

WHAT'S NEW?

It's an exciting time at DAY ONE and we are thrilled to share what we are up to!

This week we are celebrating the graduation of our 3rd Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) cohort and the beginning of our 4th. Thanks to our new space we can now prepare 12 apprentices per cohort, increasing our impact that much more. We are proud (and a little taken aback!) at what our efforts are yielding. A quick glance at the chart below says it all: in graduating 17 apprentices to date, more than 250 children are benefiting from the preparation, curriculum and support of TAP.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE NEWS

California Child Care Workers Struggle to Survive

By Karen D'Souza, EdSource

Nearly Half a Million Families Are Hurt by the Child-Care Labor Shortage

By Camille Furst, The Wall Street Journal

A Way to Break the Cycle of Poverty

By David L. Kirp, The New York Times



TAP Cohort 4: Week 1

Our community and parent outreach is growing with us. We are hosting parent groups in Poughkeepsie and are finalizing plans to offer additional groups in English and Spanish in multiple Dutchess County locations. We are widening our outreach with a revamped website complete with English & Spanish options and the relaunch of the DAY ONE Podcast.

We would like to thank all the individuals, organizations and entities, both near and far, who have supported DAY ONE. You are what enables us to directly serve our community and create a national model; thank you for your belief in us. As we expand our programs so too must we grow our fundraising efforts. We continue to strategically pursue public and private funding and are blazing into spring with several exciting events in the proverbial fire. This spring and summer will also see the launch of in-person fundraising events.

We are excited for all that lays ahead for DAY ONE and are fortunate to count you as part of our growing community!

■ Teachers Prepared ■ Parents Reached ■ Children Served

DAY ONE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM CO-FOUNDER, GERALDINE LAYBOURNE

Dear friends,

A few years ago we set out with a big bold idea: DAY ONE would break the cycle of poverty by combining this unique teacher apprenticeship program with a proven curriculum targeting children 0-5. We'd pilot the program in Poughkeepsie and share it nationally. As we celebrate our first year of DAY ONE's teacher apprenticeship program, we are pleased to share a very positive report.

We set out to answer a few key questions:

Could we recruit future teachers directly from our community, with very different backgrounds, into our innovative program?

The answer was a resounding YES. We had folks with PhD's, Master's, Bachelor's and Associate's degrees and some with high school diplomas. They ranged in age from 19 to 50+. They formed powerful bonds and recommended the program to their friends and classmates. In fact, half of the members of our last cohort were recommended by people who were in prior cohorts.

And would they do well?

Again, YES. Out of 17 graduates, 16 are working with children or are continuing their education. They came through the program feeling competent and confident. We can already see evidence that the strong bonds they formed among themselves are helping them build their careers and the community.

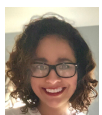
Can we grow?

We have already moved to a bigger space at 289 Main Street (suite 201) so that we can expand the program with more apprentices in each cohort. Bank Street College of Education and Vassar College are working with us to evaluate and document our program so we can continue to iterate and build on our learnings.

Of course we have a long way to go.

But we are proving the fundamentals step by step and heartened by our progress and by the talented people in our community. Thank you for supporting us with your ideas, your donations, your enthusiasm.

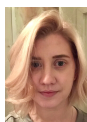
OUR TEAM



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TAP PROFILE



DANIELLE MCCLINTON
COHORT: 1
PRIOR TO TAP: 23 years at
Astor Services for Children
& Families
POST TAP: School Monitor,
Krieger Elementary School

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PARENT PROFILE



NICOLE "SUI"

FROM: Brooklyn, NY
LIVES: City of Poughkeepsie
OCCUPATION: Mother &
Executive Director of the
[The Afro Living Library](#)
PARENT OF: 3 year old

Interview by Estefany Umbach

Estefany: What do you wish another parent had told you about having a three year old?

Nicole: I wish they would have told me about the duality of emotions, I don't think that gets spoken of a lot. You know, as she's growing up I both feel proud and sad, at the same time. It's a very weird feeling...I'm like "Oh you're being so independent!..." "Oh no you don't need me anymore! Ahhhh!"

Estefany: What is most important to you about your child's education?

Nicole: That it's well rounded...that it allows her to have critical thinking skills. I want her to be able to express herself, to question what's going on. I need her to have the ability to socialize and become independent.

Estefany: What do you think a Parent Group should look like? For example, a forum for parents to discuss issues, a place for parents to learn from specialists, teachers etc., or a mix of both?

Nicole: I think it definitely has to be a "living parent group." I'm using that term to mean that when the parents join they can voice their own opinions and advice so that the group can grow and it won't stagnate. And definitely a mixture of both, because really the parent group is supposed to become a little village, we're all supposed to be able to help each other and we are also supposed to be getting help from experts and specialists, and things of the sort.

Estefany: Do you think Parent Groups could benefit the larger community?

Nicole: Oh yeah! I mean, parents make up the majority of the community and, you know...everybody's got a momma!

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