

Teaching in the Neighborhood

Winter 2023/2024

Welcome to 2024!

Neighborhood Villages is so grateful for the opportunity to continue working with you all in the new year. Last year brought many reasons to celebrate and we look forward to continuing the growth alongside you!

We would like to share two updates with you. First, Karen Peterkin, our Toddler Curriculum Coach, will be moving on to new endeavors. We are so grateful for all the work Karen has done on our Toddler Curriculum over the past year. We wish Karen all the very best.

Secondly, we are excited to welcome a new Early Childhood Education Coach.



Daniel Gonzalez has nearly 25 years of early education experience both in the classroom and as an administrator. He spent many years working with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. He led several early education centers in Massachusetts and North Carolina. Daniel has most recently taught college courses in early education at Dean College and Quincy College. Daniel is very excited to get to know the Neighborhood programs and all of you wonderful educators. He looks forward to working closely with you to continue to grow and develop in your teaching career.



TEACHER TALK!

Aggression

In early childhood settings as children navigate big feelings it comes across as aggression, when children are upset and in their play it is difficult for them to manage their feelings at times. While this is something that can be expected with young children teachers need to support children developmentally by providing them with a toolkit of resources.

Children need to be able to label those feelings and a big part of that is giving them the vocabulary to communicate these feelings and the emotions behind it. For example; I am angry. a child needs to know that this is what it feels like when i say I am angry. and also what steps that they can take to not feel angry anymore, like finding a quiet corner. These are all necessary tools to help them navigate these aggressions. Teachers also need to support families with consistent and effective communication when working with young children that are displaying these behaviors.

A resource that is available:
[Aggressive Behavior in Toddlers](#)
 By: Rebecca Parlakian



2023 - Year in Review

There is so much to be proud of this past year. Congratulations to each and every one of you for making a difference in the lives of young children and their families. Please remember that you are incredibly impactful and make a difference, even if you do not see it!



Upcoming Workshops and Opportunities

Neighborhood Villages Monthly Webinar: New format coming soon! Be on the look out for our next webinar!

January 20: 2024 Tax Education Class – Max Deductions. Dewitt Center Boston, MA
<https://allevents.in/boston/10000787641836937>

January 20, 2024: Building Early Literacy 10-12pm Anne Dunphy School Williamsburg MA.
 For More Information contact jloud@collaborative.org

February 1, 2024: CAYL Webinar Portraits of Courage tinyurl.com/CAYLcatalystFeb1

Winter Happenings!

- January 15, 2024: Boston Children’s Chorus: In the Name of Love 4-5pm Symphony Hall Boston, MA
- January 27-28, 2024: The Chocolate Expo 2024 Shriners Auditorium. Wilmington, MA with the cast of Willy Wonka!

Do you have ideas to share with the Neighborhood?

Share your ideas with us: pthompson@neighborhoodvillages.org