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2006 Schott Fellows Join with the United Way to host a Community Roundtable Discussion

On March 1, 2006, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and The Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education brought together more than 50 members of the early education and care, out-of-school time and higher education fields to review, discuss and respond to the EEC’s workforce development plan. Through these discussions and our previous collaboration with more than 100 members of the field on the report entitled “*Making it Work*,” we believe that the next step in creating a statewide workforce development system is to assemble a diverse, representative and action-oriented task force.

Through our work, we learned from other states that a professional development system should effectively tie together compensation, competencies and communities of practice. We know that Massachusetts has a wealth of leaders who are deeply committed and very knowledgeable about these issues, and a task force that brings the wisdom and experience of our state’s professionals will enable us to make significant progress in these areas.

We believe that higher education, diversity and compensation should be given priority consideration as the EEC seeks to develop an effective workforce development system. The participants in the March 1st meeting are drafting a letter to Commissioner Ann Reale to share their recommendations for next steps.



An Interview with a Fellow: 10 Questions

1. What is your full name?

Maureen Ann Therese Ferris

2. Where do you live?

Bradford, MA, a village of Haverhill, lots of trees and wildlife. A change for a city girl but since it's near water I'm fine.

3. Tell me about your family?

I'm the oldest of five, with three surviving brothers. Very traditional Irish family. I have seven amazing nieces and nephews who surprise me every day.

4. Why did you want to be a Schott Fellow?

The ability to work with others in the field, the group aspect, both large and small of Schott drew me because although I often work alone I enjoy working within the energy of a collaborative.

5. Who is your biggest inspiration and why?

Marian Wright Edelman for having the capacity to bring the right people together, keeping her eye always on the prize and never, never losing the focus on children. Anyone fighting for justice for children and families. Injustice and inequity offend me.

6. What do you plan to accomplish in the next 5 years?

Continuing to work to improve the lives of children and their families by working within the legislative structure, providing quality research and

expert testimony and access to the members of the legislature.

7. What was the biggest lesson you learned through the Schott?

Although everyone at the table was committed to children, their families and quality early childhood education, all were coming from different places and brought different voices to the discussion.

8. How will you carry the lesson you learned though your job?

Remembering that everyone's voice and experience must be part of the solution.

9. What job or jobs do you see yourself having in the next 5 to 10 years?

Five years-Still working within the legislature to improve children's lives. Ten years-Wow, hopefully still making a positive difference in children and families lives.

10. Closing thoughts or any advice you have.

Keep learning, keep moving Never stop being open to change Never, never stop being who you are!!



Marie Enochy speaks at a State-Wide “Listening Tour” in December

Marie Enochy, 2005 Schott Fellow, spoke at the last of 15 stops in a statewide “Listening Tour” conducted by the Joint Committee on Education co-chair, Democrats Sen. Antonioni of Leominster and Rep. Patricia Haddad of Somerset. The central topic—the state formula for providing funds for public schools was given a failing grade by the 100 or so educators, town officials, parents and students who attended the hearing.

Marie spoke for all when she said “It’s not just my region. It’s not just my town. Every child counts.” In a written statement to the committee Marie argued that education begins at birth and so should services.

Senator Antonioni told the audience “We know the formula is broken and that despite the upswing, money is still tight. We had a few good months but we’re not out of the woods since education is in competition with health care and pension for public funds.”



2006 Calendar



Please take a moment and look at the dates on the calendar. The dates highlighted in **RED** are for the ALUMNI. The dates highlighted in **BLUE** are for the FELLOWS. And the dates highlighted in **GREEN** are for BOTH ALUMNI AND FELLOWS.

March 6	10:00—2:00	Alumni Meeting
March 7	10:00—4:00	2006 Fellowship Meeting
April 4	10:00—4:00	2006 Fellowship Meeting
May 2	10:00 –4:00	2006Fellowship Meeting
May 4	10:00—2:00	Alumni Meeting
June 6	10:00— 4:00	2006 Fellowship Meeting



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Be an Architect of Change: The Schott Fellowship in Early Care and Education

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*

Mr. David Moy, *Agency Director, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center*

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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Lisa Sockabasin has a New Position!

We would like to extend a big congratulations to our 2005 Schott Fellow, Lisa Sockabasin, who has just been appointed to the position of Director for the Office of Minority Health by the Governor of Maine, John Baldacci.

Lisa will help to ensure that minority health issues will receive the assistance and attention they deserve by Maine State Government.

Along with Lisa's new position she will continue to work with the Indian Center in Boston.

Please join us in Congratulating Lisa on her latest accomplishment!

Paula Bowie has a New Position!

We would like to extend a warm congratulations to our 2004 Schott Fellow, Paula Bowie, who has just been named Professional Services Director for the Child Care Resource Center.

Paula was the Director for Policy and Training and then the Director of the Mass. Institute on Family Child Care Systems at Acre Family Day Care in Lowell. She has a master's degree in Leadership and Policy in Early Care and Education from Wheelock College.

Join us in Congratulating Paula on her latest accomplishment!

Welcome to the Littlest Schott Fellow!

We would like congratulate the newest mommy in the Schott Fellowship!

Robyn Carter gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Quincey Charles on February 9th at 8:52 AM . He weighed 7 lbs and 6 oz and was 21 inches long!

Congratulations to the Cater family on their new addition and we wish you all the very best!

