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WHAT'S NEW?

Implementation Partnerships Under Construction

Thrive in 5 seeks Boston-based private and public organizations to join Implementation Partnerships

Implementation Partnerships, led by newly welcomed [managers](#), will advise and support the implementation of strategies for each component of the Boston School Readiness Roadmap: Ready Families, Ready Educators, Ready Systems, and Ready City as well as the Data and Research Team.

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Ready Educators Manager

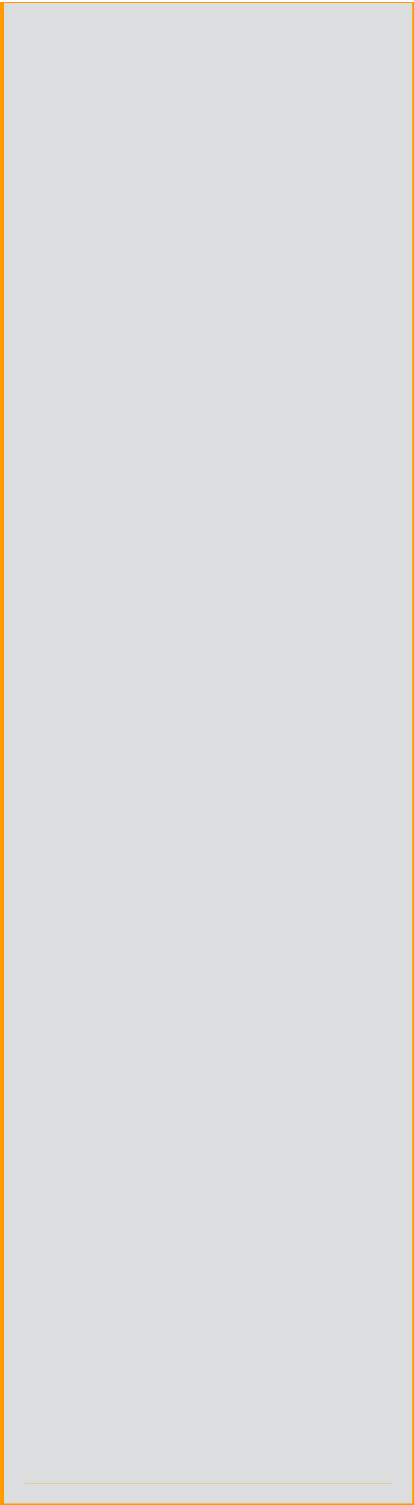
Position on hold

Not immune to the financial instability sweeping the nation, our Ready Educators partner, Community Partnerships for Children (CPC), was significantly impacted by the initial round of FY09 9c budget cuts. In addition, its role is being reconsidered by the Department of Early Education and Care. At the close of the hiring process for the Ready Educators Manager position, we decided to postpone hiring our selected candidate given the uncertainty around CPC's funding and role. To avoid compromising the momentum of the Ready Educators agenda, Thrive in 5 is working closely with the CPC Council and Coordinator to move this work forward in the absence of the manager.

Leadership Council Being Assembled

Liz Walker and Randal Rucker to co-chair Thrive in 5 Leadership Council.

Thrive in 5 is thrilled to announce that skilled community leaders and advocates Liz Walker,



Principal of the Walker Group: Communications Specialists (former news anchor at WBZ), and Randal Rucker, CEO for Family Service of Greater Boston, have agreed to serve, on behalf of Boston's youngest residents, as co-chairs of our Leadership Council. Council members—representative of the broad and diverse sectors and populations in Thrive in 5's reach—are currently being recruited. Under Liz and Randal's direction, the Council will provide oversight and leadership on implementation, resource development, and outreach.

EARLY CHILDHOOD IN THE NEWS

Local News Spotlights Young Children

Early childhood gains traction in local news as Thrive in 5 ramps up implementation.

Recent articles in the Boston Globe emphasize the importance of focusing on our youngest children and remind us that this climate is no time to slow the critical work of Thrive in 5 and its partners.

> [Finally getting smart about investing in learning](#)

> [A crash course to help at-risk toddlers](#)

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