

Schott Fellowship News

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New Report Encourages Translation

The Bessie Tarrt Wilson Children's Foundation has released a report titled, "Communication in Any Language: Policy Solutions for Children and Families in Massachusetts." This report explores improving access to child care for families with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), a large and growing population of families served by the child care system. This report provides an overview of seven emerging problems, and makes five recommendations.

The report comes two years after the Bessie Tarrt Wilson Children's Foundation released "Keeping the Promise", a study on the child care voucher system in Massachusetts. Since its release, over 52,000 children in Massachusetts gained more consistent child care access because their voucher certification period could be extended to one year. To read this new report, please visit www.schottfellowship.org/publications.

Individual Grant Program

The William T. Grant Scholars Program, now in its 28th year, supports promising, early-career researchers whose work strengthens our understanding of the settings of youth ages 8 to 25 in the United States. If interested, you can refer to their web site, www.wtgrantfoundation.org

Announcing 2008 Policy Topics

Transportation

Mentor: Jeri Robinson

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Quality Rating System

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Please complete on-line survey by February 14th

Alumni and Fellows have just received their annual on-line survey from our evaluator. We ask for your commitment this year--and every year--to make it a priority to complete this on-line survey. The very high response rates we have consistently received have been very important to program improvement, planning and our capacity to share with you and others the impact of the Fellowship. This years' results are particularly important as we have reached our five year arc, and we want to use this information in our long-awaited retreat. So, please set aside thirty minutes to spend with the survey. If you have any questions or technical difficulties, please call the office at 617-873-0678. Thank you!

New Jobs for Two Alum

- Hilda Ramirez** has accepted a new position as Executive Director of the Worcester Youth Center starting March 1, 2008.
- Yvette Rodriguez** started a new job December 18th as Deputy Director of Program Operations at ABCD Head Start.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12	10:00 to 4:00	Schott Fellowship Meeting	Cambridge College
March 4	10:00 to 4:00	Schott Fellowship Meeting	Cambridge College
March 28-29		Alumni Retreat	Chatham, MA
April 8	10:00 to 4:00	Roundtable: Men in Education	Cambridge College

Announcing Mentors for Fellows and Alumni

This year, as part of an ongoing organizational development process, the Schott Fellowship has started a mentorship program for both Fellows and alumni. The mentors will provide strategic advice and counsel to the Fellowship and to individuals within our network. They will share knowledge and support regarding strategies and policies in the early childhood arena in Massachusetts.

The mentors for the 2008 Fellowship are **Kitt Cox, Lei- Anne Ellis** and **Jeri Robinson**.

The mentors for the alumni network are **Doug Baird, David Moy, Marta Rosa** and **Yasmina Vinci**.

The goal of the mentorship program is for the mentors to develop a working relationship with individuals that help build their leadership capacity in the field. They are also on hand to offer networking tools and to assist in work regarding policy and leadership.

Thank you to all mentors!

2008 Fellowship Reception

On January 15, 2008 the Schott Fellowship held its annual welcoming reception.

We would like to thank every one that attended and helped make it a smashing success!

Alumni Face Book

So many alumni have commented that you don't know each other--and that you want to know more! We're excited because thus far 35 alumni have signed up for the retreat.

We will be putting together a "face book" of all Fellowship alum and consultants for our use and enjoyment. We want to have this face book prepared to give to you at the retreat.

Your help is needed! Please

1. Provide us with a recent photo. Please send it electronically. (No high school photos please!! You're much better looking NOW!!)

2. Provide us with a three paragraph biography.

1st paragraph: tell us about your current work: job title and what you are actually doing

2nd paragraph: tell us about your professional and personal background (i.e. where educated, past jobs, languages spoken, children, pets etc)

3rd paragraph: tell us something fun about you (for example: Valora loves the Celtics and is a roller coaster fan!)

Alumni Retreat

On March 28-29, 2008, the Schott Fellowship Alumni are invited to attend a retreat at the Chatham Bars Inn on Cape Cod. The retreat will give alumni a chance to know each other better, participate in leadership development activities, and focus on policy issues.

Join us to discuss Men and Boys in ECE

Join us for a Schott Fellowship Panel and Roundtable on special topics related to men and boys in early childhood education. Details to follow.

If you know someone who would be interested in attending this event, please share their contact information with schottfellowship@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

Workshop on Mediation and Negotiation

The 2008 Schott Fellows will have a two-day Negotiation and Mediation workshop on May 12-13, 2008, led by a national mediator from the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service. The workshop will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Cambridge College. Alumni are welcome to attend. Participants must be able to attend for both days. Space is limited, so to confirm your intent to participate, please contact Jessica at 617-873-0678 or e-mail schottfellowship@yahoo.com



Mass AEYC Annual Conference

April 11-12, 2008

Children: Our Link to the Future. Keynote speaker will be

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton

For information go to www.massaeyc.com