



NEIGHBORHOOD MAR 2024 NEWS

Women's History Month celebrates the impact that all women of all identities have had on history, culture, and society. It is nearly impossible to talk about the achievements in each of these areas without praising women within each field.

Each year, Women's History Month has a theme. For 2024, the theme is "Women who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion." These values are essential to instill in children from a young age as they continue to grow and make their own meanings of society. Values such as kindness, inclusivity, courage, self-esteem, and respect are at the forefront of such conversations.

We have the unique occasion to participate in Neighborhood Villages' own Professional Development Day. During this event, we have the opportunity to learn from each other, our speakers, colleagues, and some of the best in the field. Lifelong learning is an essential function of working with children, families, and communities at large; the learning potential is endless.

Apart from Professional Development Day, this newsletter offers a variety of webinars, trainings, and resources for both ourselves and the families that we serve. Many of our resources are in both Spanish and in English for the opportunity to spread our information with more families. Let's continue to grow together.

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 in-person and together. We will meet from 10am-12pm on March 28th, 2024. The 2024 Calendar has been sent by email. Location will be sent to you.

**COMMUNITIES
OF PRACTICE**

BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS CENTER

Brazelton
Touchpoints Center

Parenting While Black 2024
BELIEVE, LIBERATE, AND BEHOLD:
BEAUTIFULLY BRILLIANT BLACK BABIES AND CHILDREN

Save the Date 📅

March 18, April 22, May 20,
June 10 & 24, 2024
3:00 - 4:30 pm ET /
12 - 1:30 pm PT

Be part of the
conversation

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.

Empowered Birth Workshop

Empowered Birth for pregnant families runs Thursdays, March 7th, 14th, and 21st, from 6 pm - 8 pm.

These series are designed for connection and community-building, and are limited to 25 participants each. BIPOC encouraged, all are welcome. Admission is FREE.



BIPOC encouraged to attend, all are welcome!

FREE

Refreshments provided at 1st session!

**NEIGHBORHOOD
BIRTH CENTER**

Empowered Birth Workshop

3 PART SERIES

Thursdays at 6 pm- 8 pm on March 7th, 14th & 21st

**IN-PERSON: Thursday, March 7th at the Bruce Bolling Building
2300 Washington Street, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02119**

VIRTUAL - Thursday, March 14th & 21st

Join midwife Katherine Rushfirth and nurse Tiffany Vassell to learn tools to embrace a positive birth experience aligned with your values and preferences. For expectant parents or people thinking of becoming pregnant.

 **Innovation Studio**
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Women's Advancement



Leyendo en casa

Crea tu propia historia

Jueves 7 de Marzo de 2024

De 5-6 PM
conforme a tu zona horaria

Participa en este taller virtual, vía Zoom, donde verás videos cortos con la célebre presentadora Gaby Rivero. Además, podrás conversar con otros padres latinos y madres latinas para compartir ideas sobre cómo promover en tus hijos el amor por la lectura.

¡Regístrate antes del 7 de marzo y participa en el taller para recibir un libro gratis!

Para conocer los horarios y suscribirte escoge una de las tres opciones

- 1 Escanea este código QR y llena el formulario
- 2 Llama o envía un mensaje al WhatsApp: (917) 348-9599
- 3 Escribe a talleres@literacypartners.org



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Leyendo en casa

Creative Storytelling

Thursday March 7th, 2024

From 5-6 PM
in your time zone

Participate in virtual workshops, via Zoom, that feature video clips with celebrity host Gaby Rivero and have conversations with Spanish-speaking parents and caregivers to promote a love of reading in your children. The workshop is facilitated in Spanish.

Register before March 7th, 2024 and receive a free book after you join and participate in our workshop!

Contact us to know more about the workshops and schedule:

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Need Help with Taxes?

There is free help to get money from state and federal “credits” and help filing taxes at [FindYourFunds.org](https://findyourfunds.org).

You may be able to get back all the tax that your employer took out of your pay, plus extra money from credits.

► **New:** Get \$310 for covered people in your home by filing state taxes, even if you had no taxable income or income at all. For more information and free help, go to [FindYourFunds.org/MA-Family-Payment](https://findyourfunds.org/MA-Family-Payment).

Need Help with 2023 Tax Returns?

If you cannot afford to pay to have your taxes done, you may be eligible for a qualified tax preparer to do your taxes for free.

Find free tax preparation programs all over the state for:



People with low income
(about \$60,000 or less, but
may be higher)



Limited-English speakers



People with disabilities



People age 60 and older

And there is free online filing if you want to do it yourself

For **FREE** help and more information:

 findyourfunds.org





Didn't get past COVID stimulus or child tax credit money?

It is not too late to claim those payments!

You may be eligible to get free help with COVID 2020 and 2021 stimulus and Child Tax Credit payments you missed. Deadline for claiming 2020 payments: May 17, 2024.

Information and help for Immigrants

Getting 2023 tax credits and any COVID tax payments you missed will not hurt your immigration status. Get more information and free help applying for an ITIN.



Other tax problems with IRS?

For other tax problems, such as disagreements with IRS about your refund or owing taxes, you may be able to get free legal help from Low Income Taxpayer Clinics.

For **FREE** help and more information:

 findyourfunds.org



¿Necesita ayuda con los impuestos?

Esta es una ayuda gratuita para obtener dinero del estado y de “créditos” federales y ayuda diligenciando los impuestos en [FindYourFunds.org](https://findyourfunds.org).

Usted puede ser capaz de que se le devuelvan todos los impuestos que su empleador tomo de su pago, más dinero extra de los créditos.

► **Nuevo:** Obtenga \$310 para las personas cubiertas en su hogar al declarar los impuestos estatales, incluso si no tuvo ningún ingreso gravado o si no tuvo incluso ningún ingreso. Para más información y ayuda gratuita, vaya a [FindYourFunds.org/MA-Family-Payment](https://findyourfunds.org/MA-Family-Payment).

¿Necesita Ayuda con la Devolución de Impuestos del 2023?

Si no puede permitirse pagar para que le diligencien sus impuestos, usted puede ser elegible para calificar para un preparador de impuestos para que se los diligencie gratuitamente.

Encuentre programas de preparación de impuestos gratuitos por todo el estado para:



Personas que bajos ingresos (alrededor de \$60.000 o menos, pero puede ser mayor)



Hablantes con Inglés Limitado



Personas con discapacidades



Personas de 60 años o mayores

Y hay presentación gratuita de impuestos en línea si desea hacerlo usted mismo

Para ayuda GRATUITA y más información:

 findyourfunds.org





¿No obtuvo el estímulo de COVID pasado o el dinero del crédito tributario por hijo?

¡No es demasiado tarde para reclamar esos pagos!

Usted puede calificar para obtener ayuda gratuita con los pagos de los estímulos de COVID del 2020 y 2021, y del Crédito Tributario por Hijo que no reclamó. La fecha para las reclamaciones de los pagos del 2020: 17 de mayo de 2024

Información y ayuda para Inmigrantes

Obtener créditos fiscales de 2023 y cualquier pago de impuestos por COVID que haya pasado por alto no afectará su estatus migratorio. Obtenga más información y ayuda gratuita aplicando para un Número de Identificación de Contribuyente Individual (ITIN, por sus siglas en inglés)



¿Tiene otros problemas fiscales con el Servicio de Impuestos Internos (IRS, por sus siglas en inglés)?

Para otros problemas fiscales, como desacuerdos con el IRS sobre su reembolso o impuestos adeudados, es posible que pueda obtener ayuda legal gratuita de las Clínicas para Contribuyentes de Bajos Ingresos.

Para ayuda GRATUITA y más información:

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coach

Your coach:



**Dr. Daniel
Gonzalez**

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Scan the QR code to let
us know you are
interested!

Limited availability per round

Español





¿SABÍAS QUE EL COACHING ESTÁ DISPONIBLE PARA TI?

¿Está interesado en un tipo diferente de desarrollo profesional?

Concéntrate en TUS objetivos a través de prácticas reflexivas

¡Crece en tu práctica docente a través del apoyo individualizado!

Visitas quincenales con tu entrenador

Tu entrenadora:



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¡Escanee el código QR para informarnos que está interesado!

English



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-Maya Angelou



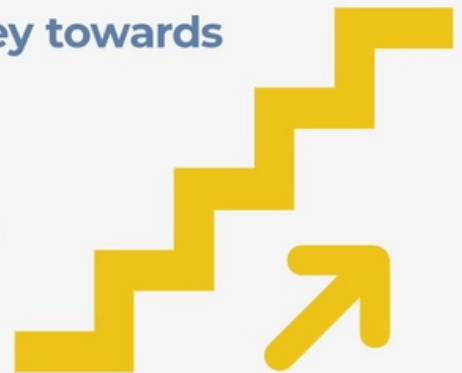
For Early Childhood Educators working in Boston, we offer:

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- Finding the right college
- Financial aid resources
- College applications
- **And more!!!**



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EDUCATIONAL TRAINING



Plan Ahead for your Professional Development in 2024!

The Brazelton Touchpoints Center (BTC) offers live, online workshops and multi-day courses for all professionals who work with young children and their families. Our trainings are led by BTC Staff Facilitators and National Facilitators, and provide certificates of attendance. Members of the BTC Learning Network receive a discount on all registration fees. (Click here for information on joining the BTC Learning Network.)

Click [HERE](#) for access to an extensive list of upcoming workshops and courses.

Safe Kids Thrive

Youth-serving organizations (YSOs) across Massachusetts support healthy child development in our communities in a multitude of ways, yet share one essential, universal duty: to provide safety and security for the children they serve. Join this 90-minute interactive workshop to learn how to identify concrete ways your program can evaluate and develop policies, procedures, and protocols to prevent sexual abuse. Using a new website called "Safe Kids Thrive" (see safekidsthive.org), presenters will demonstrate practical and straightforward tools attendees will use to assess or create their own plan to promote child safety.



Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will review how to recognize, respond, and report child abuse.
2. Participants will build awareness of tools, resources, model documents, and practices that prevent child abuse in youth-serving organizations.
3. Participants will plan next steps for their own work using a policy self-audit tool on SafeKidsThrive.org and group discussion.

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

Women's History Month Art Workshops

Join us at the Fields Corner Branch of the Boston Public Library for a celebration of Women's History Month through the art of creativity workshops! Whether it's watercolor, painting, drawing, mixed media, or crafting, you'll have the chance to explore different mediums.

This program is open to all ages, and no registration is required!



Women's History Month
ART WORKSHOPS

SUITABLE FOR: ADULTS/FAMILIES, ALL AGES
FIELDS CORNER BRANCH OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

<p>Fields Corner Branch Boston Public Library</p> <p>Tel: 617-436-2155</p> <p>1520 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02122</p>	<p>Sat, Mar 23rd, 12:00 - 1:30pm</p> <p>Sat, Mar 30th, 12:00 - 1:30pm</p> <p>Sat, Apr 6th, 12:00 - 1:30pm</p> <p>Sat, Apr 13rd, 12:00 - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Crafts & DIY</p> <p>Drawing</p> <p>Watercolor</p> <p>Painting</p> <p>Mixed Media</p>
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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 at least two weeks prior to publication. We can't wait to see what you have in store!



Stay Tuned for the April 2024 Newsletter

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