☞ More opportunities for families to engage in positive adult-child interactions, focused on learning, in the places they go on a regular basis.
- ☞ Multiple ways families of young children can get information about the programs, events and supports available to them through people they trust.
- ☞ Expanded and enhanced supports for families with young children based on the community’s strengths and needs.

### Where is Boston Children Thrive in 5?

Boston Children Thrive in 5 is currently being implemented in 5 neighborhoods. In each neighborhood there is an organization called a “hub agency” that is leading and coordinating this effort. Each of these hub agencies is working in collaboration with many community partners.

NEIGHBORHOOD	HUB AGENCY
☞ ALLSTON - BRIGHTON	FAMILY NURTURING CENTER
☞ ROXBURY / NORTH DORCHESTER	DUDLEY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE
☞ SOUTH END / LOWER ROXBURY	UNITED SOUTH END SETTLEMENTS
☞ EAST BOSTON (starting in 9/10)	EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN NEIGHBORHOOD CLUSTER
☞ FIELD’S CORNER (starting in 9/10)	DORCHESTER HOUSE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

Hub agencies convene a “School Readiness Roundtable” composed of parents and a broad range of community partners and are always looking for additional partners.

#### Want to get involved?

See reverse side to find out how.

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### How Do I Get Involved?

There are multiple ways for EVERYONE in a Boston Children Thrive in 5 neighborhood to get involved in this effort. Here are a few examples of how:

- ☞ Participate on the School Readiness Roundtable to share your ideas, learn and work more closely with other businesses, organizations and families. You can participate on the Roundtable even if you can not come to meetings!
- ☞ Share information with your clients, friends and neighbors about the services and supports available to families with young children. We can provide you with all the information you need!
- ☞ Integrate early childhood information into your program. We can provide you with key messaging and materials and help you along the way!
- ☞ Host a family interaction opportunity in your business or organization. We can provide everything you need to offer a fun, engaging activity for families!
- ☞ Help spread the word about this new initiative in your neighborhood. We can provide you with all the information you need to help recruit new parent, community and business partners!

Contact your local hub agency or Thrive in 5 to get involved today.

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