

Action Steps to Help Improve Learning Environments

Business Leaders:

- ❖ Discuss what you learned today with at least one colleague in the next week.
- ❖ Host a meeting with interested stakeholders to discuss the report or co-host one of the Children's Investment Fund regional forums on the report findings in November and December (schedule on the back).
- ❖ Contact the Fund if you would like to help address potential hazards in centers in your area, with a donation, supplies, labor, or professional knowledge.
- ❖ Get involved with the public education and policy effort that begins today.

Parents:

- ❖ Talk with at least two other parents and the staff at your children's program about what you learned today.
- ❖ Contact your legislative, business, and community leaders to ask them to support the efforts of the Children's Investment Fund to make child care facilities a priority.

Philanthropic Community:

- ❖ Share the report with colleagues interested in education and improved outcomes for children at risk.
- ❖ Expand "quality" to include physical environments that enhance learning, health, and safety.
- ❖ Work with the Fund and other public and private funders to make facility improvements a priority.

Providers:

- ❖ Share the report with other providers.
- ❖ Host a tour of your facility for local legislators, business and community leaders.
- ❖ Contact Children's Investment Fund to discuss a facilities assessment for your building.
- ❖ Seek a QRIS grant to advance in QRIS Category 2: Safe, Healthy Indoor and Outdoor Environments.

Public Officials:

- ❖ Share the report with legislators, relevant public agencies, and community leaders.
- ❖ Contact the Fund for more information about future efforts and how you can help.
- ❖ Contact the Fund to discuss how improving learning environments for children and work environments for teachers will help advance other education and quality improvement efforts in Massachusetts.

Everyone:

- ❖ Post a note on Facebook or tweet on Twitter with one thing you learned today about how facilities impact learning, health and safety. Help get the conversation started.
- ❖ Encourage your colleagues to attend a regional forum (schedule on the back)

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REGIONAL FORUMS

To discuss how facilities support program quality and next steps from the report,
“Building an Infrastructure for Quality”

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Central Mass.

Ecotarium

222 Harrington Way, Worcester

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Western Mass.

Community Music School

127 State St., Springfield

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Boston and Metropolitan Boston

Children’s Museum,

308 Congress St., Boston

Date and Location to be determined for two additional meetings:

Northeastern Mass.

Southeastern Mass.

To register for a forum, please go to www.cccif.org.

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