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A Note from Matt LiPuma, FNC Executive Director

Tragedies like Hurricane Katrina put us all in touch with how fragile but resilient life is — and how important it is for each of us to feel we have the support of a larger community. During the past eight months as the new Executive Director of the Family Nurturing Center, I have marveled at the vast network of support we are able to provide to children and families through the involvement of volunteers, partner organizations, and donors.

In the past year, our long-standing partnership with Dorchester CARES resulted in nearly 750 families with newborns receiving a Welcome Baby visit. Visits were made in 5 different languages by visitors who live and work in the communities of Dorchester, Roslindale, and Allston-Brighton. More than 30 volunteer groups and 150 individuals supported this program with their time and/or donations. In South Boston, Framingham, and Springfield, FNC has provided technical assistance as partners in each of those communities develop and implement their own Welcome Baby programs.

A look at our fall Nurturing Program Calendar (page 7) reveals that 15 Nurturing Programs will be coordinated in three different languages by 13 different partners in Boston and greater Boston. The Department of Social Services supports some of these programs with funding and staffing, but none of these programs could exist without the additional support of the more than 20 community based organiza-

tions, schools, and city agencies that provide space and facilitators, contribute to the cost of food and transportation, and work with us to identify and support participating families. In this issue you'll also read about two new FNC partnerships in East Boston and Allston-Brighton that will provide more families with parenting skills and other supports they need to raise healthy children (page 4).



A family in the Co-parenting Program have a nurturing moment.

FNC and its partners fund their programs through a mix of private and public sources. However, to be truly sustainable and flexible in meeting the needs of families, most non-profits must broaden their funding to include the larger community of individual donors who share their mission and want to support their work. On October 1, FNC will have an opportunity to participate in **The Rodman Ride for Kids**, a unique fundraising event that will help us raise those crucial dollars, and we

are asking those of you who support our mission to join us (see how on page 5).

At a time when we are particularly sensitive to the importance of building social capital, I want to thank all of our funders, donors, collaborating organizations, volunteers, and families for all the critical ways they support FNC's mission: **...to build nurturing communities where children are cherished, families are supported, and everyone works together to promote healthy human development.** ■

Nurturing Program Author visits Boston

Dr. Stephen Bavolek, the creator and principal author of the *Nurturing Program for Families*, addressed a Nurturing Network meeting that was held at the Park Street Dorchester DSS area office on July 13, 2005. Over 50 human service staff, most with Nurturing Program experience, heard Bavolek praise their efforts to create a "nurturing world". He reviewed the five constructs that are the core of the Nurturing Program and described how the Adolescent Adult Parenting Inventory can be used to assess improvement on each of the constructs (inappropriate expectations, lack of empathy, firm belief in/over-reliance on physical punishment, inappropriate roles, unwillingness to allow children to have power and independence).

He urged all present to examine their own beliefs about nurturing vs. abuse. "Nurturing and abusive behavior cannot exist in the same moment," he said. He asked how many in the audience expect to live in a world that is a "10", where nurturing occurs all the time. He challenged all to think about what is acceptable. Is it okay to be in a relationship where abuse occurs 50% of the time? 20 % of the time? What do we want for our clients? He urged all present to strive for a "10" in their work and in their personal lives. Dr Bavolek is promoting his *Nurturing the Families of America* campaign, which is being implemented in Louisiana, Hawaii and the military. ■

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Nurturing Programs Leave Permanent Mark in Their Neighborhoods

The idea began with South Boston's Nurturing Program in 2003 — how could Nurturing Programs leave behind a permanent memory of the bonds that families built and the "community" they created, and acknowledge the partners that helped to make the program possible? The answer: making "Nurturing Quilts"! Near the end of a program, families gather and make a quilt square that represents their family. Everyone contributes to the center of the quilt, with images of nurturing or something that represents the specific program or the culture of the families involved. Volunteers then sew all the pieces together. At graduation, the finished quilt is presented to a collaborating organization to be hung there permanently, as a reminder of what families accomplished together. Families are amazed to see how their individual piece contributes to make a beautiful whole.



The Cape Verdean Nurturing Program Quilt is unveiled.

Since that first quilt, three others were made in 2004–05. Allston-Brighton's second Nurturing Program made a quilt which is hanging at Franciscan Hospital for Children (staff from the hospital collaborated to facilitate the program). Another quilt was made by

the Birth & Foster Family Nurturing Program and hangs at the Dimock Street DSS office. The last one, made this year, was done by the Cape Verdean Nurturing Program and will be hanging at the Park Street DSS office.

These quilts hanging at the DSS offices show that something wonderful happened there! They are a tangible representation of DSS's commitment to the strengths-based approach — partnering with families and the community to build and support healthy families. Hosting Nurturing Programs at DSS offices has special significance: these programs bring families into the DSS office for a positive reason. They offer a respectful way to say to parents, "You already know what your family needs; here's how we can

help you gain the tools to meet those needs in healthy ways". Through DSS and *Community Connections*, Nurturing Programs are now offered to families from all DSS offices in the Boston region. ■

Spring NP HIGHLIGHTS

- Twelve dads, from teens to 50-something, completed the 13-week Park Street DSS Nurturing Father's Program.
- Four of the fathers in the DOR Co-Parenting Nurturing Program, done in partnership with Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF), were Nurturing Fathers' Program graduates who wanted to do another group to strengthen the relationship with their children's mother.
- Nine families graduated from the second ever South Boston FANS Nurturing Program, sponsored by DSS Community Connections. Two of last year's graduates were facilitators!
- Very special thanks to Carol Powers and Martha Burke for their time and talent on 3 Nurturing Quilts this year.

Cape Verdean Nurturing Program, Spring 2005: Bridging Two Worlds

Congratulations to the 10 families who graduated from the 6th Cape Verdean Nurturing Program this past June! While we've seen great successes, during the past few years we have noticed growing tensions between parents and teens. Teens assimilate into the American culture more quickly than their parents, leaving both parents and teens confused and frustrated. Parents want to keep the old world ways, and teens want to be part of the new world. At FNC, we created a special session in the Cape Verdean Nurturing Program where both sides could come together in a safe place to discuss their feelings and develop a clearer understanding of each other. Although there was tension in the air, the session was a great success! The first part of the evening was designed so that parents could tell their stories to their teens about challenges and fears of living in two worlds. Teens were then given a chance to talk to their parents about living in a new world and the challenges that they face. The second part of the evening was dedicated to coming up with strategies for how parents and teens can communicate better with each other. Everyone shared powerful feelings and had the support of the whole nurturing team as they did. It was a tremendous learning experience for everyone, including the facilitators, and the session will surely be included in every future Cape Verdean Nurturing Program.

For more information, please feel free to contact Alice Gomes at 617-474-1143 x238. ■

Allston-Brighton

Playgroups – Much More than Play

When families attend the Parent-Child Playgroups, they often come for more than just play. On a recent day this past spring, Elayne Baskin, Playgroup Leader, listened to a new family, who was living in a shelter.

Mom needed information about how to enroll her three children in schools this fall. She was looking for a school that had uniforms, as she had no money for clothes. I gave her a list of what was needed to enroll, some suggestions for how to pick a school, told her about Cradles to Crayons, and ordered clothing for the children. I suggested a few schools within walking distance of the shelter, so that Mom could remain involved, and told her about the full-service schools in particular so that she and the children could take advantage of the counseling and other supports available there.

One child had ADHD. We talked about the ADHD, how she could get help from Franciscan Children's Hospital, and ways to organize the time during which she and the children had to be out of the shelter each day, by prioritizing activities for the week — from getting immunizations at Joseph Smith Health Center, to scheduling some family fun activity for each afternoon.

Mom had already signed up for WIC, opened a check-

ing account, gotten library cards, and was looking into options for the children for the summer. I encouraged her to return to the library and take advantage of the museum passes, look into the Aquarium camp for the oldest child, and take all four to the MFA's special afternoon programs, as the girls liked doing art projects. She had already visited two of the local parks.

I gave each child a toy of their own and some dramatic play things that they could use together. We read a board book to the baby and showed the other girls how they could read to him at their own levels — from the four year old to the nine year old. I let them know that Vicki at the library had a mother-daughter group there, and the daughter asked her mom if they could go. I told the mom that there were puzzles and board games and even a pajama story hour once a week at the library, and they were most interested.

Family Support principles tell us to meet the family "where they are" and to help them set their own goals. The informal settings at Playgroup provide the perfect place to put these principles into action, and an informed neighborhood Playgroup Leader is an invaluable resource! ■

Welcome Baby News

This spring, FNC welcomed Colleen McGuire as the new Welcome Baby Coordinator in Allston-Brighton! Colleen is a mother of three and has participated in several ABFN programs with her children. She and her family have lived in Allston-Brighton for nine years and are quite involved in neighborhood activities. As Colleen says, "This position enables me to combine two important loves of mine — connecting people to resources, and parenting. . . I know how exciting and challenging it can be for parents when they welcome a new baby into the family. This program can help make that transition a little easier and can show parents that there are resources out there for them."

Thanks to Paula Bronzoni of Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS), Welcome Baby is now able to reach the rapidly growing Brazilian community in Allston-Brighton. Paula visited 38 Brazilian families this year — 33% of all families visited in Allston-Brighton! She understands how families with a new baby can become isolated, especially if English is not their first language. "With many families I see, they are not aware of the wonderful resources available to them in the community; it's great that Welcome Baby exists so that families can get the help they need." ■

Roslindale

FNC received the following note this past spring. What a beautiful illustration of the power of Nurturing Programs!

I was part of the 1997 Roslindale Nurturing Program sponsored by High Point Cares as a volunteer with the pre-school group. That year, Brandon B. was a 2 year old participant with his family. He was a bright, sociable, curious child, and I decided that I would stay in touch with the family when the program ended. Here it is 8 years later; Brandon turns 11 years old this month, and the "community connection" that Brandon made with me is still going strong. Brandon now has an extended family in mine, as we have been to the top of Mount Washington with my sister, spent the weekends at Cape Cod with my brother's family, visited college campuses with my nieces, and explored countless New England museums and zoos with my friends. It has been an enriching experience for both of us with a very extended "circle of caring". May the Nurturing Program have many more successful years where such special connections are made.

Anne Sullivan

Spring CoFC HIGHLIGHTS

- High Point CARES joined the Roslindale Adult Literacy Group in sponsoring *A Taste of Culture*, an Adult Literacy Celebration to raise money for a new classroom for ESOL learners.
- HP CARES Nurturing Circles provided ongoing parent support for 15 Roslindale families.
- Roslindale Welcome Baby continued to grow thanks to the support of partners like the Bethany United Methodist Church of Roslindale and West Roxbury.

Allston-Brighton Partnership Awarded Even Start Family Literacy Grant

Family Nurturing Center, the Jackson/Mann Community Center, and the Jackson/Mann Elementary school were recently awarded a Massachusetts Department of Education Even Start grant to develop a comprehensive family literacy program, the first of its kind in Allston-Brighton. This program will serve twenty low-income families with young children (0-7) who have limited English proficiency and low literacy. The program's goals are to: ensure that participating children improve their literacy skills and

academic performance; assist parents to improve their English literacy skills; educate parents about how to create home environments conducive to literacy development; educate parents about healthy child development; assist families in accessing community resources to improve their educational, economic and social opportunities; and help parents become effective advocates for themselves, their children, and their community. This program builds on FNC's long standing Allston-Brighton Family Network partnerships

and activities. Jackson/Mann Community Center is the lead agency, the largest provider of English for Speakers of Other Languages in Allston-Brighton. They also provide pre-school and after-school programs. The Jackson/Mann Elementary school serves close to 600 students, many of whom are bilingual. FNC's role will be to take the lead in developing family support program components, including home visiting.

For more information, please contact Sandy Sachs at 617-474-1143 x227. ■

Boston Learns 2 brings FNC Programs to Roxbury

Boston Learns 2, a collaborative of creative family-centered programs in Boston, brings to Roxbury families three new FNC programs focused on enhancing the social-emotional skills of young children and on improving early family literacy. FNC staff will mentor two enthusiastic new facilitators' groups, steeped in the July, 2005 Nurturing Philosophy training, to offer two Nurturing Programs this fall. *Nurturing Our Babies* (for families with infants and toddlers) and the *Nurturing Families Program* (for families with children ages 3 and 4 and their siblings) will be offered in collaboration with the Dimock Early Head Start Program and the

Children's Services of Roxbury. A *Creative Movement and More* session will take place at Mission Works Community Center on Thursday afternoons in collaboration with Metro Boston Early Intervention Program. FNC staff will offer this series of 11 weekly free classes where parents can dance, sing, read aloud, and create art with their two and three year old children. For more information or to enroll a family or child for any of these three Boston Learns 2 Programs, please call Sandy at 617-474-1143 x227. ■

Nurturing Comes to East Boston!

Planning is currently underway for a Family Nurturing Program in East Boston, a first for this neighborhood! With a grant from the "CP CARES Community Partnership" (funding from the Mass. Department of Education for preschool age "at-risk" children in Boston), FNC will work with the East Boston Community Partnerships Cluster to coordinate the program next spring. This past April, FNC trained staff from East Boston Social Centers, East Boston Head Start, Little Folks Community Day Care, and the East Boston YMCA in the Nurturing Philosophy and the "nuts-and-bolts" of running a program. These participants will be part of East Boston's first Nurturing Program Team next year!

FNC Looks at Outcomes Measurement

Like many organizations, we are always looking for data to evaluate the outcome of our work. We began some new outcomes measurement work this year to get very specific data on how well our programs achieve the goals, or outcomes we hope to see.

Welcome Baby Program

To find out how well the Welcome Baby program is doing, we did a "phone-a-thon." This spring we called 100 families who had received a Welcome Baby visit to ask about their experience.

What parents remembered most about the visit was how friendly and welcoming the visitor was. When asked about changes they had made as a result of the visit, about two-thirds of the parents said that they were reading more often to their children. Many parents had not known before the visit that you could read to and share books with babies as young as four months old! Participants also said that the Welcome Baby visit provided information about programs going on in their neighborhood that previously were unknown to them. They were particularly grateful to learn that their local libraries offered activities geared

to young children. Overall, the response of the phone-a-thon was very positive.

Here is a sampling of what parents had to say:

"The visitor was key in making us feel more comfortable as parents."

"I learned that I could get a free breast pump from

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MAX KARGMAN

THE FAMILY NURTURING CENTER joins its partners, the families of High Point Village, and Mr Kargman's family in mourning the loss of Max Kargman, a well known Real Estate developer who died August 5th.

Mr. Kargman believed in the value of family support services and made sure they were available to the residents of his housing developments. He sponsored FNC's first Nurturing Program in 1998.

FNC and The Rodman Ride for Kids

On October 1st in Foxboro, Massachusetts, Family Nurturing Center's cycling team, led by board member Mark Smith, will join a crowd of more than 1000 cyclists who will be racing to raise money for children at risk. FNC is proud to be a participant in the **15th Annual Rodman Ride For Kids**, a unique fundraising event started by one-time Dorchester resident Don Rodman, of Rodman Ford. Since 1991, the Ride has raised \$17 million on behalf of children. FNC's Executive Director, Matt LiPuma, a six-time veteran of the Ride, is thrilled with FNC's participation: "It's great for smaller organizations like FNC, because it allows us to be part of a successful, well organized event at no cost to us or the donor. More than 100% of the money raised by FNC will come directly to our organization". The Rodman Ride



estimates that its broader fundraising effort will add another 20% to what FNC is able to raise in sponsorships! More than 300 companies and thousands of individuals support the Ride each year, and in 2004 the Ride raised \$3.6 million on behalf of Massachusetts children. If you are planning to support FNC this year, this is the time to make a donation — it will go further than ever before!

You can help FNC reach its \$50,000 goal by making a tax deductible contribution of any amount payable to **Rodman Ride/Family Nurturing Center** or by helping us identify corporate sponsors. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you can contribute online at www.rodmanrideforkids.org by clicking on **online giving**, entering an amount, and designating **Family Nurturing Center** as the organization you want your donation to support. **THANK YOU!** ■

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Growing Up Twice: Working with Young Parents and Their Young Children

How do you help adolescent moms — whose brains and hormones are wired for self reflection, separation, and independence — develop the empathy and skills to nurture their newborns and toddlers? That was the question conference attendees came to explore when they signed up for FNC Child Development Specialist Sandy Sachs’s presentation at the 9th Annual Birth To Three Institute in Washington DC, in June, 2005. The Institute, entitled “The Future is Now, Building a Strong Foundation for Life”, drew 1200 Early Head Start directors, providers, and developmental specialists from around the country who came together

to laugh, to learn, to share, and to find up-to-date resources for families.

One hundred seventy of these brave participants reflected on their own adolescence and reviewed the many complex developmental issues and tasks that characterize this stormy stage of development. Participants reviewed the PBS “Teen Brain at Work” video and strategized ways to help teens parent babies and toddlers while respecting their growing independence, to foster more abstract thinking about the long term consequences of today’s actions, to empathize with

a teething baby, and to help teens identify and take care of their own needs as well as their baby’s needs. Institute participants celebrated the 10th birthday of the national Early Head Start Programs with child development guru Dr. Ed Ziegler of the Yale Child Study Center. With a tall red, white, and blue birthday cake, everyone celebrated the parents and young children we have had the privilege to work with and share our lives with over these last 10 years.

To see Sandy’s presentation yourself, get the details about her fall workshop below! ■

Fall 2005 Nurturing Trainings and Workshops

The “Developing Nurturing Families and Communities” fourteen hour training provides an opportunity to learn about the nurturing philosophy and experience elements of the Nurturing Parenting Program.

Completion of this training is a pre-requisite for facilitating a community Nurturing Program. **Please contact the appropriate person for more information or to enroll.**

Training/Workshop	Day/Time	Location	Community Partner	Contact Person for Training	Phone
“Developing Nurturing Families and Communities”	September 22 & 23 9 AM — 4 PM	Bay Cove Early Intervention 105 Victory Road Dorchester	DSS Community Connections	Sue Parker, FNC	617-474-1143 x236
“Growing Up Twice: Working with Teen Parents, and their Young Children	September 21 9 AM — Noon	Park Street DSS Area Office 50B Park Street Dorchester	DSS Prevention Team	Sue Parker, FNC	617-474-1143 x236

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my health insurance. I didn’t know that.”

“I kept all the information. It was so important.”

“I learned that now is the time to start reading to my baby.”

“I remember that it was such a lovely visit. It made me feel part of this community.”

“I had a lot of questions, especially about colicky babies. Paula gave me great tips, and she said that colic usually goes away after 3 months. That was good for me to hear, and my baby did get better!”

Parent-Child Playgroups

From new surveys used with families attending Parent-Child Playgroups, we learned very specific ways the

program is helping families, and learned about the reasons they attend playgroup.

- 97% attend the playgroups to give their child an opportunity to play with other children, while 79% want opportunities to meet other families with young children.

- Over 25% of participants speak Spanish in their home; close to 60% of families speak another language other than English. Languages represented in the playgroups include: Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, ASL, Farsi, and Swedish

- 34% of families received a WB visit and learned about ABFN programs through the visit.

- 100% of families said that they and their children would like to return to another playgroup.

- 92% of families agreed that they feel more a part of their community as a result of this playgroup.

- 85% of families noticed increased social skills in their child as a result of attending the playgroup.

- 63% of families participated in other community resources as a result of this playgroup.

- 82% of families stated that they learned about another community resource as a result of this playgroup.

Look for Nurturing Program Outcomes in our next issue. ■

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A variety of neighborhood based Nurturing Programs for Families are now available, each specially designed for the parents and children they serve. Programs range in length, are free, include a meal, and are offered at various times and locations. To learn more about referring families to a program or about joining a Nurturing Team of facilitators, please contact the person listed beside the program.

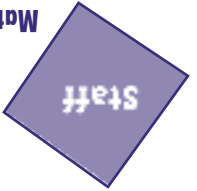
Boston Area Nurturing Program Calendar: Fall, 2005

LOCATION	PROGRAM TYPE	COMMUNITY PARTNER	DAY/TIME	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
Dorchester	Nurturing Program for Parents and Children	Dorchester House Multi-Service Ctr.	Fridays, 9:30 ^{AM} –12:30 ^{PM} Start date: Late October	Referral: open Transportation: provided	Joy Gonzalez (617) 288-3230 x2232
Dorchester	Cape Verdean Family Nurturing Program (CAPE VERDEAN CREOLE)	Dorchester CARES	TBA	Referral: open Transportation: provided	Noemia Monteiro-DuCanto (617) 474-1256 x252
Hyde Park	Nurturing Fathers' Program	FNC — Hyde Park Area DSS Office	Tuesdays, 6–8:30 ^{PM} Start date: October 4	Referral: open Transportation: No	Haji Shearer (617) 474-1143 x251
Jamaica Plain	Nurturing Program for Parents and Children (SPANISH)	Jamaica Plain Tree of Life/Abol de Vida	Fridays, 5:30–8:30 ^{PM} Starts October 14	Referral: open Transportation: provided	Wanda Guzman (617) 838-0877
Lynn (3 NPs)	Nurturing Program for Parents & Children, Nurturing Program for Teen Parents, and Nurturing Father's Program	Lynn Community Connections Coalition	Fridays, 6–8:30 ^{PM} Start date: September 9	Referral: open Transportation: provided	Pam Freeman (781) 477-2902
Roslindale	Nurturing Circles: On-going Parent Support Group	FNC — High Point CARES	Start date: late October	Referral: open Transportation: No	Maxine Hall (617) 325-6732
Roslindale	Nurturing Program for Parents and Children	FNC — High Point CARES	Thursdays, 6–8:30 ^{PM} Start date: October 27	Referral: open Transportation: call for details	Maxine Hall (617) 325-6732
Roslindale	Nurturing Fathers' Program	FNC — Dept of Revenue Dept of Correction Pre-Release	Start date: September 15	Referral: closed	Haji Shearer (617) 474-1143 x251
Roxbury	Nurturing Program for Families with Infants & Toddlers	FNC — Boston Learns	Start date: September 26 Mondays, 6–8:30 ^{PM}	Referral: open to families w/ at least one child age birth–3; Transportation provided	Sandy Sachs (617) 474-1143 x227
Roxbury	Nurturing Program for Families with Preschoolers	FNC — Boston Learns	Wednesdays, 6–8:30 ^{PM} Start date: October 19	Referral: open to families w/ at least one child age 3 or 4; Transportation: provided	Sandy Sachs (617) 474-1143 x227
Roxbury	Nurturing Program for Teen Parents	FNC — Madison Park High School	Wednesdays, 11:30 ^{AM} –1 ^{PM} Start date: September TBA	Referral: open to Madison Park students Transportation: No	Veronica Bosk (617) 635-9794
Roxbury	Nurturing Program for Birth & Foster Families	FNC — Dimock St. Area DSS Office	Thursdays, 6–8:30 ^{PM} Start date: October	Referral: open to families w/ children in foster/kinship placement Transportation: provided	Sue Parker (617) 474-1143 x236
Roxbury	Prenatal Nurturing Program	Dimock Early Head Start	Wednesdays, 5:30–7:30 ^{PM} Start date: October 19	Referral: open to Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, & Dorchester residents Transportation: provided home	Karla Walker (617) 442-8800 x1425
Roxbury	Nurturing Program for Parents and Children (SPANISH)	Elizabeth Stone House	Wednesdays, 4:30–7:30 ^{PM} Start date: September 7	Referral: open Transportation: No	Anna Faria (617) 427-9801 x402
Roxbury	Nurturing Program for Parents and Children (ENGLISH)	Elizabeth Stone House	Thursdays, 4:30–7:30 ^{PM} Start date: September 8	Referral: open Transportation: No	Medie Medina (617) 427-9801 x402
South Boston	Teen Parent Nurturing Program	South Boston FANS	TBA	Transportation: South Boston only	Kate Johnson (617) 269-9331

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