

S.O.U.L.S. Community Service and Service Learning Center

The Eliot School

“Founded in 1676 as a grammar school for Africans, Native Americans and colonial children, we turned our focus in the late 19th century to the manual arts. Since then, we have taught craftsmanship and the pleasures of creativity. We are known for our excellent faculty, welcoming atmosphere, small class size, and the charm of our historic site.

The Eliot School offers training, classes and workshops in crafts and fine arts – woodworking, sewing, painting, drawing, photography, green crafts and other crafts of all kinds. We serve both children and adults at our schoolhouse in the heart of Boston, and our School Partnership Program sends teachers to classrooms throughout the city.”

Address: 24 Eliot Street, PO Box 300351 · Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Website: www.eliotsschool.org

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Jewish Vocational Service

“Our mission is to empower individuals from diverse communities to find employment and build careers, and to partner with employers to hire, develop, and retain productive workforces.

Founded in 1938, JVS delivers a broad range of educational and vocational services to over 20,000 clients annually to help them and their families reach financial independence. Lifelong career supports include job search training, educational testing, career counseling, skills training, English for Speakers of Other Languages, GED classes, Adult Basic Literacy and Adult Diploma Program instruction, support for entry-level workers, microenterprise training, and financial assistance.

JVS partners with over 1,400 area employers to help fill vacancies and provide the education their employees need to ascend their career ladders.”

Address: 29 Winter St., Suite 500 Boston, MA 02108

Website: www.jvs-boston.org/volunteer

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Jumpstart

From the beginning

Jumpstart began in 1993 when two students at Yale University had a simple idea that, through the power of community service, college students could make a huge difference in the lives of preschool children. In our first year, 15 college students partnered with 15 preschool children in New Haven, Connecticut.

Growing stronger

Since 2000, thanks to generous support from our education partners and sponsors, the Jumpstart network has increased annually by an average of nearly 30 percent, making it one of America's fastest growing nonprofit organizations. Today, Jumpstart is determined to reach more children in more communities by replicating our proven program model.

Address: 308 Congress St. 6th Fl. Boston, MA 02210

Website: www.jstart.org

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The Kwong Kow Chinese School

“Kwong Kow Chinese School (KKCS), a 94-year old Chinese heritage school in Chinatown, Boston, MA, warmly welcomes everyone to explore this fantastic and unique educational land, which links our past, present, and future. It tells our stories of yesterday, carries out efforts of today, and shares our dreams of tomorrow.”

“The Kwong Kow Chinese School's mission is to disseminate Chinese language and culture to Chinese and non-Chinese learners through formal and informal learning opportunities. We strive to bridge Western and Eastern cultures, and to integrate the best education traditions of both to nurture tomorrow's global citizens.”

Address: 87 Tyler Street Boston, MA 02111

Website: www.kwongkow.org

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Reach Out and Read

“Reach Out and Read is an evidence-based nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud.”

“Reach Out and Read builds on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers to develop critical early reading skills in children, beginning at 6 months of age. The 3.9 million families served annually by Reach Out and Read read together more often, and their children enter kindergarten better prepared to succeed, with larger vocabularies, stronger language skills, and a six-month developmental edge over their peers.”

Mission Statement:

Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together.

Address: 56 Roland Street, Suite 100D Boston, MA 02129

Website: www.reachoutandread.org