



# NEIGHBORHOOD FEB 2024 NEWS

As February begins, we enter a particular time of the year when we celebrate the rich tapestry of African American history and culture. Black History Month allows us to reflect not only on the past achievements and struggles of the Black community but also to foster a sense of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the hearts and minds of our youngest learners in early education.

During the early years of a child's life, they experience incredible growth and development. Incorporating Black History Month into early education settings allows us to instill essential values of empathy, respect, and inclusivity from the beginning of a child's educational journey.

We can explore the importance of celebrating Black History Month in early education and share practical strategies for educators, parents, and caregivers to engage young children in meaningful discussions and activities that honor the contributions and achievements of Black Americans throughout history. We can dive into storytelling's power, representation's significance, and age-appropriate activities' role in shaping an inclusive worldview.

Let's celebrate together as we nurture young minds, planting seeds of appreciation, understanding, and unity during Black History Month and beyond. We can raise a generation that embraces diversity and strives for a more inclusive and equitable future.

Cassidy Murphy, Tufts University, MA Child Studies and Human Development Candidate and Intern 2023-2024/Alina Lopez Thomas, Senior Director of the Neighborhood



## Neighborhood Community of Practice Session

Our next operation manager and family navigator COP will be virtual and separate. The 2024 Calendar has been sent by email.

**Shared Experiences:  
Describe a group learning  
experience that inspired or  
invigorated you.**

**COMMUNITIES  
OF PRACTICE**

# BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS CENTER



## Parenting While Black

**New Workshop Series starting Monday, March 18th!**

**Register**

We are excited to relaunch our **Parenting While Black** series in 2024, **Believe, Liberate, and Behold: Beautifully Brilliant Black Babies and Children**. This **free**, interactive, virtual series offers a safe and welcoming space to hold unapologetic conversations for and by Black families. All are welcome to join and engage in these powerful conversations! The five-part series begins on Monday, March 18, and continues through June 24, 2024. Each webinar is 1 hour followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with our parent panelists.



**Episode 1:**  
**Monday, March 18, 2024, 3 – 4:30 PM ET / 12 – 1:30 PM PT**

**Episode 2:**  
**Monday, April 22, 2024, 3 – 4:30 PM ET / 12 – 1:30 PM PT**

**Episode 3:**  
**Monday, May 20, 2024, 3 – 4:30 PM ET / 12 – 1:30 PM ET**

**Episode 4:**  
**Monday, June 10, 2024, 3 – 4:30 PM ET / 12 – 1:30 PM PT**

**Episode 5:**  
**Monday, June 24, 2024, 3 – 4:30 PM ET / 12 – 1:30 PM PT**

This series is moderated by Eurnestine Brown, Ph.D., Director of Relational Equity and Belonging at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center.



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invites you to the  
**2024 Nurturing Fathers'  
Institute**

**Workshops Updates/Networking  
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**Heart of the Tin Man: Teaching Men That  
They Can Feel**

**First Time Over the Wall: Working with  
Incarcerated Fathers**

**Raising Emotionally Strong Children in a  
Gendered World**

**Friday, March 1, 2024, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**



**Massachusetts**



**Carpenters Union  
Hall 750  
Dorchester Ave.  
Dorchester, MA  
02125**

Scan the QR Code or register at  
this link:

<https://fnc-nurturingfathersinstitute-030124.eventbrite.com>

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# BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS CENTER



Inside a Child's Mind:  
The Touchpoints of  
Development

## Inside a Child's Mind: The Touchpoints of Development

**New Workshop Series  
starting February 15!**

From birth, children bring their own unique contributions to their development. Children's temperaments, individual competencies, and family cultures all influence the child's experience of themselves in their process of development and their experience of the people and the world around them. In this workshop series, we explore children's perspectives on their own developmental process from birth through preschool.

Learn how you can enter into each child's world, understand what they are experiencing, and best support their unique developmental process.

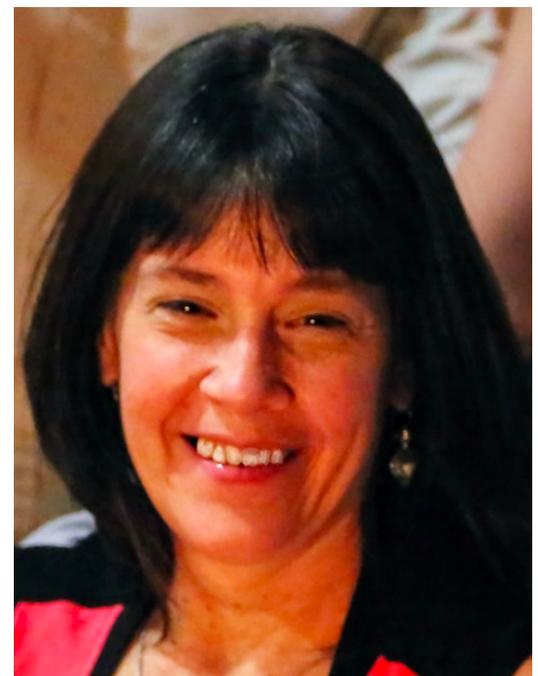
### Live interactive webinars:

Thursdays, 1 – 2:30 pm ET / 10 – 11:30 am PT

- February 15 – The Child's Contributions to their Developmental Process
- February 22 – Inside a Baby's Mind: The Touchpoints of Infancy
- February 29 – Inside a Toddler's Mind: The Touchpoints of Toddlerhood
- March 7 – Inside a Preschooler's Mind: The Touchpoints of Preschool

**Moderated by Mindy May, Director of Partnerships and Professional Development**

A seasoned program developer and learning facilitator, Mindy May has extensive experience developing and implementing professional development and quality improvement initiatives. Mindy has worked with providers from a variety of fields including: early childhood education, early intervention, public health, and child welfare. She has focused on creating and delivering professional development in the areas of family engagement, child development, parenting support and organizational culture.



# EDUCATIONAL TRAINING



**ZERO TO THREE**  
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**Your Adventure Starts with Area 1: Supporting Social-Emotional Development**  
**January 8-24 or February 5-22, 2024**

The ZERO TO THREE Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators™ Micro Training-of-Trainers offer the unique opportunity to become a badged trainer in one, two or all three areas of the Critical Competencies. Build your organization's capacity to support infant and toddler educators. ZERO TO THREE faculty will guide a cohort of up to 20 trainers through an intensive five-part virtual training for each Critical Competencies Area. Trainers can choose to complete one or all three Critical Competencies areas.

ZERO TO THREE offers a diverse range of virtual programs for early childhood professionals. Whether you're looking to **further develop your skills in diagnosing and treating early childhood mental health disorders or improve your effectiveness as a coach**, our evidence-based training programs will help you meet your career goals.

- **Area 1: Supporting Social-Emotional Development**
- **Area 2: Supporting Cognitive Development**
- **Area 3: Supporting Language & Literacy Development**

## Keeping Kids Safe: Staff Training



Our Keeping Kids Safe training is designed to make the topic of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (CSAP) accessible, clear, and focused on simple steps staff can take to keep children safe. This two-hour training will teach staff knowledge, practical skills, language, and tools to create safer environments for children and prevent child sexual abuse. Utilizing video, discussion, small group work, and attendee polling, facilitators will address assessing safe environments, working with parents, prevention strategies, protective factors, signs and symptoms of abuse, and responding to disclosures.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Learn about the problem of child abuse and neglect, specifically child sexual abuse.
2. Understand the signs of symptoms of child sexual abuse and how to respond if a child discloses.
3. Learn how to create a safe environment for children.

**\*Check out the Training Center page on their website at <https://childrenstrustma.org/training-center> \***

# TWO-PART WORKSHOP



This two-part workshop aims to teach grandparents raising grandchildren how to create support groups within each other. Both workshops are held via zoom. To register for the two-part workshop, please email [colleen.pritoni@mass.gov](mailto:colleen.pritoni@mass.gov) and make the subject line "Support Group Training."

## Workshop 1 will:

- Provide you with information and resources for working with and supporting grandparents and relative caregivers.
- Prepare you to start a new support group specific to kinship caregivers' needs.
- Review ideas for potential guest speakers to your group and future collaborations to support your group.

## Workshop 2 will:

- Discuss strategies of facilitating a successful support group.
- Help participants develop an "Action Plan" to get a group started.
- Discuss marketing strategies, the use of social media, and other methods of outreach to grandparents and relative caregivers.

- **Part 1: 2/1/24**
  - **9:00 AM-12:30 PM**
- **Part 2: 2/8/24**
  - **9:00 AM- 12:30 PM**



**\*BOTH WORKSHOPS VIA ZOOM\***

# CITY OF BOSTON: ECE SUPPORT

## CITY OF BOSTON: ECE DEGREE SUPPORT

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“I have learned that I still have a lot to learn.”

-Maya Angelou



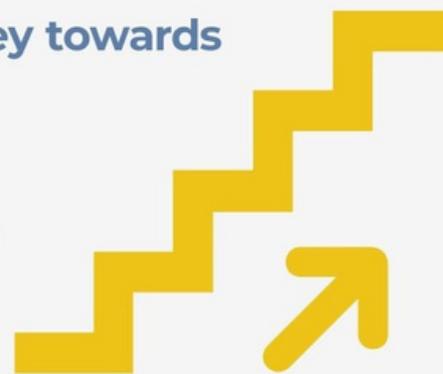
For Early Childhood Educators working in Boston, we offer:

- Personalized 1:1 guidance
- Finding the right college
- Financial aid resources
- College applications
- **And more!!!**



Contact us today to start your journey towards a brighter future!

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# Share with Families



## MULTI-INDUSTRY CAREER FAIR

When: Thursday, February 15, 1 PM – 4 PM.

Where: Bruce C. Bolling Building, 2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119.



Join the City of Boston, MassHire Boston, the Boston Public Library Career Services, and YouthBuild Boston to explore employment and training opportunities in industries such as green energy, construction, transportation, higher education and more. The event is open to all but Boston residents, women, and people of color are strongly encouraged to attend.

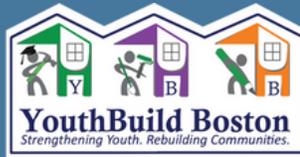


Register at [bit.ly/2024BRJPFair](https://bit.ly/2024BRJPFair)

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# Resources

## Racial Trauma and Generational Differences

### Online Sharing Sessions

Racial Trauma at Work - 2.12

Leadership Transitions - 2.26

Understanding Generational Differences

- for Generation Z - 3.4

Understanding Generational Differences

- for Supervisors - 3.5



[bit.ly/LoveSeedPractice](https://bit.ly/LoveSeedPractice)



### Racial Trauma in the Workplace

Join Brianna Boggs and Rebecca Jackson to dig into how racialized trauma shows up in our workplaces - both the obvious and hidden ways that it manifests.

When: Friday, March 8, 10-1 EST on Zoom

Cost: \$300/person





### GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

**BostonPL\_Black Is... 2024: 75 Books for Children, Teens, & Adults**

**By: BostonPL\_BlackIsBooklist  
Boston Public Library  
Staff-created list**

**Black Is... is a list of books published in the previous year for all ages concerning the African American experience. This printing is part of the Boston Public Library's annual observance of Black History Month.**

**#BPLBlackIs**

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Thank you for joining our Neighborhood Newsletter community! We appreciate your contributions and encourage you to share any upcoming program news and highlights with us. Our monthly newsletter is eagerly anticipated by all, so if you have content for the next edition, please send it to [lmallett@neighborhoodvillages.org](mailto:lmallett@neighborhoodvillages.org) at least two weeks prior to publication. We can't wait to see what you have in store!



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