

# The Neighborhood



NEIGHBORHOOD  
VILLAGES

November 2022

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## NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

### Fresh Connect



In September the Neighborhood launched the Fresh Connect program. Enrolled families receive a Fresh Connect debit card that provides \$60 a month to be used to purchase food. Families have access to a list of participating grocery stores, farmers markets, mobile markets and online shopping.

You may click [here](#) to learn more.

### Donations



Neighborhood Villages received donations of backpacks and hand sanitizer from [Baby2baby](#). We were able to get each partner center their requested amounts!

### EMPath: Mobility Mentoring Training

Family Navigators & some Family Partners participated in a 4 week summer session of Mobility Mentoring and completed 4 modules. We'd love to hear any mobility mentoring success stories you have in your programs. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### Turkeys, Turkeys, Turkeys!!

Neighborhood Villages will be receiving a donation of turkeys that we will be able to distribute to each partner center.

## Resources

### Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides eligible households \$30 per month off their internet bills. ACP-eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. Commitments from 20 leading internet providers has been secured.

Click [here](#) for more information

### Child Tax Credit

The filing has been extended to November 15th to file and receive Child tax credit. For more information please click [here](#).



### Save the date for our Winter Wonder Fest

Neighborhood Villages will be hosting a Winter Wonder Fest Saturday, **December 10th** at Epiphany Middle School. This will be a fun filled family event!

More to come!

### Save the date for our first ever Neighborhood wide Professional Learning Day

**March 17, 2023** at Bunker Hill Community College - Chelsea Campus.  
More information to come, we can't wait!!

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Cavril Blackwood Program Manager of the Neighborhood. I have met many of you during this summer and fall, and look forward to working with all of you!

I will be producing this newsletter each month to share upcoming events, new resources for you and the families you serve, and the great work you're all doing in the Neighborhood.

Please send me anything you'd like to share!

During my career, I have been dedicated to equity in the delivery of services to marginalized populations and I have worked in a variety of roles to further that aim. I most recently worked as the Program Manager at Brooklyn Workforce Innovations, where I managed the New York Drives Training Program.

I am a native of Boston and I am excited to be back and utilize my skills in my hometown.

I am focused on establishing and strengthening the core services provided by the Neighborhood, including operations, family navigation, and direct service delivery.

To make this work well, I need your feedback and ideas. Please don't be shy about contacting me. You can reach me at 857-310-3883 or [cblackwood@neighborhoodvillages.org](mailto:cblackwood@neighborhoodvillages.org).

# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- **Monthly Webinars:** We are holding a monthly webinar series on the first Monday of every month. The next Webinar will be on Monday, November 7th from 7-8pm and focuses on **Understanding and Supporting Young Children's "Challenging" Behavior**. Click [here](#) to tune in.
- **New Teacher Workshops:** Each month we hold a workshop for teachers new to the neighborhood. This is a six-part series, and new teachers are encouraged to participate in all six. They can join any time. You may click [here](#) to learn more.
- **New Website:** Please visit our new Teaching and Learning [Website](#) for more information and to sign up for webinars and workshops. You can also download our Teaching in the Neighborhood newsletter that features tips and great teaching ideas from across the Neighborhood.



**Eva Marks:** Eva is excited to be the Operations Manger at Horizons for Homeless Children. Eva had been working in the early childhood education field for over 20 years. She has taught in the classroom as an assistant teacher, teacher lead teacher and then a director.

Previously, she was a center director for a small center in Cambridge. She has just begun her journey in pursuing a master's degree in education.



**Daphne Walker:** Daphne has joined the team as a Family Navigator for Epiphany Early Learning. Daphne is a Parenting Educator and certified Community Health Worker with a special focus on system navigation, networking, strengthening parenting knowledge.

She is knowledgable in support systems, and culturally sensitive, relationship-focused practices in early childhood mental health.

Daphne is excited to join the team and become a collaborative partner & resource to the ELC community.

**Welcome Eva and Daphne, we look forward to working with you!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Community of Practice Calls (bi-weekly):  
November 3rd and 17th

- Operations Managers- 1pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7860436852?>
- Family Navigators -2pm  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7860436852?>

- Neighborhood Villages Winter Wonder Fest. December 10th, Epiphany Middle School
- Turkey distribution Tuesday, November 22nd

