



COMMUNITY

## FIGHT FOR CHILDREN PRESENTS **COFFEE, CONVERSATION & CONTROVERSY**



### SUMMARY

Joe Robert started Fight For Children in 1990 with the goal of improving the quality and access to educational resources for children from low-income communities. Joe believed that “every child, regardless of their circumstance in life, deserves an equal shot at a great education.”

Over the years, Fight For Children has been championing change in DC’s education reform movement, playing a variety of critical roles including advocate, policymaker, program operator and community convener for some of the most important and highly charged issues facing education in our city. Today, Fight For Children embraces that tradition with **Coffee, Conversation & Controversy**.

This exclusive, invitation-only breakfast series is designed to tackle significant issues in early childhood – educating, raising consciousness, breaking down barriers, and promoting healthy discussion around critical (and often controversial) topics impacting children in Washington, DC.

The goal of each convening is simple - to identify concrete actions that can be taken by key members of the community to further improve the educational experiences and outcomes for DC’s youngest citizens.

### KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

**Date:**  
September 26, 2017

**Location:**  
TBD

**Topic:**  
Implicit bias and cultural responsiveness in early childhood.

Goals for this conversation include:

- Gain a clear understanding of implicit racial biases;
- Showcase examples of how biases affect leadership and decision-making;
- Consider ways to act differently in light of what we learn about implicit bias and ourselves;
- Develop literacy skills to navigate racial conflicts;
- Identify strategies we can share to openly discuss and successfully navigate racial conflicts—specifically in early childhood learning environments.