

Schott Fellowship News

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Five Fellows Serve on Boston Readiness



In December 2006, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino launched a city-wide school readiness initiative. The goal is to prevent the achievement gap in early childhood. This planning effort is being funded by a \$633,000 grant from an anonymous donor. It will be matched by over \$360,000 in additional support and contributions from various partners. This will launch a 60 person Action Planning Team (APT) with the goal to develop a five-year sustainable plan for the preventing the achievement gap. In March 2007, five Schott Fellows were named as part of the APT. Sharon Scott-Chandler (05), Wendy Luk (05), Yvette Rodriguez (05), Nicole St. Victor (05), and Jeri Robinson (04).

Workforce Development Taskforce

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and the Schott Fellowship are delighted to be moving forward in their work on a statewide Early Childhood and Out of School Time Workforce. A partnership between UWMB, Schott Fellowship, and the Department of Early Education and Care plan to recruitment up to 30 members from sectors such as higher education, state agencies, resource and referral, workforce development agencies, community and state level training organizations. The Workforce Development Task Force will be provided funding for a staff through UWMB and Schott Fellowship.

**The next alumni meeting will be on July 9, 2007 at 10:00 am.
Subject: A Focus on Race led by Marcia Farris and Marie Enochy.
PLEASE ATTEND !!!!!**

Thanks to the Schott Foundation for providing tickets to Schott Fellows and office staff to attend the Cambridge Child Care Resource Center event that honored Valora Washington and the Schott Fellowship.

The Schott Fellowship would like to welcome Jessica D'Amico to our family. Jessica will be working in the office full time. Stop in and introduce yourself. Michelle and Kim will continue to work part time.

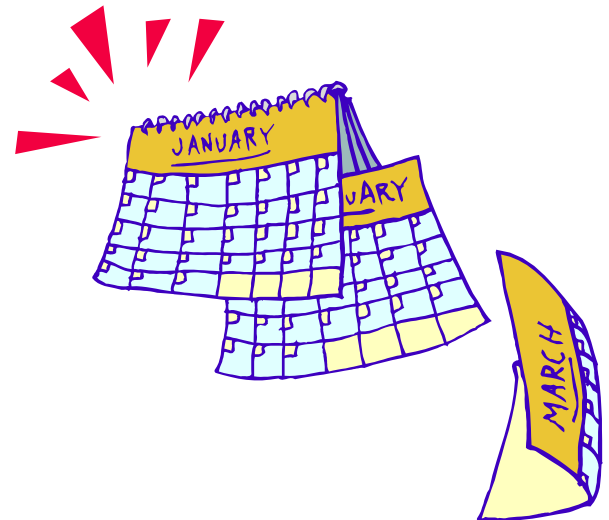
The Schott Fellowship in Early
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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1, 2007 – Deadline for Puerto Rico Trip
May 2, 2007 – Immigration Roundtable 9:00 to 3:00
June 5, 2007 – Fellowship Meeting 10:00 to 4:00
July 9, 2007 – Alumni Meeting 10:00 to 3:00



The Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education

What is the Schott Fellowship?

We are now accepting applications for a one-year fellowship for early care and education professionals in Massachusetts. The fellowship offers twelve professionals the opportunity to engage in public policy, build their leadership skills and focus on social justice for children and their families. The fellowship in 2008 will focus on these topic areas:

- 1) Transportation: Transporting young children to early care and education programs as well as on field trips has been a constant challenge. What policies do you think should be created to deal with transportation issues?**
- 2) Quality Rating Systems: Many states are enacting quality rating systems. How should Massachusetts respond to this?**
- 3) Young Children in Public Schools: Increasing numbers of young children are in public schools. What additional solutions would be effective policies for these children?**
- 4) Men in Our Profession: What are the policy issues and solutions?**
- 5) Family Child Care: What policies would better support the needs of family childcare in Massachusetts?**
- 6) Preschool Boys: Are early care and education programs structured to maximize the success of boys? How can our policies better serve young boys, especially young boys of color who have higher suspension rates from preschool programs?**

Who should apply?

Candidates:

- Should be mid-career professionals with at least five years of experience working with or on behalf of children and families. Senior school administrators, early childhood program leaders, child or family advocates are encouraged to apply.
- Should demonstrate both commitment and experience working within communities of color and/or in economically underserved communities.
- Should have experience doing public policy projects and recognize the role and potential of public policy to promote educational equity and opportunity for all.
- At the time of applying, must be employed by an agency that works with or on behalf of children and families, and that agrees to provide the Fellow with two days each month to participate in fellowship.

Why a Fellowship in Early Care and Education?

The aims of the Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education are to engage, support and sustain a diverse group of senior leaders in early care and education; to strengthen public policy and policy advocacy; and to help leaders develop skills to be change agents both within their organizations and in society.

About The Schott Fellowship

Schott's goal is to develop and strengthen a broad-based and representative movement for young children in Massachusetts. We seek to build public will and improve public policy for young children.

How do I apply? Download an application at www.schottfellowship.org

For a printed application contact Valora Washington, Ph.D., Fellowship Director

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Application deadline is September 15, 2007

News From Schott Fellows and Alumni



Paula Bowie is expecting her fourth grandchild. Paula is now Director of Professional Services at the Cambridge CCRR.

Sharon Scott Chandler is expecting her third child.

Gail Wilson is the program Director of a Residential Treatment Center in West Springfield. The program has been newly licensed for six year olds.

Lei-Anne Ellis is the Literacy Coordinator at the Agenda for Children. The program has received a grant from A. L. Mailman Family Foundation allowing the replication of its "Let's Talk Program" in two cities; Grand Rapids, MI and St. Paul, MN.

Diana Watson has been working at Bradshaw Children's Learning Program for the past four months. While there, she was involved with the federal review and welcomed Senator Dianne Wilkerson and City Councilor Chuck Turner's assistant Angela Yarde to the Black History celebration. Also, Diana was in Washington D. C. representing BAYEC at a Policy Forum and meeting with Representative Michael Capuano and his assistant Christina.

Anna Cross plans events in Framingham for Week of the Young Child. The schedule is posted on-line at www.framingham.k12.ma.us.