

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood Villages

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

As we bid farewell to the warmth of summer and welcome the crisp autumn leaves, a new academic year awaits us, full of promise and opportunity. September marks a time for new beginnings, renewed purpose, and eager exploration for young minds. As Family Navigators and Operations Managers, we are privileged to nurture children's growth and development and take this responsibility very seriously.

We aim to empower you with valuable insights, updates, and resources to ensure a smooth transition into the new school year. From program enhancements to tips for effective family communication, we've curated content to help you thrive.

Your unwavering dedication to the children and families we serve is truly appreciated. Your passion, commitment, and resilience are the driving forces behind our shared mission. We'll create a year filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable moments.

We're honored to have you as an integral part of our early childcare family, and we're excited to embark on this journey with you. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm Regards,

Alina and Isabella



Neighborhood Community of Practice Session

Our next Operation Manager and
Family Navigator COP will be:

Date: Friday September 23,
2023

Location: Horizon's for
Homeless Conference Room

Time: 2-4PM



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Helping Young Children and Parents Transition Back to School.

The start of a new school year can mean returning to early care and education (ECE) programs, school after a long break, or attending a program for the first time. A new start often means many changes, routines, and meeting new people. Young children are often wary of strangers and want to stay close to their parents and other familiar, trusted caregivers. Until they are old enough to talk clearly about their feelings, it's hard to explain that a new caregiver will protect them, which means it takes time for children to get used to new people. School-aged children who are sensitive or easily worried, or those who have developmental delays, may need extra time to adjust. It's often easier for young children to make the transition if they have spent some time with their parents and the new person together. Parents also often worry about their child making the transition, and it's easier for parents to keep calm and be reassuring if they know their child's teacher and feel comfortable with them.

Continue reading the article [at this link](#)



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



At our **August Community of Practice** we were delighted to have the opportunity to meet with the Neighborhood Programs Operation Managers and Family Navigators for the first time. Working together in person was a true pleasure, and we found your unwavering dedication to Early Childhood Education inspiring and heartening. Your passion for empowering families and nurturing the bright young minds of tomorrow was evident throughout our discussion. The importance of collaborating to create a lasting impact that will benefit future generations could not be more apparent, and we look forward to continuing our partnership to achieve this shared goal.

Find below the links to the resources that were shared during the meeting:

- [Family Flex Fund Tracker](#)
- [Professional Pathways Link](#)
- [Toddler curriculum feedback survey](#)

We would really appreciate it if you could share your feedback with us before the next COP through [this form](#).

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

Staff and Family Fun and Appreciation Day



On Saturday, August 12th Nurtury, Early Education celebrated staff and their family members with a fun filled day at the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston. Families enjoyed a picnic lunch, face painting, photo booth, animal encounters, and a DJ. Families also engaged in walking around the zoo grounds to visit animal exhibits. This event was very successful and the weather collaborated with a sunny 80 degree day!



Face painting Fun

Franklin Park Zoo



Food and Conversation

September is National Literacy Month. Get your favorite books ready!

Training and Resources:

This free, 5-episode virtual conversation series offers a safe and welcoming space to hold conversations for and by Latinx families. Explore what it means to be a parent as part of the Latinx community, raising Latinx children while navigating U.S. mainstream cultures and connecting Latinx cultural identities to physical and mental well-being. Join us as we create a Latinx parent community of mutual learning and support. All are welcome to join and engage in these powerful conversations! **The series begins on Monday, October 2, 2023, and will be held every other Monday, from 3 to 4:30 PM ET / 12 to 1:30 PM PT, through November 27, 2023.** All webinars are 1 hour followed by a 30-minute Q&A session with our panelists. You are invited to attend any and all episodes that interest you! All webinars have live Spanish translation and closed captioning available.



This series is moderated by Eva Rivera, MSW, Policy Director, Early Childhood Development, The Children's Partnership, and National Facilitator at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center.



Episode 1: Latinx Parenting – What does it mean to be Latinx and a Latinx parent in 2023?

Monday, October 2, 2023, 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT

Episode 2: Latinx Parenting – Embracing and Understanding Afro-Latinidad and Indigeneity in our Latinx Communities

Monday, October 16, 2023, 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT

Episode 3: Latinx Parenting – Learning from Our Latinx Fathers

Monday, October 30, 2023, 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT

Episode 4: Latinx Parenting – Supporting Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Monday, November 13, 2023, 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT

Episode 5: Latinx Parenting – Fostering and Elevating the Strengths of our Latinx Children

Monday, November 27, 2023, 3 PM ET / 12 PM PT



TEACHING & LEARNING MONTHLY WEBINAR

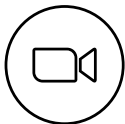
Topic: Collaboration & Teamwork



Monday, September 11, 2023



7-8pm ET



Zoom link Registration Here
<https://lnkd.in/efFveknQ>
[#earlychildhoodeducation](#)

Join us for an interactive one-hour conversation on how to maximize your teaching team's potential as the new school year commences. We'll exchange practical tips and tricks and deliberate on concrete measures to enhance collaboration with both your classroom peers and families.

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 itorres@neighborhoodvillages.org at least two weeks prior to publication. We can't wait to see what you have in store!



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