



## Job Opportunity

With funding from Thrive in 5's W.K. Kellogg grant, Boston Public Schools is hiring an Early Childhood School Readiness Data Manager.

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## Thrive in 5 News

### Thrive in 5 Releases Evaluator Request for Proposals

*Proposals due December 16*

Today, Thrive in 5 released an **Evaluator Request for Proposals** seeking an external evaluator to:

- design and implement an evaluation of the Community School Readiness Wiring initiative (funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation);
- design an evaluation plan for Thrive in 5 building on the Thrive in 5 logic model, and current and planned implementation work; and
- support coordination of evaluations of individual implementation projects with one another and with Thrive in 5 overall.

The total contract amount from this RFP is \$200,000. The contract, issued by United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley as the fiscal agent for Thrive in 5, will begin in February 2010 and will end June 30, 2011.

### Key Dates & Deadlines

- November 30, 2009 - Letters of Intent to Apply Due (*optional, but encouraged*)
- December 4, 2009 - Bidders' Questions Due (*In lieu of a live bidders' conference, all questions received by December 4th will be posted anonymously as they are submitted on our website. Responses to all questions received will be posted by Tuesday, December 8th at noon.*)
- December 16, 2009 - Proposals Due
- Week of January 11 & 18, 2010 - Interviews with Finalists
- Mid-February 2010 - Notification of Award

**For more information and to download the RFP, visit**

[www.thrivein5boston.org/evaluator.html](http://www.thrivein5boston.org/evaluator.html)

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## Community Events & Opportunities



### **Baby Talk: A Conversation on the Importance of Talking with Young Children** *An Early Words event - November 24, 2009*

Join [Read Boston](#), Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Dr. Rick Weissbourd, and Betty Bardige on for an exclusive informational session on the positive impact that communicating - beginning as early as birth - can have on a child's educational development.

The session will be on **Tuesday, November 24, 2009, from 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.** in the Mayor's Office, Eagle Room, Boston City Hall, 5th floor.

[> Read more about the event](#)



### **Community Venues Wanted for D.W. Counts Down to Kindergarten Play** *Boston Children's Museum accepting applications*

The [Boston Children's Museum](#) is seeking community locations to host their travelling D.W. Counts Down to Kindergarten play. It is a 30 minute play with audience participation designed for 3-5 year olds and their families. The play stars Arthur's younger sister D.W. who is preparing to enter kindergarten.

The Museum will provide venues with actors, promotional materials, and school readiness materials for parents. 25 venues will be selected to host the play over the next year. The selection will be based on applications, which are being accepted on a rolling basis.

[> Download the application for more information and to apply today!](#)

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