

Schott Fellowship News

Architects of Change

2007 Schott Fellowship Applications are being accepted through September 15, 2006



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Another year is about to pass and we are now searching for the 2007 Schott Fellows. This is your opportunity to apply and become part of an elite group of early care educators in the state of Massachusetts. Or, if you know someone who would be an asset to this exciting fellowship, this is the time to remind them to apply. Each fellowship year focuses on a specific policy topics. The 2007 policy topics will be: Immigrant Children, Monolingual (Non-English) speaking children, Health Care in Child Care Programs, Children with Special Needs, Assessment and Family Child Care To apply, you must be a mid-career professional residing in the state of Massachusetts. The deadline is September 15,2006. Applications can be downloaded at www.schottfellowship.org or you can contact Bonnie Mitchell, Program Manager, with questions or to request a copy of the application. Our phone number is 617-873-0678.

Interview with a Schott Fellowship Alumna

1. What is your full name? **Sharon Scott-Chandler**
2. Where do you live? **Natick, Massachusetts**
3. Tell me about your family? **I have a wonderful husband and two adorable boys (4 and 5 months).**
4. Why did you want to be a Schott Fellow? **I was interested in the fellowship because it is about making positive change for the field and for the children and families who I serve. I also wanted to continue to develop my own leadership skills in public policy within early care and education. I knew it would also give me the chance to take time out of a crazy schedule to work on public policy issues and do it with other individuals in the field that I do not have a chance to work with on a daily basis.**
5. Who is your biggest inspiration and why? **My mom is because she really provided the foundation for who I am and what I have been able to accomplish – my values, work ethic, compassion, strength, and my stubbornness!**
6. What do you plan to accomplish in the next 5 years? **I plan to make the ABCD Head Start and Children's Services program the best it can be in serving the children and families in Boston. This includes focusing on the changing needs of families, staff and the community, and focusing on increasing the investment and commitment to Head Start to offset federal funding cuts and efforts to dismantle of the program. It also includes actively participating in the ever changing early care and education field as we move into an age of universal care, continuing to be a strong advocate for the needs of low income families and families of diverse backgrounds. It includes the need to raise funds and "weathering" federal funding cuts.**
7. What was the biggest lesson you learned through the Schott? **The commonality of issues early educators face across the state and the need to mobilize around that for change.**
8. How will you carry the lesson you learned through your job? **I hope to share these lessons with my staff and within my program. I also plan to look for increased opportunities to work with individuals across the state.**
9. What job or jobs do you see yourself having in the next 5 to 10 years? **I see myself continuing my commitment to the early childhood field.**
10. Closing thoughts or any advise you have. **People should understand policy and politics and know that it impacts the work we do on a daily basis. And that we can only impact change if we speak out and if we are actively participating in the process.**

Meet the 2006-2007 FCD Principals' Fellows



We are pleased to announce the inaugural class of Principals Fellows in Early Care and Education. This fellowship is generously supported by the Foundation for Child Development. The fellows began with a five day residency July 10 through the 14th at Curry College. Issues such as vision for early childhood, supervision, early childhood policy, instruction, parent involvement and cultural competency were discussed. The Principals' Fellows were pleased to include a roundtable discussion of policy with Commissioner David Driscoll, State Representative Alice Wolf and Commissioner Ann Reale. Conversation were also held with Ken Reeves, the Mayor of Cambridge; Fasaha Traylor, Program Officer for the Foundation for Child Development; Cheryl Riggins, from the National Association of Elementary School Principals and Lynson Moore Beaulieu, Director of Programs and Strategic Leadership for the Schott Foundation. The 2006 -2007 FCD Principal Fellows are:

Ruth Danforth - Principal of Memorial Elementary School in Upton.

Janice Gauthier - Director of Curriculum for Everett Public Schools

Pamela Holmes - Director of Early Childhood Education in Somerville.

Moira O'Brien - Principal of Shawsheen School in Andover.

Joy Salesman-Oliver - Principal of Higginson Elementary School in Boston

Rosario Alvarez-O 'Neil- Director of Early Childhood Education/ Principal of B.L.O.C.K.S Preschool in Framingham.

Victoria Silberstein - Principal of Johnson Early Childhood

David Thomas- Director of Early Childhood Programs in Barnstable.

Mary Jane Webster- Principal of Barnum School in Tauton.

Patricia White - Coordinator of the Preschool programs at Ashland Public Schools

Jeffery Wolff - Principal of Clyde Brown Elementary School in Millis.



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Thanks to our Advisory Committee!

The Fellowship Advisory Committee consists of Schott staff, community leaders and former fellows. They are:

Mr. Douglas Baird, *President and CEO, Associated Early Care and Education*

Ms. Corrine Corso, *Former Schott Fellow, Special Projects Coordinator, Child Care Circuit*

Dr. Theresa Perry, *Professor, Simmons College*

Ms. Jeri Robinson, *Former Schott Fellow, Vice President of Children's Programs, Boston Children's Museum*

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Bonnie Mitchell, *Program Manager*

Congratulations David Moy!

We would like to send our heartfelt congratulations to David Moy. David has accepted the position of Program Officer in the civic engagement area at The Hyams Foundation. For the past 16 years David has been the Executive Director of the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. David was a founding advisor for the Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education.

Please join us in congratulating David on his new position and wishing him the very best as he embarks on a new chapter in his prestigious career.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

August 1, 2006 - SCHOTT FELLOWSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

September 12, 2006 - Schott Fellowship Meeting - Photo to be taken at State House

October 2, 2006 - Alumni Meeting

October 3, 2006 - Schott Fellowship

October 11, 2006 - Schott Fellowship and MAEYC Conference

November 1, 2006 - Schott Fellowship Social Emotional Roundtable

Schott Fellowship will co-sponsor the 2nd Annual MAEYC Conference

The Second Annual Professional Development Institute, "Our Rich Diversity....Our Cooperative Strength" will be held on Wednesday, October 11. It is co sponsored by the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children and the Schott Fellowship in Early Education and Care. The keynote address will be presented by Margie Carter and Deb Curtis. To register or for further information please contact Marcia Farris at 617-654-6053 or massaeyc@yahoo.com.