



# Early Childhood Education BULLETIN

**APRIL 12, 2013**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### April 13

Children's Festival  
Interagency Coordinating Council  
(ICC) Meeting

### April 14– 20

Week of the Young Child

### April 17

Free Summer Meal Program  
Training  
Subsidy Information Session for  
New Providers

### April 18

Free Summer Meal Program  
Training

### April 19

Eligibility Institute Training

### April 20

Tots to Teens Expo

### April 27

DC Universal School Readiness  
Conference

### Special Announcement

*The 2012 Market Rate Survey is  
now available and can be reviewed  
on the OSSE website at  
[www.osse.dc.gov](http://www.osse.dc.gov)  
under Early Learning .*



## A MESSAGE FROM OSSE

Spring time is here! The weather will be beautiful and children are preparing for their summer break. Spring time offers many perks that other seasons do not. This is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and outdoor activities that you may have missed when it was too cold. Take your children to the park, go on nature walks, and visit outside monuments that are located right in our backyard.

In addition to the overall fun that spring brings, there are tons of specific activities that you can engage in as a provider. DC is celebrating Month of the Young Child this month. On April 20, 2013 there will be a Tots to Teens Expo at the Walter E. Convention Center which will be an educational, entertaining, and fun event for the entire family! The DC Universal School Readiness Conference will also take place this month on April 27th. See page 2 for more information on the expo and conference. April is filled with possibilities, enjoy them and the wonderful weather!

## MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD UPDATE

DC has chosen the entire month of April to recognize the collective efforts across the city to celebrate young children and those who work to support their learning and development. Nationally, a week was chosen from April 14<sup>th</sup>– April 20<sup>th</sup> to highlight these efforts called Week of the Young Child (WOYC). DC will kick-off WOYC at the Children's Festival; Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 12:00pm– 3:00pm at Seaton Elementary School (1503 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW). For a complete calendar of events visit [www.mychildcaredc.com](http://www.mychildcaredc.com). To sign-up to volunteer for WOYC events, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49AEA9292-childrens>.

## PRE-K CLASSROOM AWARD

Congratulations to the following provider recipients of the 2013 Pre-K Grant. They each will receive a grant of \$93,032 for the first year to establish one Pre-K classroom that provides high quality early educational services to Pre-K aged children. If the grantee remains compliant, they are eligible to re-new their grant for up to four years. The amount to be received for each renewal year is \$186,064.

1. Martha's Table- Ward 1
2. Dawn to Dusk- Ward 8
3. Big Mama's- Ward 7
4. The Geneva Ivey Day School- Ward 5
5. Bright Start- Ward 4
6. Edward C. Mazique- Ward 1



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### Emergency Preparedness Training: Preparing Your Site

Is your child care site prepared? Disaster can strike anywhere at any time, including the many hours children are separated from their families in child care. Save the Children's new Child Care Emergency Preparedness Training is designed to help child care providers develop the best plans to prepare for the worst. Catering to the specific needs of each program, this innovative course can be scheduled for in-person group facilitation by an emergency management professional or completed online at one's own pace. Visit the Save the Children's U.S. Center for Child Development and Resiliency website to learn more and register. Be safe. Don't wait. Get the training you need, today!

<http://uscenter.savethechildren.org/>

## TOTS TO TEENS EXPO

OSSE will be sponsoring an information booth and workshop at the Tots to Teens Expo; April 20, 2013 from 9am- 6pm at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The Tots to Teens Expo provides tons of resources that make life easier for those who plan the activities for their families. This regional event focuses exclusively on products and services that cater to children and teenagers. Come out and enjoy this expo with friends, family, educators, vendors, community leaders and experts in the early childhood education field. For more information on the Tots to Teens Expo, visit <http://thebetterfamily.com>

## DC UNIVERSAL SCHOOL READINESS CONFERENCE

Since 2003, the DC Universal School Readiness Stakeholder Group has stimulated over 250 individuals and organizations in an effort to build public knowledge, public will, and public action to ensure that universal school readiness becomes a reality for all of the District's 3 and 4 year olds. This year's conference will take place April 27, 2013 from 7:30am to 2:00pm at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School. OSSE is leading efforts for the SECDCC Program Continuum and Collaboration Subcommittee to develop workshops for a "Leadership Talk" to take place during the conference. For more information about the conference contact Christophe Beard at [christophe.beard@dc.gov](mailto:christophe.beard@dc.gov)

## DC Free Summer Meal Program (FSMP) –Renewing and New Sponsors and Sites

Want to continue your sponsorship of the FSMP? Or, do you want to sponsor or even be a site in the FSMP? Remember, the FSMP offers children free meals when schools are closed for the summer. New to the FSMP---Did you know that you can receive a higher reimbursement for meals served in the summer if you participate in the FSMP? Come hear more about this program. Attend the training to learn what's new for the 2013 summer program and discuss the application process.

The training will be held  
**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at OSSE**  
810 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002  
(near Metro Union Station – Red Line)  
4th Floor, Conference Room 4012

### Renewing Sponsors

*(for those participating since 2012 summer)*

April 17 from 9 am – 12 pm

April 18 from 12 PM – 4 PM

### New Sponsors or Sites

*(for those who have submitted intent to participate or who want to participate)*

April 17 from 1 pm – 4 pm

April 18 from 9 am – 12 pm

**Registration is required.** Please contact Elisabeth Sweeting at [Elisabeth.Sweeting@dc.gov](mailto:Elisabeth.Sweeting@dc.gov) or call on (202) 724-7628

## PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT

### E.L. Haynes Public Charter School

E.L. Haynes Public Charter School serves 950 students from grades Pre-K through ten. With a recently renovated facility, the 55,000 square foot campus serves an economically disadvantaged population in Ward 4. In addition to its constant growing population, E.L. Haynes continues to display their students talents and skills. The E.L. Haynes After-School program and staff take popular holidays and events and put on plays, events, and shows for their family and community. For example, the Pre-K students and staff put on a phenomenal Black History Month showcase where they sang songs, recited poems, and danced to portray the importance of black history. The show took place with over 150 audience members consisting of parents, friends, family and teachers. This was truly a proud moment to the E.L. Haynes family. For outstanding events such as this, E.L. Haynes receives this month's Provider Spotlight.

We would love to hear and share the positive stories from your center, submit your story to [brandee.reed@dc.gov](mailto:brandee.reed@dc.gov).