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News from the Institute

Note: The previous version of this newsletter issue contained incorrect information so we are re-publishing it. We apologize for the inconvenience and re-sending of this issue. Thank you.



Connected Beginnings supports the social and emotional health for young children (click image for video)



Governor Healey Tasks Economic Development Council with Statewide Listening Sessions

In May, Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey convened the state's Economic Development Planning Council. Made up of leaders from a diversity of backgrounds and regions, the council held engagement sessions across the state to gather public input about the state's economic development needs and opportunities. Director of our Economic & Public Policy Research group, [Dr. Mark Melnik, joined them](#) on the tour.

Updates from the MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center

We are pleased to announce that **Mary Osorio**, was selected as the UMass Research and Engagement Spring 2023 Outstanding Employee Awardee.

Mary is the manager of Job Seeker Services at the center. [Learn more.](#)

Institute In The News

[Hawaii-Outer Pacific Institute focuses on Head Start staff-well being and building an effective workforce](#)

[Voice of America: Pashtun students talk about their summer at UMass and the East Coast](#) (in Pashto)

[Daily Hampshire Gazette: Chesterfield 4th of July Parade welcomes international attendees](#)

[Worcester Telegram: Mass. businesses turning pessimistic](#)



[Boston Business Journal: Hollywood Strikes can impact budding Mass. filmmaking industry](#)

[MassLive: Pioneer Valley Housing Study underscores affordable housing needs](#)

The **Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship Program** was recently launched at Self Help Inc. Head Start in Brockton. The program is a collaborative effort between the MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board and two groups from the institute. [Read more.](#)



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Civic Initiative wraps up a "normal" summer season

The last several years for our international exchange program, the Civic Initiative, have been anything but normal due to program cancellations and delays in others. [But, this summer's 57 participants from 22 countries showed that we are back!](#)



Featured Publications

[Socioeconomic Indicators for Massachusetts](#): Prepared by the Massachusetts State Data Center (SDC), this report may be relevant in evaluating the Commonwealth's economic and financial conditions and prospects. However, the economic and demographic data do not necessarily present all factors that may have a bearing on the state's fiscal and economic affairs. (March 2023)

[Donahue Data Dash: Census 2020 Housing and Characteristics](#): In this dashboard, users will find data for the total population by county, city or town as well as population by five-year age groups and sex. Users may also view the "Instructions and Sources" dashboard tile for more information on the individual visualizations. (June 2023)

[Essential or Not? The Critical Need for Human Service Workers](#): Between 2016 and 2020, employment at Massachusetts human services nonprofits declined 10%, while the number of

establishments providing human services increased by 11%, emphasizing the difficulty providers have had filling open positions while responding to increased community needs. (May 2023)

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