

Ready. Set. Grow!

THE BIRTH TO 3RD GRADE PARTNERSHIP
NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION:

Our new and improved mission and vision is coming soon...stay tuned!

Dear Cambridge Early Childhood Community,

Although I have been with the Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership for the last 10 months, this is my very first start of a new school year in this role...and I'm excited! The start of a new school year always reminds me of fresh starts, new beginnings, and a year of opportunity ahead.

New beginnings are not always easy though. I've been reminded of this as I recently dropped off my oldest daughter for her freshman year of college halfway across the country. And even less dramatic beginnings, like the start of 10th grade for my middle daughter, and the start of 2nd grade for my son, come with their challenges too.

And despite some of the challenges we still face regarding the pandemic and all the things that have come with it, a sense of normalcy appears on the horizon. The



A letter from our Executive Director

opportunity to start fresh, having learned a thing or two, is upon us.

With that, there has been some evolution at the Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership. We are getting ready to launch a new five-year strategic plan. This plan comes with a refreshed mission and vision for our work, as well as clearly defined goals, objectives, and measures. Thank you to all of our colleagues and partners who have contributed your time and expertise to this work. The B3 team has also grown; adding a new School Readiness Manager role, and expanding our coaching and mentoring team. Lastly, we are excited to launch a new and improved newsletter! My hope is that these additions will allow us to better serve and meet the needs of the Cambridge early childhood community.

In the meantime, my virtual "door" is always open. If there is ever a need, suggestion, or hope for our work together, do not hesitate to let us know!

In partnership,

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Updates for the Field

COVID-19 Updates

View the latest resources and information from **EEC** regarding COVID-19 [here](#).

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Department of Early Education & Care News

EEC is hosting two engagement opportunities on the early childhood workforce on October 6, 2021, one at 2pm and one at 7:30pm. This session will look more closely at the Professional Registry, Credentialing, and other upcoming efforts from EEC related to workforce support. To find out more & to register click the link for the session you want to attend below:

[October 6, 2021 at 2 - 3pm](#)

[October 6, 2021 at 7:30 - 8:30pm](#)

Other upcoming events:

[October 12, 2021 at 1 - 2pm](#)

[Quincy/Metro Boston Regional Town Hall: Group and School Age Programs](#)

[October 12, 2021 at 6 - 7pm](#)

[Quincy/Metro Boston Regional Town Hall: Family Child Care Programs](#)

Missed the last EEC Board Meeting from September 14, 2021? Catch a recording of it [here](#)!

More Updates!

B3 is Hiring!

The Birth to 3rd Grade Partnership is adding to its team of expert Education Coaches! This role is a 20-hour, contract role. If you have a degree in early childhood education or a directly related field, and have experience supervising, coaching, and training early childhood teachers, we'd love to hear from you. Interested individuals can send a letter of interest and resume to Danielle Pazos, Program Quality Manager at:

b3info@cpsd.us

Continuous Quality Improvement Program

Are you a center director or family child care educator looking for increased support, coaching, & funding to help increase the quality of your program? Or maybe you'd like to start a program of your own but don't know where to begin?

B3 is looking for programs and educators who are interested in joining us on a journey towards continuous quality improvement! To find out more about how to join this exciting initiative, contact us at b3info@cpsd.us

There is still time to apply for Child Care Stabilization Grants through EEC for your program!

For more information, click [HERE](#)



Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Big Questions, Worries, and Fears: How to have hard conversations with little children

Oct 13, 2021 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This webinar is sponsored by ChildCare Education Institute

Presenter: Dr. Lauren Starnes

This session will guide you to answer difficult question respectfully and developmentally appropriately with even the youngest children. The webinar will explore big topics as miscarriage, domestic terror events, gender fluidity, death of a classmate, and other equally emotional and unsettling topics. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available through the University of Oklahoma.

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6482783643953091340>

Child Care Aware of America

Leadership Development Summit

October 19-21, 2021

Member Fee: \$225; Non-Member Fee: \$300

Registration Closes October 15th, 2021. There will be access to the event once registration closes.

Child Care Aware of America (CCAoA) Leadership Development Summit will give CCR&R emerging professionals and executive staff an opportunity to participate in a three-day virtual experience. Reinforcing and supporting key leadership competencies, celebrating the significant accomplishments of the child care leaders, and challenging leaders to evolve and grow their own leadership skills while working towards a more equitable child care system for all.

Register here: <https://member.childcareaware.org/event/LDS>

NAEYC

New **Self Study Learning Module** Now Available

Hear from NAEYC's professional development team about the process of self-study as a strategy for quality improvement. This module provides an approach to identifying program strengths and pinpointing areas for improvement. Integrating ongoing reflective practices into your program operations creates a culture of continuous improvement which is key to quality.

This module is a helpful support for programs engaged in the NAEYC Early Learning Program Accreditation.

1 hour of training, certificate provided

Member Cost: \$20; Nonmember Cost: \$25

Order here: [SELF-STUDY MODULE](#)

NAEYC

2021 Virtual Annual Conference, November 6-9, 2021

Registration is open now.

This year's virtual event features:

Over 100 essential professional learning sessions

Opportunities to connect with other NAEYC members

The NAEYC Expo with inspiring solutions and expert advice

Fun and educational activities to extend your learning

On-Demand access through November 30

Register here: <https://www.naeyc.org/events/annual/2021-registration>

In addition to the offerings above, please check StrongStart's online PD calendar for more training opportunities: <https://eecstrongstart.org/training-schedule>

From Our Partners

Early Years Project

Do you have concerns, questions, or want a thinking partner about:

- The emotions, behavior, or development of a child five or under?
- Managing adult and child stress? Supporting staff?
- Reducing challenges in your program?
- Accessing community resources to support children and families?

Our child development specialists partner with teachers, providers, administrators, and parents.

For more information or to request a consult, please email us at:

eyp@riversidecc.org
or leave a message at 781.686.0435

The Center for Families October Newsletter is now available! It has been great to see so many of you this September and we hope you can join us this October for our fall programs! Check out pages 4, 5, and 6 for all our October programming information. Cambridge Dads check out pages 7 and 8 for information just for you!

To read the October newsletter click: [HERE](#)

