Fall 2018 News Update



Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation







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Dear Friends,

Happy Fall! The days may be growing shorter now, but the summer months proved to be productive ones in the community development sector. This season's newsletter celebrates the one year anniversary of INSITES, CEDAC's blog, which has become recommended reading in the Commonwealth's non-profit, community-based affordable housing, and child care provider world. And we also recap some important achievements from the last several months.

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Governor Baker's FY18 EEOST Award Announcement



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On August 15th at Crispus Attucks Children's Center in Dorchester, Governor Baker announced \$4 million in FY18 Early Education and Out of School Time (EEOST) Capital Fund awards to the following organizations, each receiving \$1 million... Read More /

Governor Baker and Undersecretary Chan Announce 2018 Affordable Rental Housing Awards



On July 25th, Governor Charlie Baker, joined by Housing and Community Development Undersecretary – and CEDAC board chair – Janelle Chan, announced state funding awards in the 2018 Rental Housing funding competition. The Governor awarded a total of \$33.5 million in state and federal tax credits and \$57 million in federal HOME and state bond resources to 19 affordable housing projects across Massachusetts.

Children's Investment Fund Becomes A Certified CDFI

In June, the Children's Investment Fund (CIF) received some welcome news – the U.S. Department of the

Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund had certified CIF as a CDFI. This certification enables us to apply for federal funding to increase low-cost lending capital for early childhood education (ECE) and out-of-school time (OST) facility improvements throughout the Commonwealth. Read More /



Happy Birthday, INSITES!



It's hard to believe but CEDAC's blog, INSITES, has turned one year old. We've been astounded by the positive response we've received from so many who are regular readers of the blog. So thank you all for supporting us!

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Recovery In The Community: Housing's Role In Mental Healthcare /



The Department of Mental Health (DMH) embraces a community-based approach to treatment and recovery from mental illness, which focuses on the question of how individuals can have more active control over their lives and thrive in their respective communities. DMH's mission "assures and provides access to services and supports to meet the mental health needs of individuals of all ages; enabling them to live, work and participate in their communities."

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An In-depth Look Into Extremely Low Income Renters in America's Central Cities /



At INSITES this week, we share a paper written by Bill Brauner, Director of Housing Preservation & Policy at CEDAC, that takes an in-depth look into extremely low income renters in America's central cities. The paper explores the importance of affordable housing production and preservation policies and highlights the success of a few cities, led by Boston.

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Let's Take It Outside: Developing Natural Play Spaces /

On June 14th, 23 participants from 14 non-profit early education and care (ECE) and out of school time (OST) organizations across Massachusetts gathered at the Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuaryin Mattapan for 2018's Let's Take It Outside: Developing Natural Play Spaces (LTIO), a one-day training offered through the Children's Investment Fund ("the Fund"). LTIO provides an overview of creating and maintaining safe, healthy, and developmentally-appropriate natural outdoor play spaces. Read More /



YWCA of Central Mass and Community Leader, Linda Cavaioli- Empowerment in Action /



Linda Cavaioli has made a career of empowering individuals on the margins. As Executive Director of the YWCA of Central Massachusetts for the past 26 years, she's made it her business to support women fleeing domestic violence (DV); deliver essential early care and education to young children so that parents can work or pursue education; and empower homeless women by providing transitional housing, job coaching, mentoring, and other supportive services. Read More /

Celebrating Milestone Work Anniversaries at CEDAC /



As CEDAC celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, we are excited to also celebrate several milestone work anniversaries of our dedicated, hardworking team. Today, we hear from two CEDAC staff members: Bill Brauner, Director of Housing Preservation & Policy, and Carolyn Williams, Finance & HR Manager, as they each reflect on their 15 years contributing to CEDAC's community development mission.

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Save the Date for Cliff Effects: Progress and Possibilities /

The Commonwealth Workforce Coalition (CWC) is pleased to announce their event on Cliff Effects: Progress and

Possibilities to be held on **November 28th** at the Trinity Lutheran Church in **Worcester from 9:30 – 3:30**.

Learn about the latest initiatives and policy efforts to address cliff effects, and engage in peer learning to develop solutions. More details and registration information coming soon!



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