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**FREE Workshop for Parents to Examine the Impact of Violence on Children
Sponsored by Lena Park CDC and New Boston Fund**

Dorchester, Massachusetts (July 11, 2007) – This summer the sound of gun shots ringing through the streets have become just as common to children as the familiar sound of the ice cream truck rolling through the neighborhood. Lena Park is taking action and providing support to a community torn apart by violence. Lena Park CDC, a not-for-profit community service agency will be holding a **free** workshop on Thursday, July 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lena Park CDC, 150 American Legion Highway, Dorchester, MA.

The program has been created to guide parents in examining their children's developmental understanding and processing of violence. Participants will explore the reactions that children may exhibit as a result of experiencing violence and how best to respond to these behaviors.

"It is a different world today for children growing up in urban communities," said E. Lorraine Baugh, President and CEO of Lena Park CDC. "The boogeyman of yesterday has been replaced by images of gun violence and other crimes being witnessed either in person or through the media. This program has been designed to help parents address today's difficult issues of violence with their children in both nurturing and strategic ways."

The event, sponsored by New Boston Fund, Inc., will be run by Alejandra Hernandez, parent educator and Latino Outreach Coordinator for Families First Parenting Programs.

For additional information on Lena Park CDC please visit www.lenapark.org or call (617) 436-1900 x295 to register.

About Lena Park

Lena Park is a strong, trusted community leader built on a 35 year legacy and committed to sparking an independent, healthy community. We support children and families in Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Roslindale and Roxbury in every aspect of life, from jobs and education to housing and fitness.

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