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### **Governor Signs FY2010 Budget**

*Tracking investments in early childhood (continued)*

On June 19 the Massachusetts legislative Conference Committee released its proposed state budget for fiscal year 2010 (FY2010), which reconciles the differences between the budgets the House of Representatives and Senate passed earlier this year. On Monday, June 29 the Governor signed the budget with some line item vetoes or reductions.

> [Download the Conference Committee Budget](#)

> [Download the Governor's Vetoes](#)

> [Read an overview of the Conference Committee Budget by the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center](#)

> [Read a report that tracks the line-items that impact children and families by the Home for Little Wanderers](#)

> [Learn about the state budget process](#)

You can also call your Senator and Representative to learn more.

> [Find your Legislators' contact information](#)

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## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROVIDERS

### **Data Day 2009: Using Data to Drive Community Change**

*Wednesday, July 15 - Register today!*

*Data Day 2009 is a free one-day conference on using data and technology to drive community change. Data Day will be held on Wednesday, July*

## Quick Links

15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Northeastern University's Curry Student Center. The conference is organized by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the Boston Indicators Project at The Boston Foundation, and Northeastern University.

[> Read more about Data Day 2009 and register](#)

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### **Emergency Capital Grant Program**

*For early care and education and out of school-time programs*

*The Children's Investment Fund launched the Emergency Capital Grant Program. This new grant program addresses facility emergencies for early care and education and out-of-school time programs.*

[> Learn more about CIF's Emergency Capital Grant Program](#)

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### **Help KaBOOM! Build a Playground in Boston**

*Apply today!*

*KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit that brings together parents, community leaders and corporate partners to facilitate the planning and design of new community playspaces. KaBOOM! is looking for a nonprofit, child serving organization in Boston that would facilitate the process of building a playground in Boston this October. KaBOOM! already has a Funding Partner that will cover the majority of the funding as well as provide volunteers to help build the playground.*

[> Learn more about this opportunity with KaBOOM!](#)

[> Download the application](#)

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### **Summer Workshops with Child Care Choices of Boston**

*Sign up today!*

*Throughout the summer, Child Care Choices of Boston is offering a series of workshops for early childhood providers. Workshops are held throughout Boston and most provide EEC credit. Opportunities include a Directors Discussion Series, workshops on Numeracy Literacy, Family Child*

Care, and Alphabet Fitness - Yogacise, as well as First Aid and CPR training.

[> Download the workshop schedule and registration form](#)

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### **ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

#### **Countdown to Kindergarten's Free Summer Activities**

*Remember to wear your Countdown to Kindergarten tee-shirt!*

*All summer long Countdown to Kindergarten is providing free activities for Kindergarten-bound children and their families. Kindergartners wearing their Countdown to Kindergarten tee-shirts and their families can access free opportunities at Boston Children's Museum, the Museum of Science, the Boston Public Library, and many more.*

[> Download Countdown's free summer activities schedule](#)

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#### **Smart from the Start's Family Fun Day**

*July 2 at Artesani Park in Brighton*

*Join Smart from the Start for a Family Fun Day on Thursday, July 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Artesani Park (1234 Soldiers Field Road, Brighton, MA 02456). All are welcome!*

[> Contact Smart from the Start for more information](#)

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#### **Check out Talk Read Play's Events Calendar**

*Get more ideas for summer activities*

*Keep your eye on Talk Read Play's Events Calendar throughout the summer for free/low-cost activities for children and families in Boston.*

[> View Talk Read Play's Events Calendar](#)

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