



Boston Children's Hospital
Office of Community Health

Boston Children's Celebrates Community Health Improvement Week (June 12 – 18, 2023)

Community Health Improvement Week is a celebration and recognition of the many efforts to improve the health and well-being of families in the community. Boston Children's is taking part by highlighting a few examples. Thank you to everyone at Boston Children's who is involved in this work and makes a difference in our community. A special thank you to our community partners who are improving the health of children and families. #CHIWeek

Connect with us

Find more information on the [Boston Children's Community Mission](#) website. Be added to our distribution list by sending an email TalkToUs@childrens.harvard.edu. Boston Children's employees only: Follow the Community channel on [Scope 360](#).

Learn more about Boston Children's Anchor Strategy

Being an "anchor" means making business decisions that consider the impact on our local community. In 2018, Boston Children's joined the [Healthcare Anchor Network](#), a national collaboration of 65 hospitals and health care systems working to build more inclusive and sustainable local communities. Watch [this webinar](#) to learn more about Boston Children's strategy, which includes workforce development, purchasing efforts, and making investments.

Helping Families with Food Access

Thank you to the many Boston Children's employees who have already volunteered their time either collecting needed items for families or providing support on-site at [Family Food Connections](#). The site continues to welcome more than 120 visitors per day and the demand remains high for the food and fresh produce available for families. See photos and read more [here](#).

Results of the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment

Boston Children's conducts a comprehensive [Community Health Needs Assessment](#) every three years to identify the health-related needs, strengths, and resources available to children, youth, families, and residents. Read the [full 2022 report](#). For an overview, watch this [recording](#) with Ayesha Cammaerts, Senior Manager of Community Programs in the Office of Community Health, as she discusses the hospital's strategy, process, and outcomes from the last assessment.

Update on Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health

[The Collaboration](#) launched in 2018 to improve the health and well-being of children and families disproportionately impacted by inequities in health and social determinants of health. There are over 60 community partners in this cohort. Read the 2022 Collaboration report with key highlights [here](#). Watch this [recording](#) with Debbie Lay, Project Manager of Community Health Initiatives in the Office of Community Health, for an overview and highlights.

Insight from Community Leaders about the Mental Health Care Crisis and System

On May 11, 2023, the community partners in the Collaboration for Community Health, gathered for a convening to share, network, and learn from each other. A highlight was a panel discussion about children's mental and behavioral health featuring leaders from the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Public Schools, South Cove Community Health Center, and Young Man with a Plan. Watch and listen [here](#).

Leading the Boston Children's Community Mission

Boston Children's is fortunate to have two leadership groups, [the Board Committee for Community Health](#) and [the Community Advisory Board](#), to support the Office of Community Health in implementing and advocating for the hospital's community mission. We are grateful for the expertise and knowledge these individuals provide and the perspectives they bring from the community and various sectors.

Find out more about Boston Children's community programs and partners at the hospital

More articles and webinars from [the Office of Community Health](#)

Resources and articles from [Boston Children's Neighborhood Partnerships Program](#)

[Overview of the Boston Children's Community Mission and Update on Family Food Connections](#)

[Boston Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnership Program Annual Report 2022](#)

[Collaboration for Community Health: Meet 2 Partners in Youth Development and Mental Health Systems](#)

[Care in the classroom: Children's behavioral health in schools](#)

[Early Childhood Education and Policy](#)

[Social and emotional health in high school: "Things are less heavy this year"](#)

[Resources from the Community Asthma Initiative](#)

[Training and Access Project](#)

[Asthma Prevention and Control](#)

[Resources and key webinars from the Office of Government Relations](#)

[More on the Healthy in the City Program](#)

[Turning the Tide on the Children's Behavioral Health Crisis: A Spotlight on Workforce](#)

[Boston Children's Partnership with Community Health Centers Healthy in the City Program](#)

[The Office of Government Relations Presents the 23-24 Legislative Agenda](#)

For more information on Boston Children's departments that are addressing the health and social needs of children, youth, and families, visit [Children's Hospital Primary Care Center](#), [Boston Children's at Martha Eliot](#), and [Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine](#).