

# Schott Fellowship News

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## Developmentally Appropriate Practice: It Looks Like This

The Schott Fellowship will be holding a workshop on Developmentally Appropriate Practice. This workshop is available for elementary principals with preschool programs and will be held on Monday, October 29, 2007, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Boston Children's Museum. The workshop will be highly interactive and use videos, case studies, handouts and vignettes to provide information about what high quality early childhood. Please RSVP by contacting the Schott Fellowship office at 617-873-0678.

## Health and Safety Roundtable

The Schott Fellows in Early Care and Education invite you to join us for a summit meeting on Health and Safety in Early Childhood Programs. The summit will be held on November 6, 2007 from 8:30 am to 1:30 PM at Cambridge College, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02138. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Grace-Ann Caruso Whitney, Ph.D., M.P.A., an expert who has helped move a comparable agenda successfully in the state of Connecticut. She will discuss her experience in creating a state wide agenda to move forward a system of change for health and safety in early childhood programs in Connecticut. She is the director for Connecticut Head Start State Collaboration Office and Adjunct Instructor for the Connecticut State University System and the University of Connecticut.

At the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will officially release two documents:

1. The Advisory Committee report entitled *Cornerstones: Strengthening the Foundation of Health and Safety in Early Education and Care*
2. The Schott Fellows policy report entitled *Prioritizing Health and Safety in Early Childhood Programs: A Wise Investment in School Readiness*" (now available on our web site [www.schottfellowship.org](http://www.schottfellowship.org) under "2007 publications")

# Alumni News

**Mal Hughes** would like to share the news that the Cape Cod Child Development awarded 9 UPK grants from the state. Primary use of the grant is to fund an education coach/mentor position as well as provide in depth skill development in such areas as speech and language development, physical and occupational therapy and social/emotional skills.

**Vicki Siberstein** of the Johnson Early Childhood Center in Weymouth would love the opportunity to share input and brainstorming with her peers regarding the DOE Indicator #7. Responses can be sent to [victoria.silberstein@weymouthschools.org](mailto:victoria.silberstein@weymouthschools.org)

**Marcia Farris** is announcing the last call for proposals for the April 12, 2008 MassAEYC Conference in Westford. Go to [www.massaeyc.com](http://www.massaeyc.com) for the request for proposal (RFP). Schott Fellows are highly encouraged to present !

**Joanne Szamreta, Kathryn Jones and Lei-Anne Ellis** will be presenting their 2006 policy project (written with **Kitt Cox**) Everybody's Baby, at the Zero to Three Conference in Orlando this December. The presentation will focus on the solutions, the need for more funding, and attention to services for Massachusetts infants, toddlers and their families.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29	Principals Workshop 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
November 1	Interviews for 2008 Schott Fellows
November 2	Interviews for 2008 Schott Fellows
November 6	Health Roundtable 8:30 am to 1:30 PM
November 16	Debriefing Session for PR Trip 3:00 to 7:00
December 4	Last meeting for 2007 Schott Fellows

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## Tickets given to Hampshire Educational Collaborative

The Schott Foundation generously donated three tickets to Schott Fellowship to "Thinking Big about Little Learners" a conference held by the Hampshire Educational Collaborative. The recipients were Vera Johnson, and Gail Wilson-Giarratano.

Here is a link for further information about Hampshire Educational Collaborative

<http://www.collaborative.org/content/view/125/114/>

## Puerto Rico Trip

As part of its yearlong study of immigrant and migrant children and families, the Fellowship sponsored a study tour to Puerto Rico from October 13 to 18. Thirteen travelers from Massachusetts were hosted by Dr. Pedro Schuck, Director of The Cambridge College Regional Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico and Reyes Rodrigues, Director of the Teachers Union.

Upon arrival Saturday the group immediately joined the Puerto Rico Association for the Education of Young Children conference that was being held in San Juan. While there, they were greeted by the AEYC President and Executive Director, and shared informal dialog with prominent educator, Luis Hernandez, who was in Puerto Rico for the conference.

On Monday the travelers had an educational forum at The Cambridge College Puerto Rico Regional Center. Presentations and dialog with the local faculty included the history of Puerto Rico and its relationship to the USA mainland; the origins of migration and its impact on the island; and the status of preschool and public school education.

The rest of the week was spent conducting comprehensive visits with various programs on the island including debriefings and dialog with staff. Programs visited included a head start program that offered overnight care; a public school; the new San Juan pilot bilingual school (which actually used an English immersion model); private schools; and a visit to the University of Puerto Rico.

The thirteen travelers were Barbara Black, Marcia Farris, Hanna Gebretansae, Winnie Hagan, Emily Koester, Barbara Kozma, Carol Nolan, Jeri Robinson, Lourdes Sariol, Nida Wright, and coordinators Yvette Rodriguez, Marta Rosa, and Valora Washington.

Special thanks are extended to both Yvette Rodriguez and Marta Rosa for their support in organizing the study tour.

Photos of the trip will soon be available at:

<http://community.webshots.com/user/SCHOTTFELLOWSHIP?vhost=community>