

Organization Information

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Organization Type: Hospital
For-Profit Status: Not-For-Profit
Health System: Not Specified
Community Health Network Area (CHNA): Alliance for Community Health (Boston/Chelsea/Revere/Winthrop)(CHNA 19),
Regions Served: All Massachusetts,

Mission and Key Planning/Assessment Documents

Community Benefits Mission Statement:

Boston Children's Hospital's mission is to provide the highest quality health care, be the leading source of research and discovery and educate the next generation of leaders in child health. It is also Boston Children's mission to improve the health and well-being of children and families in the local community with an emphasis on historically marginalized communities. The Office of Community Health at Boston Children's coordinates this mission and brings together hospital and community resources to address health disparities, promote health equity, and improve health outcomes for children and families. For more information, visit bostonchildrens.org/community

Target Populations:

Name of Target Population	Basis for Selection
Low-income children in Massachusetts	Community need, existing community resources for Children's to leverage, and Children's expertise
Special needs children in Massachusetts	Community need, existing community resources for Children's to leverage, and Children's expertise
Children and families in Boston neighborhoods	Community need, existing community resources for Children's to leverage, and Children's expertise
Communities that have been disproportionately impacted by historic inequities	Community need, existing community resources for Children's to leverage, and Children's expertise

Publication of Target Populations:

Website

Community Health Needs Assessment:

Date Last Assessment Completed:

September 14, 2022

Data Sources:

Community Focus Groups, Consumer Groups, Hospital, Interviews, Public Health Personnel, Surveys,

CHNA Document: [COMMUNITY-HEALTH-NEEDS-2022-FINAL-REPORT.PDF](#)

Implementation Strategy:

Implementation Strategy Document: [COMMUNITY-HEALTH-NEEDS-2022-IMPROVEMENT-PLAN.PDF](#)

Key Accomplishments of Reporting Year:

Some key accomplishments from FY24 are below.

- Boston Children's continues to support and help community partners with healthy food access for families in-need. Since 2022, we have operated Family Food Connections, a food pantry in the Mildred C. Hailey Housing development in the Jackson Square

neighborhood, which had nearly 56,000 visits in FY24. The food pantry is an official site of the Greater Boston Food Bank and has received great support from community partners and families. Families were also provided additional social and health care supports through our primary care locations at the Martha Eliot Health Center in Jamaica Plain and the Primary Care Center at Longwood. These efforts were in addition to the consistent support we provide through our ongoing community health programming in asthma, mental health, and obesity prevention and our community partnerships described in detail in the programs section of this report.

- Since 2005, the Community Asthma Initiative (CAI) has helped to improve the health and lives of 2,731 Boston children with asthma. Through a comprehensive asthma home visiting program, CAI provides case management, home visits, offers education to caregivers and patients, distributes asthma control supplies, connects families to resources and increases access through advocacy. CAI surpassed its quality goal in 2024, reducing the percent of patients with any hospitalizations by 81.9% and any emergency department visits by 54% after one year in the program. The program provided education and training for 153 community meetings with 1,679 participants, 5 community events with 103 participants, and 16 trainings/talks with 191 participants. CAI cared for 120 new patients with 73 completing at least one home visit (60%). Boston Children's staff completed an additional 41 visits.

- Boston Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnerships Program (BCHNP) is the hospital's community-based behavioral health program. BCHNP places clinicians in Boston schools to provide a comprehensive array of services to better meet the needs of children and adolescents. In 2024, 647 students participated in 8 BCHNP classroom interventions focused on a range of topics, including but not limited to community building, emotion regulation, identity/self-awareness, and social skills. BCHNP implemented clinical intervention, early intervention, and prevention/promotion services with 726 students across five elementary, K8, middle, and high schools. Clinicians intervened in 34 crisis situations with a median wait time of 3.5 minutes, provided individual therapy to 40 students. BCHNP provided professional development webinars through its Training and Access Project (TAP), reaching 1650 school-based social workers, psychologists, school nurses, and counselors in 2024. Average satisfaction ratings across all stakeholders (students, caregivers, educators, and school staff) and services were over 94%.

- The Healthy in the City (HIC) program is a community-based approach to addressing childhood obesity by offering prevention and intervention strategies to support children and youth who are overweight or at-risk for obesity, in making healthier choices and behavior changes. HIC supports 10 Boston community health centers to provide 1,000 children annually with case-management support, as well as access to nutrition and physical activity programs and food insecurity resources. In 2024, 63% of children decreased and 8% maintained their BMI over the year. Children also reported consuming less fast food and sugar-sweetened beverages, consuming more fruits and vegetables, watching less TV, and increasing their amount of exercise after 12 weeks in the program.

- Boston Children's made 3 new community investments totaling \$2.45M in partnership with the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation. These investments are part of the hospital's larger \$10M endowment commitment in community investment. Details of these investments are found in the narrative for "Collaboration for Community Health Special Initiatives." The Hospital continued its community engagement efforts: launched an externally facing website landing page; convened quarterly meetings of the Community Investment Advisory Committee; and convened monthly internal Anchor Institution Team meetings to coordinate efforts on community investment, purchasing, and workforce development.

- Due to the on-going mental and behavioral health crisis for children and youth, Boston Children's has made a substantial investment to develop internal resources to assist patients and their families (in coordination with state and community-based agencies) with crisis stabilization and care delivery transformation. Leveraging community partnerships and community-based providers, where appropriate, the focus is providing enhanced services to enable a safe transition to an appropriate level of care, including but not limited to community-based services or their home. Investments include but are not limited to enhanced behavioral response, state agency coordination (DCF, DYS, DMH, DDS, DESE, EHS, OCA), Emergency Department diversion programming, room-modifications, and more.

- Boston Children's continues to build on its history of partnering with the community to make an impact on the health of children and to address the social determinants of health. Through the Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health, 69 community organizations have received funds and support from the hospital. This support has included the leadership and staff from the funded organizations being convened by Boston Children's to network with each other, share lessons learned, provide feedback, and receive technical assistance around advocacy and evaluation.

- Also, in 2024, Franciscan Children's and Boston Children's Hospital finalized their institutional affiliation to join together to strengthen the behavioral health care system and improve care for children with complex rehabilitation needs. As a result of this partnership and plans for a new clinical building in Brighton, there is a new funding opportunity for community organizations in priority Boston neighborhoods. Through the Franciscan Children's Community Health Initiative, a part of the Collaboration for Community Health, funding became available in three areas: the Children's Mental and Behavioral Health Workforce; Promoting Mental Health through Intentional Youth Engagement; and Supporting Food Access. RFPs were released at the end of 2024 and new grants will be announced in April of 2025.

Plans for Next Reporting Year:

Boston Children's Community Mission, led by the Office of Community Health, will focus on:

- Continuing to assess, support, and implement community programs and services that address health disparities, promote health equity, and improve child health outcomes, especially in the priority areas of asthma, mental/behavioral health, early childhood, food security and healthy weight.

- Developing relationships and complete planning for our expanded partnership with Franciscan Children's Hospital, including the new community health initiative.

- Supporting community-based organizations and projects to address the health and social determinants of health with funding and support as part of our Collaboration for Community Health and Metro South West Community Health Initiative. Through the Franciscan Children's Community Health Initiative, which is also a part of the Collaboration for Community Health, new partners will be added in early 2025 in these areas: the mental and behavioral health workforce; youth engagement; and food access.

- Working with and building on our partnerships with other community organizations, health centers, schools, and city agencies to leverage community strengths and increase capacity through our role as an anchor institution and collaborative community partner.

Self-Assessment Form: [Hospital Self-Assessment Update Form - Years 2 and 3](#)

Community Benefits Programs

Boston Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnerships

Program Type

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization No

Program Description

Boston Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnerships (BCHNP) is a school based behavioral health program in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at Boston Children's Hospital. BCHNP envisions a future where all students and members of the school community are thriving in a school environment that supports their behavioral health and wellbeing. We partner with school communities to co-create and sustain flexible, culturally responsive, and evidence-informed behavioral health systems that promote the health and wellbeing of all students, families, and staff. Our approach, research, and advocacy centers on the context of each partnership to provide preventive initiatives, training, consultation, and clinical interventions. For more information on BCHNP, visit childrenshospital.org/bchnp.

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Sheila Dennerly, PhD, LICSW, BCHNP Director, 617-919-3201, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, BCH 3174, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Promote the social, emotional, and behavioral health and well-being of students, caregivers, and school staff.	Achieved. In FY24, 647 students participated in 8 BCHNP classroom interventions focused on a range of topics, including but not limited to emotion awareness, social skills, identity/self-awareness, and community building.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Partner with schools to build the capacity of behavioral health systems, protocols, and procedures needed to effectively and sustainably address the needs of their students.	Achieved. Provided 646 hours of consultation to school staff, with behavioral health providers and teachers being the most frequent recipients of consultation. Additionally, BCHNP clinicians provided 7 workshops with 95 participants focused on social, emotional, and behavioral health to partnering school communities.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Increase access for students and families to receive equitable, culturally responsive behavioral health services and supports in schools.	Achieved. In the FY24, BCHNP's School-Based Program implemented clinical intervention, early intervention, and prevention/promotion services with 726 students across five K-8 and high schools, making up one-third of the total 2023-2024 school year's enrollment. Clinicians intervened in 34 crisis situations with a median wait time of 3.5 minutes and provided individual therapy or care coordination services to 40 students. Average satisfaction ratings across all stakeholders (students, caregivers, educators, and school staff) and services were over 94% with the majority of average satisfaction ratings falling over 90%.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Build and maintain strong partnerships through collaborative practices.	Achieved. In FY24, BCHNP's Training and Access Project (TAP) continued to provide professional development and consultation services focused on building the capacity of school communities to address social, emotional, and behavioral health. Through TAP's online free training series for school communities, we have increased our national reach to over 12,000 participants to date. In 2023-2024, TAP provided a webinar training series that reached 1650 BPS clinicians (school social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, and school counselors). Trainings were developed based on needs identified by the social workers. The series included 10 interactive trainings. TAP trainings can be accessed at www.childrenshospital.org/TAPOnline . BCHNP also continued an ongoing partnership with the Boston Public Schools' Behavioral Health Department & Department of Social Work to support systemic changes aimed at enhancing schools' capacities to support students' behavioral health needs. In addition, BCHNP partners with the Boston Area Collaborative for School-Based Behavioral Health and a State-Wide Advisory Board as part of the Children's Mental Health Campaign.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

Mental Illness and Mental Health,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Violence,

Health Issues

Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Depression, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Stress Management, Mental Health,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adult-Young, All Children,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Cape Verdean Creole, English, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston Public Schools	http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/
Boston Arts Academy (9-12)	https://bostonartsacademy.org/
Boston Latin School (7-12)	http://www.bls.org/
Patrick Lyndon Pilot School (K1-8)	http://www.patricklyndonschool.org/

Boston International Newcomers Academy (9-12)	https://www.bincabps.org/
English High School	https://www.englishhs.org/
BCHNP - Training and Access Project (TAP) - Professional Development Series	www.childrenshospital.org/programs/boston-childrens-hospital-neighborhood-partnerships/tap-online-trainings & https://gswebcast.com/bchnp-tap/clinicians.html

Boston HAPPENS**Program Type** Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions**Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization** No

Program Description

Boston HAPPENS (HIV Adolescent Provider & Peer Education Network for Services) provides accessible, confidential HIV, STD and Hepatitis screening, risk reduction counseling and supported referrals to adolescents and young adults. We offer HIV medical case management, primary care, HIV specialty care, nutrition care, mental health care and HIV risk reduction. We serve as a referral resource for school nurses, community pediatric and adolescent practices and community based programs. We provide offsite testing at colleges, alternative schools and youth-focused organizations, mobile medical vans and outreach events. The program trains and supports providers about routine HIV and STD screening, sexual health, Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis (nPEP), and coordinates care for survivors of sexual assault. Our interdisciplinary youth-focused team offers medical/mental health/nutrition care & services, medical case management, health education and risk reduction, and support for 40-50 HIV-positive youth annually.

Program Hashtags Not Specified**Program Contact Information** Susan Fitzgerald MSN, PPCNP-BC Director of Boston HAPPENS Division of Adolescent Young Adult Medicine**Program Goals:**

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Improve access to Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) funding to assist HIV positive youth in improving medication usage and adherence and attain undetectable HIV status by supporting youth and young adults who have food insecurity, housing insecurity or financial instability.	Ongoing. Over \$90,000 in EHE funding was obtained to assist young people in maintaining stable housing and providing support for heating/electricity and food deliveries. A comprehensive food and nutrition access service is coordinated thru HAPPENS and all of our young clients with HIV who participated had a significant decrease or in some cases, resolution of their food insecurity. Many youths continue to have limited access to health foods and this program provides individualized food education and delivery. Additional nutrition counseling and recipes were individualized to patients to increase the likelihood of patients continuing the practice of healthy eating for healthy mind and healthy body when funding is complete. To date there has been a 28% increase in the number of youths who are now consistently undetectable due to tangible financial, housing and nutritional support provided. Several youths were found to be using unregulated "nutritional supplements" (supplements were obtained at gyms, natural health food stores, and on-line). These youths were identified through this program and all youths became undetectable once supplements were stopped. HAPPENS is seeking funding to further identify and study the risks of over-the-counter nutritional supplements and their impact on ARVs medication and maintaining viral suppression.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Continue outreach efforts to at risk populations to decrease incidence of new HIV infections.	Ongoing. New Outreach sites established including ROCA Chelsea and ROCA Lynn (both prison diversion sites for high-risk youth). We have maintained our outreach programs to provide education groups (regarding HIV prevention, STI prevention) to homeless youth at Bridge over Troubled Waters, Roxbury Community College, Ostiguy Recovery High School and others. Our outreach program continues to include the Adolescent Fellows as part of the Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) program at Boston Children's Hospital. We continue to provide safer sex products and educational materials including free condom distribution. BCH/HAPPENS is now providing injectable PrEP and the specialty care pharmacy assists patients in ensuring prior approval and/or assist in enrollment in HDAP.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Improve access to on-demand mental health treatment for HIV clients.	Ongoing. All HIV positive clients at BCH with HIV can access mental health counseling through the HAPPENS program. Options including virtual counseling, in-person counseling and access to or coordination to receive psychopharmacology evaluations and additional treatment as indicated.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Increase pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) availability and services.	Ongoing. Ongoing partnership with BCH specialty care pharmacy Increased staff and clinical provider education of risk reduction counseling and PrEP to streamline services with primary care. BCH is now providing injectable PrEP and the specialty care pharmacy assists patients in ensuring prior approval and/or assist in enrollment in HDAP. Provided multiple in-services, presentations to community providers on prescribing PrEP, indications for PrEP and options to help young people stay on PrEP (PrEPDAP, etc). Updated PrEP clinical pathway now posted on the BCH website to guide all providers who wish to start their patient on PrEP and provide a step by step algorithm for	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

	initiating treatment or therapy and providing follow up care and evaluation.		
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EOHHS Focus Issues

Not Specified

DoN Health Priorities

Not Specified

Health Issues

Not Specified

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Not Specified
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** Not Specified
- **Age Group:** Not Specified
- **Race/Ethnicity:** Not Specified
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts	https://fenwayhealth.org/aac/
Boston Pediatric and Family AIDS Project, Dimock Center	https://dimock.org/service/health-center/community-care/
Boston Children's Hospital Adolescent Substance Abuse Program	https://www.childrenshospital.org/programs/adolescent-substance-use-and-addiction-program
Boston Children's Hospital AIDS Project	https://www.childrenshospital.org/programs/boston-childrens-hospital-aids-program#:~:text=Free%20confidential%20testing%20and%20counseling,STI%2C%20and%20hepatitis%20prevention%20education.
Boston Living Center	https://www.vpi.org/blc/
Boston Public Health Commission	https://www.boston.gov/government/cabinets/boston-public-health-commission
Boston Adult Technical Academy	https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Domain/341
Bridge Over Troubled Water	https://bridgeotw.org/
Community Servings	https://www.servings.org/
Fenway Institute	https://fenwayhealth.org/the-fenway-institute/
Justice Resource Institute	https://jri.org/
Metropolitan DYS Health Services	https://www.mass.gov/locations/dys-metro-regional-office
Ostiguy Recovery High School	http://ostiguyhigh.org/
ROCA	https://rocainc.org/who-we-work-with/locations/roca-massachusetts-locations/
Roxbury Community College	https://www.rcc.mass.edu/
Mass Department of Public Health	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health
Fenway Health	https://fenwayhealth.org/

Mass Department of Public Health	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health
Young Adult Access Center thru Children's Services of Roxbury	https://csrox.org/young-adult-access-center-yaac/

Center for Young Women's Health

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization No

Program Description The Center for Young Women's Health (CYWH) provides health educational materials to young people 9-22 years old, their parents, educators, and health care providers in the Boston area as well as around the world. Our outreach occurs via the Center's website and social media platforms: youngwomenshealth.org, Center for Young Women's Health (Facebook), and @bch_cywh (Instagram). The CYWH Youth Advisory Program employs youth from area high schools. Our youth advisors complete a leadership training program and provide health presentations to physicians and youth in the Boston community via health fairs, blogging, newsletters, and community outreach in our Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine/Gynecology waiting areas.

Program Hashtags Health Professional/Staff Training, Health Screening, Physician/Provider Diversity, Prevention,

Program Contact Information Emily T. Gallagher BSN, RN, CPN, Nurse Educator, Boston Children's Hospital, 333 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, (617) 355-7712

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Grow our social media presence through consistent posting, boosting, and outreach.	Achieved. Across Facebook and Instagram, we reached over 676K accounts, with 355.1K views on Facebook and 387.9K views on Instagram. Our Instagram content alone garnered 321.8K in reach and 2.7K interactions, including saves and shares, showcasing meaningful engagement. Our adolescent focused and impactful health-related posts have resonated deeply with our community.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Resume in-person MRKH conferences.	Achieved. In March 2024, after a four-year in person hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were finally able to once again welcome teens and young adults to our Boston campus for the 19th Annual MRKH Conference! The event was a major success; the overwhelming positive feelings and emotions that radiated inside the walls of the Folkman auditorium that day were inspiring and impactful.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Enhance our number of Youth Advisory Program (YAP) Peer Leader Applicants	Achieved. The Youth Advisory Program (YAP) had another successful year! We excelled in our efforts to become more collaborative with hospital based recruitment programs as well as program supported by the City of Boston. Over the summer, the Center for Young Woman's Health welcomed six peer leaders who were recruited through the COACH program at Boston Children's Hospital.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Deepen the connection between our website and social media platforms.	In progress. Over the last few years, all while maintaining our internet presence, the CYWH team has been working tirelessly to create a deep connection between our website and social media platforms. Although the relationship build has been successful, continued growth is essential, especially in our efforts to combat misinformation found on social media. That being said, we are looking forward to taking a strategic, recalibrated approach to ensuring longitudinal success in 2025 and beyond.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Social Environment,

Health Issues

Infectious Disease-Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Maternal/Child Health-Reproductive and Maternal Health,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston, Boston-Greater,
- **Environments Served:** All,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adult-Young,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Division of Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine, Resident Training, Boston Children's Hospital	https://www.childrenshospital.org/departments/adolescent-and-young-adult-medicine

Department of Nutrition, Simmons University	https://www.simmons.edu/academics/colleges-schools-departments/nutrition
Department of Communications (Studio 5), Simmons University	https://www.simmons.edu/academics/colleges-schools-departments/communications/studio-5
Health Services, Emmanuel College Boston	https://www.emmanuel.edu/student-life/student-health-and-counseling/health-services.html

Child Protection Program

Program Type	Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions
Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization	No
Program Description	The Child Protection Program (CPP) provides clinical, advocacy, teaching and consultation services to clinicians working with families affected by interpersonal violence and/or child maltreatment.
Program Hashtags	Prevention,
Program Contact Information	Beth Holleran, MSW LICSW, Program Director, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue Boston MA 02115, 857-218-3598

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Identify adults who are living with intimate partner violence and increase their safety through advocacy, safety planning and support through the AWAKE program.	In progress. There were 386 new referrals made to AWAKE along with 125 ongoing client cases. This represents a 20 percent increase in new referrals this FY.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Identify children who are suspected to have been maltreated and to reduce the likelihood of future harm.	In progress. 1,674 cases this year which is an increase of approximately 24 new consults from the prior year.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Provide expert medical and psychosocial consultation and/or assessment to children referred to the outpatient clinics.	In progress. 49 children received follow up skeletal surveys post discharge from the hospital- over a 20% increase from the prior year. Triage of 33 crisis response calls. 39 new Foster Care Clinic intakes were completed during this time period.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues	Mental Illness and Mental Health,
DoN Health Priorities	Social Environment, Violence,
Health Issues	Injury and Violence, Mental Health, Other: Domestic Violence,
Target Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions Served: Boston, • Environments Served: All, • Gender: All, • Age Group: All Children, • Race/Ethnicity: All, • Language: All, • Additional Target Population Status: Domestic Violence History,

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
AAP Massachusetts Chapter Foster Care Committee	https://mcaap.org/about-mcaap/committees/foster-care/
Children's Trust Fund	https://childrenstrustma.org/
Coalition of Boston Teaching Hospitals	https://www.cobth.org/
Massachusetts Department of Children and Families	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-children-families
Jane Doe, Inc.	https://www.janedoe.org/
Massachusetts Statewide Child Fatality Review Committee	chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.mass.gov/doc/fy21-child-fatality-review-annual-report/download
Norfolk County Child Fatality Review Committee	https://norfolkscp.org.uk/people-working-with-children/child-death-overview-panel
Suffolk County Children's Advocacy Center	https://www.suffolkcac.org/
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (Address Confidentiality Program)	https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/acp/address-confidentiality-program.htm
Casa Myrna	https://casamyrna.org/
Home Start	https://www.homestart.org/
Family Aid Boston	https://familyaidboston.org/
Greater Boston Legal Services	https://www.gbbs.org/

Domestic Violence Institute, Northeastern University School of Law	https://law.northeastern.edu/academics/centers/dvi/
MA Balance of State CoC, Domestic Violence Committee	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/continuum-of-care-programs-coc
Housing Policy Work Group for Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/governors-council-to-address-sexual-assault-domestic-violence-and-human-trafficking
Boston Coordinated Entry Working Group - Family Providers	Not Specified
Boston Police Department, Domestic Violence Unit	https://police.boston.gov/boston-police-family-justice-group-and-the-family-justice-center-fjc/

City Agency Partnerships

Program Type

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

Boston Children's Hospital provides funding to city agencies as part of our cash Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) commitment to the City of Boston. Funding supports child and community health initiatives that span 11 city agencies and departments. Through these partnerships, Boston Children's improves the health and well-being of children, youth, and families in Boston.

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Stacy Walker, MBA, 617-919-3067, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Improve early childhood education and developmental supports.	Achieved. In FY24, trained 39 family childcare providers in English and Spanish cohorts on practices and policies for nutrition and physical activity in childcare settings. Engaged 394 families in Boston Public Schools (BPS) Countdown to Kindergarten playgroups.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Increase opportunities for healthy living among children.	Achieved. In FY24, expanded access to free programming for children to learn how to ride a bicycle and swim and participate in youth sports. Provided coaching and capacity building support to 96 individuals across 64 BPS schools to improve school wellness policies, including access to physical education and school-based physical activity.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Support residents experiencing community violence and trauma.	Achieved. In FY24, provided trauma support services to 505 residents and trained 432 service providers and 338 residents in trauma-informed practices.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Foster healthy youth development and engagement.	Achieved. In FY24, operated a drop-in youth center in the Mildred C. Hailey public housing development. Provided 35 professional development trainings for 111 youth workers plus 6 partner network meetings with 480 youth workers in attendance. Relaunched the Mayor's Youth Summit with 325 individuals in attendance plus 20 youth-centered events during Mayor's Youth Week.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Address behavioral health needs of students.	Achieved. In FY24, screened 36,028 BPS students and offered a range of behavioral health supports in 78 schools.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Enhance school and community supports for children and youth.	In process. In FY24, served 5,200 BPS students across 14 community hub schools piloting a national framework to better coordinate school and community resources.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes, Mental Illness and Mental Health,

DoN Health Priorities

Built Environment, Education, Social Environment, Violence,

Health Issues

Chronic Disease-Overweight and Obesity, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Depression, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Physical Activity, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Responsible Sexual Behavior, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Stress Management, Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Nutrition, Social Determinants of Health-Violence and Trauma,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston Centers for Youth and Families	www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families
Boston Housing Authority	www.bostonhousing.org
Boston Public Health Commission	www.boston.gov/government/cabinets/boston-public-health-commission

Boston Public Schools	www.bostonpublicschools.org
Mayor's Human Services Cabinet	www.boston.gov/government/cabinets/human-services

Collaboration for Community Health: Birth to Five Child Health and Development Initiative

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization Yes

Program Description

The Collaboration for Community Health's Birth to Five Child Health and Development Initiative supports programs and services, policy and advocacy, and systems change and coordination projects to improve the health and well-being of young children and families. The initiative will provide 3 years of grant funding to organizations, coalitions or agencies undertaking projects that set young children ages birth to five years on a high trajectory for success in school and life in the following areas:

- o Community-wide education and organizing to build awareness, support and capacity for healthy early childhood development
- o Policy advocacy to increase investment in workforce, capital, and systems improvement
- o Advocacy for improved quality and affordability, and improved cultural and linguistic competence of early childhood programs and services
- o Training and technical assistance provided to other service providers to adopt and integrate best and emerging best practices and increase cross-sector collaboration
- o New or strengthened partnerships to support the quality of and access to early childhood programs and services
- o New or expanded programs and services that engage parents as children's first teachers, leaders, and decision-makers
- o Training and TA for early childhood program staff around improving the engagement of families, enhancing quality, and increasing cultural and linguistic competence

The goal and status reported for this initiative are cumulative, and represent the work accomplished from October 2021 to September 2024.

Note: This initiative was previously named the Zero to Five Child Health and Development Initiative. When the new 3-year funding cycle was release in 2021, it was re-named Birth to Five Child Health and Development

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Tara Agrawal, 617-919-3056, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Release Request for Proposals and select funded partners	Achieved. In April 2024, released a new round of 4-year funding under the Birth to Five Child Health and Development initiative. The Selection Committee reviewed 32 applications and selected 17 organizations to award.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 4
Distributed funding and provided support to funded partners	Achieved. Distributed funding to 17 organizations in Fall 2024, with funded projects beginning October 1, 2024. Began planning for evaluation and communication with funded partners including developing reporting indicators, learning communities, and check ins.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 4
Policy, advocacy and knowledge building: improve the inclusiveness, quality, and affordability of early childhood programs and services	Achieved. The 15 funded partners funded under the Collaboration's 2021-2024 cycle have supported advocacy and knowledge building efforts for improved infant and child-serving resources. 90 adults, including parents and caregivers, became active as community leaders and ambassadors. As leaders, they led 29 events to reach and educate families and caregivers. They have engaged in community organizing and advocacy efforts by joining local health and wellness boards, hosting podcasts for Spanish-speaking early childhood practitioners, and hosting roundtable discussions with local leaders. Funded partners also participated in wider advocacy efforts to reform early childhood education locally and statewide. One funded partner presented screening and scoring data to Boston's Mayor's Office of Early Childhood. Another funded partner is supporting Governor Healey's Interagency Task Force on Early Education and Child Care. This same partner has published two research papers during the funding period, including one on the costs associated with providing quality early childhood care and education in Massachusetts.	Process Goal	Year 3 of 3
Systems change and cross-sector coordination: expand and improve early childhood infrastructure through training, resource sharing, and cross-sector collaboration]	Achieved. The 15 funded partners funded under the Collaboration's 2021-2024 cycle engaged in 359 new or deepened partnerships to coordinate services. They leveraged existing and new partnerships to enhance programs and services, ultimately expanding their reach, and improving service coordination. Funded partners continue to standardize screening (primarily through use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire or ASQ) and referral to early intervention and other supports. As a result of their efforts, a total of 173 center-based and family child-care programs in Boston are implementing the ASQ. They have screened 8,175 children for developmental concerns, and connected 4,488 parents, children, or families to additional services and supports. Funded partners also improved their own internal systems by streamlining coordination between their own programs, revamping systems to track attendance and sign up, and update data systems for more targeted data collection.	Process Goal	Year 3 of 3

Programs and services: create and expand community programming and services aimed at enhancing engagement and skill building for parents and families with children ages birth to 5 years	<p>Achieved. Funded partners offered 5,013 family engagement opportunities such as workshops, coaching sessions, and home visits. Through these efforts, 1,700 families received developmental resources resulting in self-reports from 866 caregivers on increased capabilities for healthy early childhood development, 414 caregivers on improved or high-quality reading strategies, and 781 caregivers on increased connections with other parents or community supports. 155 children demonstrated new skills in domains of kindergarten readiness, as assessed by the caregiver.</p> <p>Funded partners also engaged in training for early educators. Since 2021 they have trained 568 educators in early education best practices.</p>	Outcome Goal	Year 3 of 3
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EOHHS Focus Issues

N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Employment, Social Environment,

Health Issues

Maternal/Child Health-Child Care, Maternal/Child Health-Parenting Skills, Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Language/Literacy,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Infants,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Arabic, Chinese, English, Haitian Creole, Spanish,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center	https://bcnc.net/
Boston Basics	https://boston.thebasics.org/
The Community Builders	https://www.tcbinc.org/
Urban College of Boston	http://www.urbancollege.edu/
Raising a Reader MA	https://raisingareaderma.org/
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	https://www.msppcc.org/
Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation	https://jpndc.org/
First Teacher	https://www.firstteacherboston.org/
East Boston Social Centers	www.ebsocialcenters.org/
Families First	www.families-first.org/
Boston Opportunity Agenda	https://www.bostonopportunityagenda.org/
Neighborhood Villages	www.neighborhoodvillages.org
Nurtury, Inc.	www.nurturyboston.org/
Room to Grow	www.roomtogrow.org/
Strategies for Children	www.strategiesforchildren.org/
VietAID	https://vietaid.org/
Neighborhood Birth Center	https://neighborhoodbirthcenter.org/
Vital Village Network	https://www.vitalvillage.org/
Somali Parents Advocacy Center for Education	https://spacema.org/

Collaboration for Community Health: Children's Health Equity Initiative**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Children's Health Equity (CHEq) Initiative is a one-year planning grant followed by a three-year implementation grant that fosters collaboration and cohesion in communities disproportionately impacted by racial/ethnic and socioeconomic inequities in health and the social determinants of health. Funded partners are in their second year of implementation funding in 2022. CHEq supports neighborhood or geography based, cross-sector collaboratives to develop programmatic as well as policy, systems, and environmental changes that will lead to improved child and family health and well-being and/or community, family, and child resilience.

The goal and status reported for this initiative are cumulative, and represent the work accomplished from January 2021 to June 2024.

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Debbie Lay, 617-919-3304, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Distributed funding and provided support to collaboratives	Achieved. Distributed funding for a second round of 3-year implementation grants to 4 collaboratives. In addition to providing monthly technical assistance, continued regular check ins, trainings, and/or learning sessions with the funded collaboratives and partners.	Process Goal	Year 4 of 6
Policy Advocacy and Knowledge Building: Community education & organizing to build awareness, research and data collection to amplify community voice, decision-maker advocacy, fundraising and development	Achieved. Funded collaboratives held 133 youth- and resident-led events to advocate for changes or build community capacity. As part of these efforts, they recruited 219 youth and residents to take on leadership roles, with 24 youth and residents reporting improved leadership competencies. One collaborative, which works closely with schools, helped parents and educators engage in the city of Boston's Green New Deal initiative, which will impact local schools.	Outcome Goal	Year 4 of 6
Systems change & cross-sector coordination: Capacity building (community leadership and organizational), cross-sector partnerships and long-term commitments, service coordination and referrals	Achieved. Collaboratives connected 954 residents to programs or resources through their partnerships. Families were able to receive information on city/state housing resources or enroll in economic mobility services. Collaboratives continued to meet frequently with partners. One collaborative met with employers, training organizations, and school leadership to promote systems change, and another collaborative held a life sciences open house with three other training organizations to enroll residents in STEM programs.	Process Goal	Year 4 of 6
Programs and Services: New and expanded programs and services, workforce development, equipping community members with skills to foster change	Achieved. Collaboratives supported parent/caregiver and youth empowerment. 388 parents or youth participated in workforce training, coaching, or internships. 210 parents reported improved employment status or financial well-being. Collaboratives held 157 trainings for youth and resident leaders, covering topics including education justice, event planning, and organizing principles. One collaborative even launched a Youth Ambassador Program, through which youth council members intern with partnering organizations, further building cross-organization collaboration.	Process Goal	Year 4 of 6

EOHHS Focus Issues

N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Built Environment, Education, Employment, Social Environment,

Health Issues

Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Income and Poverty, Social Determinants of Health-Public Safety,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative	https://www.dsni.org/
VietAID	https://www.vietaid.org/
DOT House Health	http://www.dorchesterhouse.org/
Tree of Life/Arbol de Vida	Not Specified
Higher Ground Boston	https://www.higherground-boston.org/
Health Resources in Action	https://hria.org/
Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation	https://jpndc.org/
Hyde Square Task Force	https://www.hydesquare.org/

Collaboration for Community Health: Family Housing Stability and Economic Opportunity Initiative**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health's Family Housing Stability and Family Economic Stability and Opportunity initiatives support programs and services, policy and advocacy, and systems change and coordination projects that promote affordable, safe, and quality housing for children and families in priority neighborhoods, or foster improved family economic stability and opportunity to enhance caregiver and child health and well-being. The initiative will provide 3 years of grant funding to organizations, coalitions, or agencies undertaking projects that:

- o Lead community education and organizing around tenants' rights, protections, and community land ownership

- o Advocate for public actions for affordable, safe and quality family housing
- o Create media advocacy for affordable, safe and quality family housing
- o Provide training and cross sector service linkages to identify and prevent family housing insecurity and promote family housing stability
- o Lead demonstration projects to institutionalize policies and practices that prevent family evictions and homelessness
- o Create new or strengthened community and stakeholder partnerships to build awareness and buy in for family housing stability
- o Sustain and scale existing family housing stability programs and services
- o Test and adopt new programs and services that provide families with capabilities for stable housing
- o Lead community education and organizing to build awareness and capacity for family economic stability and mobility
- o Lead campaigns and public actions to promote equitable income and wealth building opportunities for families
- o Build knowledge and disseminate best practices for family economic stability and opportunity
- o Lead demonstration projects to institutionalize new policies and practices that support family economic stability and asset building
- o Create new or strengthened partnerships to build buy in and awareness for family economic stability and mobility
- o Sustain and scale culturally, linguistically competent financial stability and asset building programs/services for low- and moderate-income families
- o Launch and evaluate new programs and services within a single agency or organization

The goal and status reported for this initiative are cumulative, and represent the work accomplished from October 2021 to September 2024.

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

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Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Policy advocacy and knowledge building: Support and advance organizing and campaigns to preserve and create affordable, safe and quality family, and promote policies aimed at advancing family economic stability and mobility housing	<p>Achieved. Funded partners collaborated with schools, lawyers, and community based organizations to build awareness of discriminatory housing practices, host organizing events, and provide public testimony.</p> <p>Funded partners held 102 meetings with policymakers to discuss affordable homeownership policies, engaged 1,391 residents in local housing advocacy, and developed 2,222 articles and posts about housing organizing and policy. They collaborated with tenant organizations to collectively organize and cover 2,665 units, and secured \$642 million for new affordable homeownership units through the American Rescue Plan Act, the Acquisition Opportunity Program, and commitments to the Community Land Trust Fund.</p> <p>Funded partners achieved policy wins. One funded partner co-organized a community accountability session with Senator Lydia Edwards, resulting in her commitment to support and fight for rent control.</p>	Outcome Goal	Year 3 of 3
Systems change and cross-sector coordination: Support cross sector partnership and coordination to prevent displacement, eviction and homelessness of children and families, and to address barriers to family economic stability and mobility	<p>Achieved. New and expanded partnerships supported funded partners in reaching new families and demonstrating their impact. One funded partner added three Boston Public School sites as formal partners to increase access to housing vouchers and placement into homes, with plans to add four more schools next year and a plan to invest more time and resources in improving school buildings and local community engagement. Another funded partner worked with the Greater Boston Community Land Trust Network and won increases to acquisition funding at state and local levels.</p>	Process Goal	Year 3 of 3
Programs and Services: Create and expand programs and services to support family housing stability and increase pathways to economic stability and mobility for families through approaches that build financial knowledge and assets	<p>Achieved. Funded partners engaged 3,213 households in housing and/or economic support services. Through their efforts, 724 families have been stably housed, and 241 housing units and rental vouchers were secured. One funded partner helped 15 working parents secure additional child-care hours, enabling them to continue working jobs with non-standard schedules.</p>	Outcome Goal	Year 3 of 3

EOHHS Focus Issues

Housing Stability/Homelessness,

DoN Health Priorities

Employment, Housing,

Health Issues

Social Determinants of Health-Affordable Housing, Social Determinants of Health-Homelessness, Social Determinants of Health-Income and Poverty,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Chinese, English, Spanish,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Higher Ground Boston	https://www.higherground-boston.org/

Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance	https://mahahome.org/
City Life/Vida Urbana	http://www.clvu.org/
Community Labor United	www.massclu.org/
Urban Edge	www.urbanedge.org/
Chinatown Community Land Trust	https://chinatownclt.org/

Collaboration for Community Health: Healthy Living Initiative

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization Yes

Program Description

The Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health's Healthy Living Initiative supports programs and services, policy and advocacy, and systems change and coordination projects that improve resources and opportunities for the adoption of healthy living in communities experiencing inequities in health. The initiative provides 3 years of grant funding to organizations, coalitions, or agencies undertaking projects that:

- o Provide community education and organizing to build awareness and capacity for healthy living
- o Lead advocacy to secure resources for healthy living programs and services in systemically disenfranchised communities
- o Implement youth and community-led healthy living campaigns in systematically disenfranchised communities
- o Provide training and technical assistance to staff, other organizations, residents, and small business owners around healthy living
- o Create new or strengthened partnerships to address systemic barriers and advance access to healthy living resources and opportunities
- o Initiate or sustain new healthy living programs and services through program implementation, training, or capacity building
- o Expand or deepen the impact of proven healthy living programs and services through program implementation, training, or capacity building

The goal and status reported for this initiative are cumulative, and represent the work accomplished from October 2021 to September 2024.

Note: This initiative was previously named the Community Physical Activity, Recreation, and Food Access Initiative. When the new 3-year funding cycle was release in 2021, it was re-named Healthy Living.

Program Hashtags Not Specified

Program Contact Information Tara Agrawal, 617-919-3056, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Policy advocacy and knowledge building: Improve access to and quality and affordability of healthy living programs and services through power building and resource allocation	Achieved. Funded partners led 268 community events to build awareness and capacity for healthy behaviors. They recruited 534 youth to lead campaigns and activities.	Process Goal	Year 3 of 3
Systems change and cross sector coordination: Strengthen cross-sector collaboration, coordination and integration of healthy living programs and services	Achieved. Funded partners leveraged 126 partnerships to provide or promote specific services such as offering entrepreneurship opportunities and promoting farmers markets. 28 youth were connected to additional services (e.g., food access programs, gift cards for basic needs). One funded partner enhanced its own internal systems by revising end-of-year program surveys to better collect demographic information and align with best practices.	Process Goal	Year 3 of 3
Programs and services: Create and expand proven healthy living programs and services	Achieved. Funded partners led 514 sessions of healthy eating and urban farming education with over 2900 residents. They created 506 local food resources including grow boxes and raised beds, and purchased or distributed 126,900 servings of produce. 5,267 youth and adults participating in physical activity programming. As a result, youth and resident leaders improved leadership skills, knowledge of healthy living topics, and integrated knowledge with their identities. 159 youth increased their knowledge of health, nutrition, and social determinants of health through trainings, 290 youth increased sport-specific skills or biking competencies, and 357 Somali-American mothers adopted healthy practices after participating in healthy living conversations.	Process Goal	Year 3 of 3

EOHHS Focus Issues Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes,

DoN Health Priorities Education, Social Environment,

Health Issues Chronic Disease-Overweight and Obesity, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Healthy Food, Social Determinants of Health-Nutrition,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,

- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Haley House Bakery Cafe	http://haleyhouse.org/
Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition	www.mattapanfoodandfit.org/
Playworks New England	www.playworks.org/new-england/
Sociedad Latina	www.sociedadlatina.org/
Youth Enrichment Services, Inc.	https://yeskids.org/
The Food Project	https://thefoodproject.org/
Dorchester Food Co-Op	www.dorchesterfoodcoop.com/
WalkMassachusetts	https://walkboston.org/
Bikes Not Bombs	https://bikesnotbombs.org/
South Street Youth Center	https://southstreetyouth.org/
Somali Parents Advocacy Center for Education	https://spacema.org/
Urban Farming Institute of Boston	https://urbanfarminginstitute.org/

Collaboration for Community Health: Healthy Youth Development Initiative**Program Type** Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions**Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization** Yes

Program Description The Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health's Healthy Youth Development initiative supports programs and services, policy and advocacy, and systems change and coordination projects that provide trauma-informed, youth-centered programming and services to promote healthy youth development and resilience. The initiative will provide three years of grant funding to projects that:

- Foster personal development of youth through leadership skill-building, mentorship, interest exploration, and identity formation and/or affirmation

- Expand career pathways for youth through college, trades/training, and direct employment

- Strengthen capacity of community-based organizations to work with youth who have experienced violence and other forms of trauma

The goal and status reported for this initiative are cumulative, and represent the work accomplished from May 2022 to April 2024.

Note: This initiative was previously named Youth Support System. When new funding was released in 2022, it was renamed Healthy Youth Development

Program Hashtags Not Specified**Program Contact Information** Stacy Walker, MBA, 617-919-3067, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115**Program Goals:**

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Distributed funding and provided support to funded partners	Achieved. Distributed funding to 20 organizations. Hosted learning communities with the 20 organizations and conducted individual check ins.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3
Policy advocacy and knowledge building: Foster youth personal development through leadership skill-building, mentorship, interest exploration, and identity formation and/or affirmation	Achieved. Funded partners have engaged 702 youth leaders in developing community programming and leading advocacy efforts on issues important to them. Youth-led advocacy efforts effectively engaged decision-makers and influenced policies. One group reversed a decision to ensure a community center site remained under consideration. Another collaborated with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office on social media litigation. A third secured City Hall's commitment to redesign a park, gaining funding for new basketball courts, and caught the USDA Chief Economist's interest in their food equity work. Senators Warren and Markey cited their research in a letter to Stop & Shop. Additionally, youth leaders partnered with researchers to design a survey on the social media habits of Boston youth.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3
Systems change and cross-sector coordination: Strengthen the capacity of community-based organizations to respond to the needs of youth, particularly youth affected by trauma	Achieved. Funded partners engaged in 154 partnerships to advance programming and facilitate referrals. Collaboration with partners has helped funded partners integrate social-emotional wellness resources, education, or referrals to outside services into their own programming to better address youth mental health challenges. They were able to facilitate 154 referrals for youth to additional programs and services such as behavioral health resources, training programs, and trauma support services. Funded partners increased their own capacities, by	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3

	bringing in with specialized staff (Behavioral Health Advocate, well-being coordinator) to address issues in-house, and offering 146 training opportunities for youth-facing staff.		
Programs and services: Support innovations or expand proven youth programs and services that foster educational and career development	<p>Achieved. Funded partners increased engagement in education and career programs, and provided individualized assistance or mentoring that helped youth feel supported. Altogether, they held 3,389 sessions related to mentoring, mental health, career and/or education. Specifically, 1,633 youth engaged in education success and career pathway programs, 596 youth engaged in leadership development trainings, and 1,559 youth and caregivers received mental health or trauma support services.</p> <p>As a result of these efforts, 619 youth increased social-emotional competencies as demonstrated by the use of resilience strategies, feeling better prepared to deal with stress, and gained social-emotional skills. 126 youth improved their employment status or wages, and 319 youth improved connections with mentors, adults, and peers.</p>	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3

EOHHS Focus Issues**DoN Health Priorities****Health Issues****Target Populations**

Mental Illness and Mental Health,

Education, Employment,

Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Income and Poverty,

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Children's Services of Roxbury	https://csrox.org/
Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth	https://www.bagly.org/
Boston Private Industry Council	https://www.bostonpic.org/
Peer Health Exchange	www.peerhealthexchange.org/
West End House	https://westendhouse.org/
Brookview House	https://brookviewhouse.org/
Bridges Homeward	www.bridgeshomeward.org/
The Center for Teen Empowerment	https://teenempowerment.org/
Freedom House	www.freedomhouse.com
Greatest MINDS	www.gminds.org/
Hyde Square Task Force	www.hydesquare.org/
Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion	www.ibaboston.org/
Madison Park Development Corporation	www.madison-park.org/
MissionSAFE	www.missionsafe.org/
Mothers for Justice and Equality	http://mothersforjusticeandequality.org/
Project RIGHT	www.projectrightinc.org/
Silver Lining Mentoring	www.silverliningmentoring.org/
Sociedad Latina	www.sociedadlatina.org/
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center	https://www.brighamandwomens.org/medicine/general-internal-medicine-and-primary-care/southern-jamaica-plain-health-center/overview
Young Man with a Plan	www.youngmanwithaplan.org/

Collaboration for Community Health: Mental Health Systems Initiative**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health's Mental Health Systems Initiative supports programs and services, policy and advocacy, and systems change and coordination projects that improve accessible, culturally responsive, and supportive systems of mental and behavioral health care to promote child and youth wellbeing by expanding and diversifying the mental and behavioral health workforce. The initiative will provide 3 years of grant funding to schools, organizations, coalitions, or agencies undertaking projects that:

1. Strengthen the capacity of new or existing training programs to recruit, support, supervise, and train a diverse children's mental and behavioral health workforce through:
Expanded financial support to reduce student debt burden including scholarships, stipends, fellowships, or other assistance for

students' whose emphasis is on children, youth, and families

- o Paid internship placement including college and/or employer-based training with child, youth, and family-serving agencies and organizations
- o Stipends for non-tuition support including financial incentives for housing, food, and childcare expenses
- o Academic coaching, affinity groups with peers and/or faculty, tailored internship or job placement support, and career advising and exploration with an emphasis on careers with children, youth, and families
- o Building upon or creating new training partnerships for students to work with agencies serving children, youth, and families
- o Post-graduate support including navigating the licensing and loan forgiveness processes, supervision, work-life balance, time off, or training opportunities to increase the number of diverse licensed clinicians entering the field

2. Retain diverse staff currently employed in and recruit new staff to child, youth, and family serving agencies and organizations through:

- o Incentives for incumbent staff to pursue continuing education, professional development, credentialing, and/or licensing opportunities related to child/youth/family mental and behavioral health
- o Incentives to recruit and retain staff through sign on and retention bonuses
- o Support to navigate the loan forgiveness process
- o Incentives for workplace wellness initiatives, intentional diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, or quality improvement efforts that support a positive, equitable workplace
- o Intentional opportunities for high quality supervision, training, mentoring, and support for staff focused on retention and applying to higher education

The goal and status reported for this initiative are cumulative, and represent the work accomplished from May 2022 to April 2024.

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

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Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Distributed funding and provided support to funded partners	Achieved. Distributed funding to 6 organizations. Hosted learning communities with the 6 organizations and conducted individual check ins.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3
Policy advocacy and knowledge building: Increase investment in and infrastructure for culturally and linguistically competent mental and behavioral health supports, services, and workforce	Achieved. Funded partners built knowledge and shared information to advance child mental health equity. Two funded partners participated in conferences by submitting proposals to lead mini-skills sessions, and presenting on project results at professional associations such as The Council on Social Work Education and the National Association of School Psychologists. Another funded partner continued to host its annual Children's Mental Health Matters presentation to foster discussions on race, mental health, and trauma.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3
Systems change and cross-sector coordination: Strengthen the integration and coordination of mental and behavioral health and social services and supports for children, youth, and families	Achieved. Funded partners work collaboratively with partners to enhance supports for students and practitioners by securing supervision hours, addressing financial challenges, and providing coaching or mentoring. One funded partner offered 28 honoraria to partner agencies (health care providers, community-based organizations, and school districts) for student field placements.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3
Programs and services: Create or expand culturally and linguistically competent mental and behavioral health supports and services in the community	Achieved. Funded partners enrolled 276 students and professionals in training programs. Funded partners have provided 739 clinical students and community members with training in culturally responsive care, held 87 seminars and workshops for students and professionals, and provided 80 students and professionals with coaching/mentoring. Funded partners continue to enhance supports for students and practitioners by securing supervision hours, addressing financial challenges, and helping them meet required minimum grades.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3

EOHHS Focus Issues

Mental Illness and Mental Health,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Employment,

Health Issues

Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston College School of Social Work	https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/ssw.html
Children's Services of Roxbury	http://csrox.org/
Simmons University School of Social Work	https://www.simmons.edu/academics/colleges-schools-departments/schools-departments/ssw
William James College	https://www.williamjames.edu/

Springfield College Department of Social Work	https://springfield.edu/academics/departments-of-social-work
UMass BIRCh	https://www.umb.edu/birch/about

Collaboration for Community Health: Special Initiatives**Program Type** Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions**Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization** Yes**Program Description** The Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health's Special Initiatives supports policy, advocacy, and systems change initiatives and programs for children and families at unique periods through one-time, non-renewable support.**Program Hashtags** Not Specified**Program Contact Information** Tara Agrawal, 617-919-3056, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115**Program Goals:**

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Develop and pilot a small business growth capital fund for businesses owned by entrepreneurs of color to grow revenue, create and retain sustainable jobs, and build wealth	Achieved. The MA Small Business Growth Fund has made 3 investments to small underserved businesses in Boston. The Fund assessed and worked through a pipeline of potential investments and conducted targeted outreach in the South Coast of Massachusetts.	Outcome Goal	Year 3 of 9
Invest in development to support access to housing for families with children who are experiencing homelessness and increase affordable housing options in the community.	Achieved. Substantial completion on the family permanent supportive housing project was achieved, with plans to open in Spring of FY25. Members from Boston Children's supply chain team supported Heading Home's application for a Premier Cares Award.	Process Goal	Year 3 of 5
Co-develop a new model of patient capital through employee ownership	Achieved. City Fresh Foods continued to deliver fresh wholesome meals to childcare centers, schools, and rehabilitation programs. The company also explored opportunities to expand its model in communities outside of Boston.	Process Goal	Year 3 of 15
Fund a Certificate in Advocacy and Leadership Program for 15 fellows studying early childhood education	Achieved. Urban College Community Advocacy and Leadership Program (CALP) supported 15 community leaders and used the year to determine how to move CALP forward as a sustainable, ongoing community resource. CALP courses are now integrated into UCB's learning platform and CALP course credits can be applied towards a degree at the college.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Support the evaluation of an engagement and educational tool for parents/caregivers of young children, the Basics Insights	Achieved. Boston Basics produced the "Child Development Impacts of Basics Insights Text Messaging" and accompanying issue brief to share results of the randomized phone call project to understand how use of Basics principles supported young children's development.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Invest in capital improvement projects to expand culturally and linguistically appropriate early education and programming for children.	Achieved. Children Service's of Roxbury continued to fundraise for the headquarters renovation and transformation project. NorthStar Learning Center neared construction completion on their new state of the art passive energy early learning center in New Bedford. The new facility will serve 185 children and their families, and will include a community space and kitchen.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

Housing Stability/Homelessness,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Employment, Housing, Social Environment,

Health Issues

Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Homelessness, Social Determinants of Health-Income and Poverty,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Infants, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Heading Home	https://www.headinghomeinc.org/
BayCoast Bank	https://baycoast.bank/en/
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	https://www.dana-farber.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation Boston	https://www.lisc.org/boston/
Urban College of Boston	https://www.urbancollege.edu/
Vital Village Networks	https://www.vitalvillage.org/

Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation	https://www.mhic.com/
City Fresh Foods	https://cityfresh.com/
The Basics Insights	https://thebasics.org/basics-insights/
NorthStar Learning Centers	https://northstarlc.org/
Children’s Services of Roxbury	https://csrox.org/

Collaboration for Community Health: Youth Leaders for Mental and Behavioral Health

Program Type	Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions
Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization	Yes
Program Description	The Collaboration for Community Health's Youth Leaders for Mental and Behavioral Health Initiative supports youth designed and led projects that address the impact of climate change, social media, substance use, and war/global conflict on the mental and behavioral health of young people (ages 11-22). Projects focus on one or multiple issues and may integrate inequities, racism, discrimination and societal injustices as context for understanding the issues. The goal of the initiative is to empower youth by building knowledge and support around managing and understanding these important topics. Together, youth will engage, process, and learn about these issues and then be empowered to advocate for change.
Program Hashtags	Not Specified
Program Contact Information	Marisa Otis, 617-919-6116, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Release Request for Proposals and select funded partners	Achieved. In February 2024, released the Youth Leaders for Mental and Behavioral Health Request for Proposals. The Selection Committee reviewed 48 applications and selected 9 organizations to award.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 2
Distribute funding and provide support to funded partners	Achieved. Distributed the first year of funding to 9 organizations in Spring 2024, with funded projects beginning May 1, 2024. Began planning for evaluation and communication with funded partners including developing work plans, indicators, and learning communities.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 2

EOHHS Focus Issues	Mental Illness and Mental Health,
DoN Health Priorities	Education, Social Environment,
Health Issues	Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health, Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning,
Target Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served: Boston,• Environments Served: Not Specified• Gender: All,• Age Group: Teenagers,• Race/Ethnicity: All,• Language: Not Specified• Additional Target Population Status: Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center	https://bcnc.net/
The City School	https://www.thecityschool.org/
NeighborHealth	https://www.neighborhealth.com/en/
Friends of the Children - Boston	https://friendsboston.org/
Girls' LEAP	https://girlsleap.org/
Madison Park Development Corporation	https://www.madison-park.org/
Mothers for Justice and Equality	https://mothersforjusticeandequality.org/
Sociedad Latina	https://www.sociedadlatina.org/
Young Man With A Plan	https://www.youngmanwithaplan.org/

Community Asthma Initiative

Program Type	Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions
Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization	No
Program Description	Since 2005, the Community Asthma Initiative (CAI) has helped to improve the health and lives of 2,731 Boston children with asthma. Through a comprehensive asthma home visiting program, CAI provides case management, home visits, offers education to caregivers and patients, distributes asthma control supplies, connects families to resources and increases access through advocacy. For more information on CAI, visit bostonchildrens.org/CAI .
Program Hashtags	Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Diane Isaac MSN, RN, CPN, 617-355-5592, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Capacity building and networking: Work closely with the primary care settings to provide needed trainings and increase awareness of available community resources to build their capacity to better manage asthma in a medical home setting. This includes incorporating the case management and home visiting model to provide individualized asthma education, understanding of medications, and environmental assessment and remediation.	Achieved. Provided and/or participated in education and training for 153 community meetings with 1,679 participants, 5 community events with 103 participants and 16 trainings/talks with 191 participants.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Case Management: Provide a comprehensive asthma home visiting program that improves access to and quality of asthma services for children, promotes healthy home environments, and improves asthma knowledge among children living with asthma, their families and communities.	Achieved. CAI cared for 120 new patients with 73 completing at least one home visit (60.8%). Community Health Workers completed an additional 41 visits for a total of 114 home visits. CAI also completed 86 brief supply drop-offs/additional extended case management visits.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Case Management: Provide a comprehensive asthma home visiting program that improves access to and quality of asthma services for children, promotes healthy home environments, and improves asthma knowledge among children living with asthma, their families and communities.	Achieved. CAI surpassed its quality goal, reducing the percent of patients with any hospitalizations by 81.9% and any emergency department visits by 54.1% after one year in the program.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes, N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Built Environment, Education, Housing,

Health Issues

Access to Health Care, Environmental Quality, Other: Asthma/Allergies, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Health Care, Social Determinants of Health-Environmental Quality,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All Children,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino,
- **Language:** English, Portuguese, Spanish,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston Home Visiting Collaborative	http://www.bphc.org/programs/cib/healthyhomescommunitysupports/asthmaprevention/Pages/Home.aspx
Boston Public Schools	www.bostonpublicschools.org/
Boston Public Health Commission	www.bphc.org/
CAI Community/Family Advisory Board	Not Specified
Community Health Centers	Not Specified
Massachusetts Asthma Action Partnership	https://www.maasthma.org/
Breathe Easy at Home	https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/breathe-easy-home
Health Resources in Action	www.hria.org

Community Award Program**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Community Award Program supports community-based efforts and projects that improve the health and well-being of Boston children, families, and neighborhoods. Community-based organizations, schools, community health centers, and

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Bowdoin Street Health Center	http://www.bidmc.org/CentersandDepartments/Departments/CommunityHealthCenters/BowdoinStreetHealthCenter.aspx
Brookside Community Health Center	http://www.brighamandwomens.org/Departments_and_Services/medicine/services/primarycare/brookside/default.aspx
Charles River Community Health	http://www.charlesriverhealth.org/
Mattapan Community Health Center	http://mattapanchc.org/
South Cove Community Health Center	http://scchc.org/
NeighborHealth (East Boston & South End)	http://www.neighborhealth.com
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center	http://www.brighamandwomens.org/Departments_and_Services/medicine/services/primarycare/sjphc/default.aspx
The Dimock Center	http://www.dimockcenter.org/
Upham's Corner Health Center	http://uphamscornerhealthctr.com/
Whittier Street Health Center	http://www.wshc.org/
Boston Community Pediatrics	https://www.bostoncommunitypediatrics.org/

Employee Community Volunteer Awards**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Employee Community Volunteer Awards recognize Boston Children's paid employees for volunteer contributions in their communities and gives a \$5,000 award to a community organization. Employees at Boston Children's who have provided time or expertise as a volunteer or board member (unpaid) for at least 2 years to a community organization, are eligible for this award. Eligible organizations can be based in New England and must address the needs of children and families.

Program Hashtags

Community Education, Mentorship/Career Training/Internship, Support Group,

Program Contact Information

Jennifer Fine, Senior Manager of Communications and Projects, 617-919-3055, Boston Children's Hospital 300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Recognize 6-9 employees for their volunteer efforts within their community at an organization that is meaningful to them.	Achieved. Successfully recognized and awarded funds to 8 organizations.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

Housing Stability/Homelessness, Mental Illness and Mental Health,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Employment, Housing, Social Environment, Violence,

Health Issues

Social Determinants of Health-Access to Healthy Food, Social Determinants of Health-Domestic Violence, Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Language/Literacy, Social Determinants of Health-Nutrition, Social Determinants of Health-Racism and Discrimination, Social Determinants of Health-Violence and Trauma,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts,
- **Environments Served:** All,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,

- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Domestic Violence History, Refugee/Immigrant Status,

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Holy Name Parish School	https://holynamesparishschool.org/
Allston- Brighton Food Pantry	http://abfoodpantry.com/
Families for Depression Awareness	https://www.familyaware.org/
Italian Home for Children	https://www.italianhome.org/
Ukrainian American Youth Association - Boston Branch	https://www.facebook.com/UAYABoston
RESPOND, Inc.	https://www.respondinc.org/
Somerville Community Growing Center	https://www.thegrowingcenter.org/
Boston Korean Adoptees, Inc	https://www.bkadoptee.org/

Family Food Connections

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization No

Program Description Family Food Connections (FFC) is a food pantry owned and run by Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) in the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments, a public housing development of the Boston Housing Authority. The food pantry provides fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, bread, and staple items to families. The pantry is open to everyone once a week. The primary target is residents and families of the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments and surrounding neighborhoods, as well as BCH patients.

Program Hashtags Not Specified

Program Contact Information Stacy Walker, MBA, 617-919-3067, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Ensure access to quality, nutritious foods for patient families of Boston Children's Hospital in conjunction with positive screens for food insecurity.	Achieved/Ongoing. There is a continuous increase in Boston Children's patient families visiting the pantry. FFC leadership is working with providers across the hospital to increase referrals.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Increase access to nutritious foods for Boston residents.	Achieved. In FY24, FFC had nearly 56,000 visits. The food pantry distributed an average of 35,000 pounds of food per week, 70% of which was fresh produce.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Ensure Family Food Connections staff and volunteers are supported and retained, and safe.	Achieved. In FY24, adjustments were made to stabilize the FFC workforce. FFC had a change in staffing and hired a new full-time contracted employee. In addition, in partnership with The Tree of Life and the Mildred C. Hailey Tenant Task Force, FFC supports three full-time volunteers. Additionally, Boston Children's ergonomic team spent time evaluating the staff's body mechanics and educated staff on employee safety and injury prevention.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Increase the number of Boston Children's Hospital employee volunteers and donations.	Ongoing. FFC leadership is continuously collaborating with internal partners and departments to encourage employee volunteering, staff drives, and donations. The leadership team has built stronger relationships with the Employee Resource Groups, and shared information on volunteer opportunities in hopes that employees will be motivated to donate some of their time to FFC.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Create and provide leadership opportunities for Mildred C. Hailey and neighborhood residents.	Achieved. Members of the Mildred C. Hailey Tenant Task Force and community residents served as Community Ambassadors in supporting daily operations of the food pantry. Responsibilities included maintaining crowd control, overseeing less experienced ambassadors, and distributing information to visitors.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Increase in philanthropy.	Achieved/Ongoing. FFC conducts donor tours, calls, and works directly with the BCH Trust, Marketing, and other departments to engage donors interested in supporting FFC.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes, N/A,

DoN Health Priorities N/A,

Health Issues Social Determinants of Health-Access to Healthy Food,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** English, Spanish,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston Housing Authority	www.bostonhousing.org
Jamaica Plain Tree of Life	www.jpctreeoflife.org
Mildred C. Hailey Tenant Task Force	Yolanda.Torres@mchtenants.org
Greater Boston Food Bank	www.gbfb.org

Healthy in the City**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

Healthy in the City (HIC) program (formerly known as Fitness in the City) provides a community-based approach to weight management and reducing health disparities at 10 Boston-based community health centers. Through capacity building and financial support, HIC enables health centers to administer case management services to children who have a body mass index (BMI) at or above the 85th percentile and their families including culturally appropriate nutritional education and physical activities. For more information, visit bostonchildrens.org/community.

Program Hashtags

Community Health Center Partnership, Prevention,

Program Contact Information

Stacy Walker, MBA, 617-919-3067, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity and overweight in Boston.	Achieved. In FY24, 63% of program participants decreased and 8% maintained their BMI over the year. Children also reported statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) behavior changes which include consuming less fast food and sugar-sweetened beverages (a 19% and 25% decrease, respectively) and increasing their amount of exercise and sleep (a 27% and 2% increase, respectively) after 12 weeks in the program.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Increase the capacity of community health center providers to address childhood obesity in Boston.	Achieved. In FY24, Healthy in the City enrolled 433 program participants. Follow up targets were met: 261 completed 3-month follow-up visits and 265 completed 12-month follow-ups. This work was supported through various capacity building activities including convening 10 health centers quarterly, presenting at provider meetings, knowledge and resource sharing, and workflow improvement.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Prevent childhood obesity and address food insecurity in Boston.	Achieved. In FY24, Healthy in the City engaged an additional 591 children who are at-risk of obesity or identify as food insecure in nutrition education and physical activity and connected them to food insecurity resources.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

Chronic Disease with focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes,

DoN Health Priorities

N/A,

Health Issues

Chronic Disease-Overweight and Obesity, Overweight and Obesity, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Healthy Food, Social Determinants of Health-Nutrition,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All Children,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Bowdoin Street Health Center	www.bidmc.org
Brookside Community Health Center	www.brighamandwomens.org
Charles River Community Health	www.charlesriverhealth.org
Mattapan Community Health Center	www.mattapanchc.org
NeighborHealth (East Boston & South End)	www.neighborhealth.com
Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center	www.brighamandwomens.org
The Dimock Center	www.dimockcenter.org
Upham's Corner Health Center	www.uphamscornerhealthctr.com
Boston Community Pediatrics	www.bostoncommunitypediatrics.org

Injury Prevention

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization No

Program Description The purpose of the Injury Prevention Program is to reduce and prevent the number and severity of injuries endured by children and adolescents in Boston and its nearby communities through education, advocacy and research. Boston Children's administers and supports a variety of community initiatives designed to prevent childhood injury. Key initiatives include: Child Passenger Safety, head and spine injury prevention (ThinkFirst), The Safety Store, Injury Free Boston, the Safe Shelter Project, and Safe Kids MA.

Program Hashtags Community Education, Prevention,

Program Contact Information Deirdre Walsh, 617-355-5400, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Create Community Safety Superhero Program.	In progress. Continuing to connect with local fire and police departments and businesses to identify safety superheroes in their town. Recipients will receive a coupon to a local business as reward for being safe.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Expand presence at large scale events.	Achieved. Attended Topsfield Fair, Revere Sand and Sculpt, MA Youth Soccer Tournaments and The Big E which allowed us to expand our reach and network with new partners.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Expand reach throughout Massachusetts.	In Progress. Partnered with Cape Cod Baseball League to attend several summer events on the Cape. Partnered with MA Youth Soccer to attend soccer camps throughout MA. Looking to expand more into Central and Western MA in 2025.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Expand Stop the Bleed Program.	Ongoing. Injury Prevention staff and Trauma Nurse Practitioner hosted several sessions with athletic trainers and teachers throughout the year. Planning events for 2025.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Improve monitoring and evaluation of existing programs.	In progress. Continuing to develop evaluation plans for existing programs.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Education,

Health Issues

Injury and Violence, Injury-Auto/Passenger Injuries, Injury-Home Injuries,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** All,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All Children,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boston Building Resources	https://www.bostonbuildingresources.com/
Boston Center for Youth and Families	https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families
Boston Children's at Martha Eliot	http://www.childrenshospital.org/about-us/locations/boston-childrens-at-martha-eliot-health-center
Boston Children's Hospital Primary Care Center	http://www.childrenshospital.org/centers-and-services/programs/a_-_e/childrens-hospital-primary-care-center-chpcc-program
Boston Emergency Medical Services	https://www.boston.gov/departments/emergency-medical-services
Boston Medical Center	https://www.bmc.org/
Boston Police Department	https://www.boston.gov/departments/police
Boston Public Health Commission	www.bphc.org/
Boston Public Schools	https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/
Brigham and Women's Hospital	https://www.brighamandwomens.org/
NeighborHealth	https://neighborhealth.com
Girl Scouts of Eastern MA	https://www.gsema.org/
Guardian Angel	http://www.guardianangelwindowguards.com/
HeadStart	https://www.mass.gov/head-start
Poison Center of Massachusetts and Rhode Island	http://www.maripoisoncenter.com/
Safe Kids Boston	https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-boston
Safe Kids Western Massachusetts	https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-western-massachusetts
Safe Kids Worldwide	https://www.safekids.org
Safe Roads Alliance	https://www.saferoadsalliance.org/

The Micheli Center	https://www.themichelicercenter.com/
The Safety Institute	http://www.thesafetyinstitute.org/
Fundacion MAPFRE	https://www.fundacionmapfre.org/fundacion/en/
Worcester Community Action Council	https://www.wcac.net/
Boston Children's at Peabody	https://www.childrenshospital.org/about-us/locations/peabody
Boston Children's at Weymouth	https://www.childrenshospital.org/about-us/locations/weymouth
Plymouth WIC	https://www.mass.gov/locations/plymouth-wic-program-main-clinic
Boston NAPS	https://www.nurturebynaps.com/
Mass Youth Soccer	https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/
Safe Routes to School	https://www.mass.gov/safe-routes-to-school
Webster Public Schools	https://www.webster-schools.org/
Boston Children's North and the Coordinated Care Services Clinic	http://www.childrenshospital.org/aboutus/locations/northdartmouth
MADD	https://madd.org/
Injury Free Coalition for Kids	https://www.injuryfree.org/
Essex County Sheriff Leadership Academy	https://www.essexsheriffma.org/community/slideshows/youth-leadership-academy
Emmanuel College	https://www.emmanuel.edu/
Easton Fire Department	https://eastonfire.com/
Boston Athletic Association	https://www.baa.org/
The Dimock Center	https://www.roadtowellness5k.com/
Community Connections of Brockton	https://www.uwgpc.org/frc
Peabody School Bus Safety Task Force	https://patch.com/massachusetts/peabody/peabody-launches-school-bus-safety-task-force
Cape Cod Baseball League	https://www.capecodleague.com/
Cape Cod Children's Place	https://capecodchildrensplace.com/
Friends of the Unborn	https://friendsoftheunborn.org/

Medical-Legal Partnership Program at Boston Children's Hospital

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization No

Program Description The Medical-Legal Partnership program at Boston Children's Hospital (MLP-BCH) supports the delivery of family-centered care by eliminating legal barriers that act as obstacles to better health outcomes, and addressing patient's essential legal needs, which are often at the root cause of poor health, particularly in housing, family law, immigration, education and benefits. Healthcare providers can screen patients by asking questions that may reveal underlying legal barriers to better health outcomes, and refer patients to MLP-BCH. An MLP-BCH in-house attorney fellow conducts legal consultations with providers to determine whether a legal barrier exists and whether an In-House Legal Fellow, Pro bono Panel, or the Legal Services Community can best address it.

Program Hashtags Not Specified

Program Contact Information Erica L. Brunner, Esq. Legal Fellow | Office of General Counsel Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, (617) 919-6149

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Maintain referral volume from across the Children's Hospital Enterprise including Primary Care Longwood, Martha Eliot Health Center, and PPOC practices as well as establish new internal referral relationships with clinicians.	Ongoing. Referral volume increased by 14% in FY24, as a result of a number of improvements in relationship building across the institution. Launched new service delivery model with two primary care sites, including in person office hours for clinicians. Hosted quarterly trainings for social workers with CEUs on MLP's most common issues.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Continue to support and strengthen relationship with Advisory Committee members and Pro bono Panel, while adding at least one additional institutional pro bono panelist.	Ongoing. Added two new law firms to the pro bono panel. Added new law school partnership with Northeastern immigrant justice clinic. Renegotiated contract with Greater Boston Legal Services to increase amount of services delivered. As a result of investment in relationships, 23% of cases were referred out to partners in FY24 compared to 8% the previous year.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
The MLP prioritized improved technological infrastructure to adopt modern data and knowledge management systems for the Medical	Completed. Launched texting pilot to reach clients faster, and implemented online tools to collect e-signatures for releases and engagement agreements.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

Legal Partnership program. These improvements increased programmatic capacity and impact, while continuing to provide services to patient families.	As a result of these improvements: Average case duration decreased by 50% after implementing texting pilot. Reduced the number of cases closed due to unresponsiveness, or inability to reach clients, by over 60%.		
Disseminate learnings and understanding of key impact of the program via peer reviewed research.	Completed. Publication is pending.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues	N/A,
DoN Health Priorities	N/A,
Health Issues	All,
Target Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served: Boston,• Environments Served: All,• Gender: All,• Age Group: All,• Race/Ethnicity: All,• Language: All,• Additional Target Population Status: Domestic Violence History, Refugee/Immigrant Status,

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Association of Immigrant Lawyers Massachusetts Chapter	https://ailane.org/
Ed Rice Law, LLC	http://edricelaw.com/
Fish & Richardson	https://www.fr.com/
Greater Boston Legal Services	https://www.gbls.org/
Hachey Urbanoski LLC	https://hu-lawyers.com/
Health Care For All	https://hcfama.org/
Health Law Advocates	https://www.healthlawadvocates.org/
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute	https://www.mlri.org/
Mintz	https://www.mintz.com/
MIRA	https://miracoalition.org/
Northeastern Immigrant Justice Clinic	https://law.northeastern.edu/experience/clinics/immigrant-justice/
Northeast Legal Aid	https://www.northeastlegalaid.org/
Restuccia Law, LLC	Not Specified
Rian International Immigrant Center	https://www.riancenter.org/
Ropes & Gray	https://www.ropesgray.com/en
South Coastal Counties Legal Services	https://sccls.org/
Suffolk University Health Law Clinic	https://www.suffolk.edu/law/academics-clinics/clinics-experiential-opportunities/clinics/health-law
Volunteer Lawyers Project	https://vlpnet.org/
Precoma Law LLC	https://www.precomalaw.com/
Law Office of Attorney Molly McGee	https://www.mollymcgeelaw.com/

Mental Health Care Coordination and Crisis Stabilization

Program Type	Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions
Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization	No
Program Description	Children have been facing a behavioral health crisis finding available services, this crisis has continued to grow in 2024. Boston Children's has made a substantial investment to develop internal resources to assist patients and their families (in coordination with state and community-based agencies) with crisis stabilization and care delivery transformation. Leveraging community partnerships and community-based providers, where appropriate, the focus is providing enhanced services to enable a safe transition to an appropriate level of care, including but not limited to community-based services or their home. Investments include but are not limited to enhanced behavioral response, state agency coordination (DCF, DYS, DMH, DDS, DESE, EHS, OCA), Emergency Department diversion programming, room-modifications, and more. These efforts also include active engagement in systems level advocacy to improve care planning, care hand-offs and community supports for children.
Program Hashtags	Not Specified
Program Contact Information	Shantel Gooden, 617-919-3058, Boston Children's Hospital 300 Longwood Avenue Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Partner with State agencies (DCF, DYS, DMH, DDS, DESE, EHS, OCA) and community-based organizations	Achieved.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1

to enable a safe transition to an appropriate level of care, including but not limited to community-based services or their home.

EOHHS Focus Issues**DoN Health Priorities****Health Issues**

Mental Illness and Mental Health,

N/A,

Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Bereavement, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Depression, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Stress Management, Social Determinants of Health-Homelessness, Social Determinants of Health-Income and Poverty, Social Determinants of Health-Racism and Discrimination, Social Determinants of Health-Violence and Trauma,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts,
- **Environments Served:** All,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Infants, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Disability Status,

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Statewide Emergency Services Program	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/emergency-services-program-contact-information
Mass Behavioral Health Partnership	https://www.masspartnership.com/member/esp.aspx

Metro South West Community Health Initiative: Alliance to Growth**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

No

Program Description

Alliance to Growth is a group of 14-18 year old youth from the communities of Brockton, Framingham, Needham, Weymouth, Waltham, Quincy, and Randolph who are interested in learning more about and advocating for mental and behavioral health resources in their communities. The group began in 2023 to provide feedback on policy advocacy projects to fund. Since 2023, there has been a new cohort of youth recruited each year. Youth are recruited from partner organizations serving the aforementioned communities. They meet 4-6 times during the school year to learn more about mental and behavioral health needs in their communities, resources, and how they can be involved.

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Haley Piette, 617-919-3065, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Continue to engage Youth Advisory Group (Alliance to Growth) to learn about mental and behavioral health resources in Metro South West communities, share perspectives on mental health supports needed in their schools and communities, and how to get involved in advocacy for change.	In progress. The second cohort of the Youth Advisory Group met 4 times during the 2023-2024 school year. Meetings covered Teen Mental Health First Aid, QPR Suicide Prevention Training, and an end-of-year celebration.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Recruit 2024-2025 cohort	In summer 2024, recruited a third cohort of 16 youth from Waltham, Brockton, Framingham, and Weymouth, representing from 8 organizations. Youth will meet six times throughout the school year beginning in October 2024.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues**DoN Health Priorities****Health Issues****Target Populations**

Mental Illness and Mental Health,

Education, Social Environment,

Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health, Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning,

- **Regions Served:** Brockton, Framingham, Needham, Quincy, Randolph, Waltham, Weymouth,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Africano Waltham	https://www.africanowaltham.org/
Cape Verdean Women United, Inc.	https://www.cvwu.org/
Voices of the Community	https://voicesvtc.org/
Waltham Partnership for Youth	https://www.walthampartnershipforyouth.org/

Needham Youth and Family Services	https://www.needhamma.gov/79/Youth-Family-Services
Old Colony YMCA	https://www.oldcoloniymca.org/
Randolph Youth Council	https://www.randolph-ma.gov/
Weymouth High School	https://www.weymouthschools.org/weymouth-high-school
Active Minds, Randolph High School Chapter	https://www.activeminds.org/programs/chapter-network/
Charles River YMCA	https://ymcaboston.org/charlesriver/
Randolph High School	https://www.randolph.k12.ma.us/rhs
Waltham Boys and Girls Club	https://walthambgc.org/
Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro South	https://www.bgcmetrosouth.org/
Brockton Interfaith Community, Youth School of Liberation	https://www.brocktoninterfaith.org/initiatives

Metro South West Community Health Initiative: Flourishing Families Initiative

Program Type

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Metro South West (formerly Route 128) Community Health Initiative's Flourishing Families initiative supports programs and services, policy and advocacy, and systems change and cross-sector coordination projects that strengthen the capabilities and assets of parents and caregivers to provide a strong future for their children by promoting healthy early childhood development, supporting access to affordable family housing and transit, and increasing access to culturally and linguistically appropriate healthy living resources and opportunities. The initiative provides four years of funding to projects that align with at least one of the following strategic focus areas:

1. Promote healthy early childhood development:

- Youth and adult vocational training and credentialing
- Small Business support for licensed programs
- Build skills and capacity of unlicensed care providers (e.g., nannies, relatives, youth/older siblings)
- Parenting programs and playgroups

2. Access to affordable family housing and transit

- Improve outreach and enrollment methods for existing housing assistance programs or support adoption of local emergency rental assistance programs to reach housing insecure families
- Homeownership education and down payment assistance
- Tenant rent protection policies
- Service-enriched housing
- Inclusionary zoning and housing policies
- Legal support in eviction proceedings
- Debt advice for tenants with unpaid rent
- Non-emergency medical and social service transportation services
- Public transportation systems and services
- Active transportation

3. Increasing access to culturally and linguistically appropriate healthy living resources and opportunities

- Improve SNAP outreach and enrollment methods to reach eligible families by partnering with trusted community partners like community-based organizations, schools, health centers, and others
- Healthy school lunch initiatives
- Fruit and vegetable incentive programs
- School and community food education programs
- Healthy emergency food initiatives
- Farmers markets and mobile markets
- Community gardens
- Nutrition prescriptions
- Extracurricular activities for physical activity
- Public parks and greenspace
- Community fitness programs
- Open gym time
- Active transportation

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Tara Agrawal, 617-919-3056, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Distribute funding and provide support to funded partners	Achieved. Distributed funding to 6 organizations. Hosted learning communities with the 6 organizations and conducted individual check ins.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 4
Policy advocacy to: (1) Increase investment in quality early childhood supports, services, and workforce; (2) Increase investment in access to affordable family housing and transit; and (3) Increase investment in culturally and linguistically appropriate healthy living resources and opportunities.	Policy advocacy efforts focused on housing rights, affordable housing, food justice, and healthy school lunches. Community gatherings engaged families and residents while fostering socialization and generating networking and idea-sharing. Community meetings and listening sessions amplified marginalized voices to understand priorities. Organizing and advocacy at various levels raised awareness and spurred action on pressing needs.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 4

	Two funded partners undertook activities to enhance affordable housing access by incorporating outreach and partnership building to raise awareness of work and deepen relationships to serve as potential leaders. One housing alliance effectively linked its community organizing to educational programs, rallying graduates and program participants to advocate for affordable housing resources. Intentional engagement with community youth and adults has been crucial in shaping decisions and actions.		
Systems change and cross-sector coordination to: (1) Strengthen cross-sector collaboration and coordination to support a high-quality early childhood infrastructure; (2) Strengthen cross-sector collaboration and coordination to support access to affordable housing and transit; and (3) Strengthen cross-sector collaboration and coordination to support culturally and linguistically appropriate healthy living resources and opportunities.	Achieved. Partnerships have been key in supporting access to programs and services. Funded partners strengthened connections and coordination to build awareness and understanding about their efforts, and worked in partnership to coordinate services and resources across a broad range of key stakeholders. All funded partners advanced and benefitted from partnership efforts, yet still faced challenges. These challenges include coordination issues, which were addressed through continued outreach, flexibility, and building a referral network; and data tracking and logistical barriers which were remedied by increased outreach, leveraging networks, and enhancing marketing efforts.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 4
Programs and services to: (1) Create, expand, or enhance programs or services utilizing approaches to reach young children in underserved communities; (2) Create, expand, or enhance programs or services to connect underserved families with access to affordable housing and transit; and (3) Create, expand, or enhance programs or services utilizing approaches to connect underserved families with culturally and linguistically appropriate healthy living resources and opportunities.	Achieved. Two funded partners working in early childhood development & education created welcoming spaces, enhanced belonging, strengthened community ties, and provided culturally relevant resources. Challenges faced included partnership coordination, scheduling conflicts, additional youth support needs (trauma, mental health, documentation issues), and counseling shortages. Their responses included increased outreach, flexible program design, use of referral networks and seeking trauma-informed care, and staff expansion. Funded partners working in healthy eating expanded access to fresh, culturally appropriate food, increased outreach, engaged community partners, and promoted youth leadership. Challenges faced included partnerships, scheduling, peer leader retention, and logistical barriers. Their responses included adaptable approaches, strengthened marketing, and leveraged networks.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 4

EOHHS Focus Issues

Housing Stability/Homelessness,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Housing,

Health Issues

Chronic Disease-Overweight and Obesity, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Healthy Food, Social Determinants of Health-Affordable Housing, Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Homelessness, Social Determinants of Health-Language/Literacy, Social Determinants of Health-Nutrition,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Brockton, Framingham, Needham, Quincy, Randolph, Waltham, Weymouth,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Children, Infants, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South	https://www.bgcmetrosouth.org/
Brockton Interfaith Community	https://www.brocktoninterfaith.org/
Immigrant Family Services Institute	https://www.ifs-usa.org/
Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance	https://mahahome.org/
Raising A Reader Massachusetts	https://raisingareaderma.org/
Urban Revival Inc. dba City Life/Vida Urbana	https://www.clvu.org/

Metro South West Community Health Initiative: Healthy Communities Initiative**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Metro South West (formerly Route 128) Community Health Initiative's Healthy Communities Initiative supports place-based collaborative groups of community members, organizations, and institutions. Collaboratives work together using a collective impact approach to address the impact of social environments, built and natural environments, and systemic influences on the health and well-being of children and youth through policy, systems, and environmental change over a five-year period composed of one year of planning followed by four years of implementation.

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

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Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Host capacity building sessions for applicants interested in the Healthy Communities initiative	Achieved. In early 2024, hosted four pre-application webinars on collective impact to help prepare interested applicants to submit a successful proposal.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 5
Release Request for Proposals and select funded partners	Achieved. In April 2024, released the Healthy Communities Request for Proposals. The Selection Committee reviewed 8 applications and selected 3 collaboratives to award for 1-year planning grants.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 5
Distribute funding and provide support to funded partners	Achieved. Distributed one-year planning grants to 3 collaboratives in fall 2024, with funded projects beginning October 1, 2024. Began planning for evaluation and communication with funded collaboratives including developing work plans, indicators, learning communities, and providing monthly technical assistance	Process Goal	Year 1 of 5

EOHHS Focus Issues**DoN Health Priorities****Health Issues****Target Populations**

Mental Illness and Mental Health,

Education, Employment, Social Environment,

Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Stress Management, Other-Cultural Competency, Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning, Social Determinants of Health-Income and Poverty,

- **Regions Served:** Brockton, Randolph, Waltham,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Infants, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro South	https://www.bgcmetrosouth.org/
Codman Square Health Center	https://www.codman.org/home/
WATCH CDC	https://watchcdc.org/

Metro South West Community Health Initiative: Mental Health & Well Being Initiative**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

Yes

Program Description

The Metro South West (formerly Route 128) Community Health Initiative's Mental Health and Well Being initiative supports programs and services, policy and advocacy, and systems change and cross-sector coordination projects that improve the mental and behavioral health of children, youth, and families through increased access to culturally and linguistically appropriate counseling and support and/or increased social cohesion in communities. The initiative provides three years of funding to projects that align with at least one of the following strategic focus areas:

1. Mental and behavioral health services in childcare, school, community and health center settings
2. Comprehensive school and community-based health education programs for youth
3. Mental Health First Aid and trauma training for staff in community, school, and clinical settings
4. Peer support and mentorship groups
5. Free child/youth extracurricular activities for safety, arts, social networking, physical activity, and life success

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Tara Agrawal, 617-919-3056, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Distribute funding and provide support to funded partners	Achieved. Distributed funding to 15 organizations. Hosted learning communities with the 15 organizations and conducted individual check ins. In summer 2024, identified an additional organization to receive one year of funding. Distributed funding and began planning for evaluation by developing reporting indicators.	Process Goal	Year 2 of 3
Policy advocacy: Increase and improve the inclusiveness, quality, and accessibility of children's mental and behavioral health services and supports in community based settings.	Achieved. Empowering community voices has been central to recent initiatives aiming to enhance youth and adult engagement in decision-making and programming. Funded partners have organized community gatherings to connect families and residents, hosted resource events to share information, and linked individuals to supports. They held community meetings and listening sessions to uplift marginalized voices, and led advocacy and organizing efforts at the school, community, and state level to raise awareness and address pressing needs. A funded health center established a Youth Advisory Council,	Process Goal	Year 1 of 3

	engaging young members in community advocacy and promoting council initiatives. Meanwhile, another funded coalition hosted a School-Based Behavioral Health Summit, aiming to secure funding support by forming coalitions with education leaders. A funded program hosted weekly social justice workshops and service projects, focusing on increasing cultural awareness of community issues and voter engagement.		
Systems change and cross-sector coordination: Expand access to or improve the quality of mental health services for children and families through cross-sector collaboration, integration, and training.	<p>Achieved. Funded partners developed new and strengthened existing partnerships both formally and informally. Efforts to enhance service delivery centered on strengthening connections and building awareness among key stakeholders. Capacity-building included professional development, training, and mentoring for program staff and partners. One funded partner trained around 70 community members in "Invitation to Change," focusing on support for those in recovery and mental health challenges. A second funded partner improved services for newcomer immigrant students by collaborating with partners to establish school programs.</p> <p>Several funded partners also launched support networks to expand impact and share resources including a Mental Health First Aid Network in Quincy, and a network for student and family empowerment network in Brockton.</p> <p>Challenges included school partnership delays and capacity issues, addressed through designated points of contact, leveraging networks, and flexible approaches. Recruiting faced visibility and logistical challenges, tackled by intensified outreach and reduced participation barriers.</p>	Process Goal	Year 1 of 3
Programs and services Create, expand, or enhance programs or services utilizing culturally and linguistically appropriate approaches to reach underserved children, youth, and families.	<p>Achieved. Efforts to foster safe spaces and belonging focused on building trust through direct services and community engagement. Eleven partners provided clinician-supported counseling and support groups, expanding access to mental and behavioral health (MBH) services with culturally appropriate staffing and resource guides. Challenges included demand exceeding capacity and low participation in group services. Response strategies involved expanding multilingual staffing, emphasizing trauma-informed practices, and flexible scheduling.</p> <p>Five partners conducted Mental Health First Aid and trauma training, increasing awareness and leadership opportunities for youth. Key challenges were unmet service needs and scheduling conflicts, addressed by additional staff training and flexible session formats. Health education programming targeted diverse topics, including mental health, trauma coping, and healthy relationships. Recruitment and curriculum integration posed challenges, which were tackled through consistent communication, increased coordination, and inclusive engagement. Peer support and mentorship groups promoted safe environments and strengthened community ties. Challenges in recruiting and retaining leaders were met by leveraging mentor networks and providing ongoing training.</p> <p>Lastly, incorporating free extracurricular activities enhanced peer and community connections, promoting support and belonging. Challenges in participant engagement were addressed through multilingual outreach and flexible approaches.</p>	Process Goal	Year 1 of 3

EOHHS Focus Issues**DoN Health Priorities****Health Issues****Target Populations**

Mental Illness and Mental Health,

Education, Social Environment,

Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health,

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Brockton, Framingham, Needham, Quincy, Randolph, Waltham, Weymouth,
- **Environments Served:** Not Specified
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** Not Specified
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Africano Waltham	https://www.africanowaltham.org/
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center	https://bcnc.net/
Brockton Neighborhood Health Center	https://www.bnhc.org/
Cape Verdean Women United Inc.	https://www.cvwu.org/
Codman Square Health Center	https://www.codman.org/
Crossroads for Kids (dba Crossroads)	https://www.crossroadsma.org/

Doc Wayne Youth Services Inc.	https://docwayne.org/
Children's Mental Health Campaign	https://www.childrensmentalhealthcampaign.org/
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	https://www.mspcc.org/
Metro South/West Workforce Board	https://www.masshiresmw.com/
The NAN Project	https://www.thenanproject.org/
Rose Conservatory	https://roseconservatory.com/
Voices of the Community	https://voicesvtc.org/
Walker Inc.	https://www.walkercares.org/
Waltham Partnership for Youth	www.walthampartnershipforyouth.org/
Wayside Youth and Family Support Network	www.waysideyouth.org/
Friends and Mentors	https://friendsandmentors.org/

Office of Community Health

Program Type

Infrastructure to Support CB Collaboration

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

No

Program Description

The Office of Community Health brings together hospital and community resources to address health disparities, improve health outcomes, and promote health equity. This role includes:

- Working with community partners to support families and address the social determinants of health
- Understanding the greatest health and social concerns for families in our community and identifying the best ways for the hospital to address those issues
- Coordinating and stewarding resources to implement programs and efforts to meet health needs
- Building capacity and strengthening relationships with Boston community health centers
- Leveraging partnerships with key community and city organizations including the Boston Public Schools, Boston Public Health Commission, and Boston city agencies
- Communicating and reporting about the hospital's community health efforts and partnerships
- Influencing policy and practice to improve care and support for children and families
- Overseeing the hospital's investment in community-based programs and efforts to improve child health, including through its Determination of Need (DoN) Community Health Initiative Process
- Working to ensure the hospital's anchor strategy is leveraging the Community Mission and that investments and corporate goals improve the health of the community

Program Hashtags

Not Specified

Program Contact Information

Shari Nethersole, MD

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Continue to support the implementation of programs in priority areas that improve the health of children and families in our local community.	Achieved. Family Food Connections had 56,000 visits in FY24. The Community Asthma Initiative reduced the percentage of patients with any hospitalizations by 81.9% and any emergency department visits by 54%. Boston Children's Neighborhood Partnership Program reached 726 students across five schools. Healthy in the City provided 1,000 children with case management services and helped them to reduce (63%) or maintain (8%) their BMI.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Continue to build on partnering with the community to make an impact on the health of children and to address the social determinants of health through Community Health Initiatives.	Achieved. More details on the Collaboration for Community Health and Metro South West Community Health Initiative are included in the Programs section of this report.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Continue to make community investments to local community organizations.	Achieved. 3 new community investments totaling \$2.45M in partnership with the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation. These investments are part of the hospital's larger \$10M endowment commitment in community investment. Details of these investments are found in the narrative for "Collaboration for Community Health Special Initiatives."	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

Housing Stability/Homelessness, Mental Illness and Mental Health,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Employment, Housing, Social Environment,

Health Issues

Chronic Disease-Asthma/Allergies, Chronic Disease-Overweight and Obesity, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Mental Health, Health Behaviors/Mental Health-Physical Activity, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Health Care, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Healthy Food, Social Determinants of Health-Affordable Housing, Social Determinants of Health-Homelessness, Social Determinants of Health-Income and Poverty, Social Determinants of Health-Nutrition, Social Determinants of Health-Uninsured/Underinsured, Social Determinants of Health-Violence and Trauma,

Target Populations

• **Regions Served:** Boston, Boston-Allston, Boston-Brighton, Boston-Dorchester, Boston-East Boston, Boston-Greater, Boston-Jamaica Plain, Boston-Mattapan, Boston-Mission Hill, Boston-Roslindale, Boston-Roxbury, Brockton, Framingham, Peabody, Randolph, Raynham, Weymouth,

- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults, Children, Infants, Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** LGBT Status, Refugee/Immigrant Status,

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
OCH Partners are listed throughout this report through Programs	Not Specified

Pediatric Anesthesia Clinical and Research Internship (PACaRI)

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization No

Program Description The Pediatric Anesthesia Clinical and Research Internship (PACaRI) at Boston Children's was established in 2010 to close that gap for prospective medical and healthcare-allied students. By offering high-quality mentorship, and unparalleled hands-on learning and research opportunities, PACaRI provides exposure to the realities of medical practice and helps students decide whether a medical career aligns with their interests, aptitudes, and values. The mission of the program is to inspire future healthcare professionals to be compassionate, forward-thinking, innovative, resilient, and lifelong learners. The program:

1. Complements the didactic training of undergraduate and graduate students to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs.
2. Encourages individuals from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in research, to pursue further studies or careers in research.
3. Encourages individuals, including those from groups underrepresented in the medical field, to pursue healthcare studies.

Program Hashtags Health Professional/Staff Training, Mentorship/Career Training/Internship,

Program Contact Information Izabela C. Leahy PhD, MS, RN, (617) 355-7737, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Enhance Academic Readiness	Completed. Provide targeted lectures and workshops to strengthen foundational knowledge in the sciences and medical school prerequisites.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Develop Clinical Exposure	Completed. Offer hands-on experiences, training as an anesthesia technician, shadowing opportunities, and mentorship to familiarize students with real-world medical practice.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Strengthen Professional Skills	Completed. Equip students with critical thinking, communication, public speaking, and ethical decision-making skills essential for medical careers.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Support Medical School Applications	Ongoing. Guide students through the application process with workshops on personal statements, medical school application portfolio and interview preparation.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues N/A,

DoN Health Priorities Education,

Health Issues Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning,

- Target Populations**
- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts,
 - **Environments Served:** All,
 - **Gender:** All,
 - **Age Group:** Adults, Teenagers,
 - **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
 - **Language:** All,
 - **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Harvard Medical School	https://hms.harvard.edu/
Boston University	https://www.bu.edu/
Tufts Medical School	https://medicine.tufts.edu/
Harvard University	https://www.harvard.edu/
Northeastern University	https://www.northeastern.edu/
Boston College	https://www.bc.edu/
Middlebury College	https://www.middlebury.edu/
Boston University School of Public Health	https://www.bu.edu/sph/
Washington University in St Louis	https://washu.edu/
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	https://web.mit.edu/
Brandeis University	https://www.brandeis.edu/

University of Massachusetts Amherst	https://www.umass.edu/
Emmanuel College	https://www.emmanuel.edu/
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	https://www.mcphs.edu/
College of the Holy Cross	https://www.holycross.edu/
University of Notre Dame	https://www.nd.edu/
Cornell University	https://www.cornell.edu/
Dartmouth College	https://home.dartmouth.edu/

Science, Technology, Education, and Healthcare Career Program

Program Type Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization No

Program Description The Science, Technology, Education, and Healthcare Career Program aims to inspire future healthcare leaders from the diverse communities we serve one student at a time. In partnership with the Mother Caroline Academy, the STEH is designed to expose students from first-generation and less advantaged socioeconomic backgrounds to a range of experiences with the primary aim of considering future careers in healthcare. The STEH offers insight into a variety of pathways to healthcare education and to a future career in healthcare.

Program Hashtags Community Education, Health Professional/Staff Training, Mentorship/Career Training/Internship,

Program Contact Information Izabela C. Leahy PhD, MS, RN, (617) 355-7737, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Increase Awareness & Interest in STEH Careers.	Completed. Expose students to diverse career opportunities in science, technology, education, and healthcare through hands-on activities, guest speakers, and field trips, fostering curiosity and enthusiasm. In person program at BCH and simulation technology center. Interactive sessions with healthcare providers, researchers' medical students and other professionals working in healthcare. BLS and Firs aid certifications for 8th grade students (7th grade will complete them in Spring 2025)	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Develop Skills & Confidence	Completed. Provide interactive learning experiences that build critical thinking, problem-solving, and technical skills while boosting self-confidence in their abilities to succeed in STEH fields. Workshops on critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork. Cardiovascular circulation workshop with HMS students.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Enhance Access to Mentorship & Role Models	Ongoing. Connect students with female professionals and mentors in STEH careers to provide guidance, encouragement, and real-world insights into career pathways. One-on-one and group mentorship with female professionals (Examples: physicians, nurses, finance, research, bioinformatics, and engineering)	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Promote Academic & Career Readiness	Completed. Offer resources, workshops, and support to help students strengthen their academic foundations in science while exploring educational pathways that lead to STEH careers. Workshop inside BCH Operating Room and state of the art Simulation Center. Workshops and hands-on practice with healthcare technology. Simulated skills with IV placements, airway management, and use of ultrasound.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Education,

Health Issues

Not Specified

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Mother Caroline Academy	https://www.mcaec.org/
Harvard Medical School	https://hms.harvard.edu/
Tufts University	https://www.tufts.edu/
Boston University	https://www.bu.edu/

Social Work Program in Primary Care**Program Type** Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions**Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization** No

Program Description

In an effort to fully support families, Boston Children's Hospital's Social Work program in Primary Care provides vouchers and offers assistance to families struggling to meet basic needs. We screen patient for health-related social needs at all well child visits as well as behavioral health screening. Resources provided include winter coats, school supplies, travel vouchers for transportation to and from appointments, scholarships to summer camp, grocery gift cards, pharmacy gift cards, financial assistance for rent/utility payments, financial support for household appliances, and funeral support services. We offer car seat trainings and car seats upon completion of training. We also provide injury prevention resources including safety gates, bike helmets, cabinet locks, and outlook plugs.

Program Hashtags Not Specified**Program Contact Information** Anu Vyavaharkar, MSW, MPH, 617-355-0597, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02115**Program Goals:**

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Support access to community resources.	Ongoing. Continue to partner with community agencies to provide direct response to needs. For example, we have Associated Personnel from The Home for Little Wanderers who consult on complex behavioral health care cases.	Process Goal	Year 1 of 1
Provide urgent access to medicine and durable medical equipment.	Achieved. Within the limits of its financial resources, the social work program was able to provide primary care patients with necessary medicine and medical equipment.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Provide access to summer camp.	Achieved. Provided camp funding for 35 children.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1
Provide clothing and winter coats.	Achieved. Working with Cradles to Crayons, 150 back to school supply bags, 1280 packs of diapers, 40 hygiene kits, 600 packs of wipes and 1013 winter coats.	Outcome Goal	Year 1 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Education, Employment, Housing, Social Environment,

Health Issues

Other: Bereavement, Other: Education/Learning Issues, Other: Homelessness, Other: Nutrition, Physical Activity, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Healthy Food, Social Determinants of Health-Access to Transportation, Social Determinants of Health-Homelessness,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts,
- **Environments Served:** All,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** All Children,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
MetroBoston Housing - provides housing assistance with RAFT, conditions issues, homelessness	https://www.metrohousingboston.org/
Tenancy Preservation Project - provide housing advocacy, mediation, crisis support	https://www.baycovehumanservices.org/
Cradles to Crayons - provide clothing, winter coats and backpacks	https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/
Kids Clothes Club - provides winter coats	www.kidsclothesclub.org
Shawkemo Fund - Boston Foundation provides \$10 -15,000 funds per year for Social Work use	www.tbf.org
Fair Foods - \$2 bag program	www.fairfoods.org
Family Aid Boston-housing support	https://familyaidboston.org/
The Home for Little Wanderers-consults and receives referrals for Intensive Care Coordination and wraparound services	www.thehome.org

Workforce Development Adult Job Seeker Programs**Program Type** Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions**Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization** No

Program Description

Workforce Development at Boston Children's Hospital is dedicated to supporting adult job seekers in the community. Our mission is to connect talented individuals with opportunities within our organization while championing equity, diversity, and inclusion. Through strategic partnerships with community-based organizations, we aim to recruit diverse talent for various job roles, internships, and career exploration opportunities. Once individuals join Boston Children's Hospital, we provide comprehensive support to help them advance in their careers within our enterprise.

During FY23, the Workforce Development Team engaged in the following programs: African Bridge Network Fellowship Program, Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative, Bunker Hill Community College Medical Interpreter Program, Community Career Connects Program, Hiring Our Heroes, JVS ARCH Training Program, JVS Central Sterile Processing Program, JVS & BHCC Pharmacy Technician, Patient Access Workforce Initiative, and Roxbury Community College Phlebotomy Technician Program.

Program Hashtags

Mentorship/Career Training/Internship,

Program Contact Information

Florette Louissaint, Human Resources, 401 Park Drive, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02115, 617-919-3626

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
African Bridge Network Fellowship Program: Run one cohort of ABN Fellowship Program.	Achieved. Hosted one cohort of Fellowship program for skilled immigrants to transition into higher paying jobs. 2 fellow successfully completed the program	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative: Hire 80% of BHWI trainees into open positions at Boston Children's Hospital	In progress. BHWI creates a pipeline for entry-level behavioral health support roles. Hired over 56% of trainees into FTE	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Community Career Connects Program: Increase visibility in the community & provide pathways to employability to jobseekers	Ongoing. Community Careers Connect serves as a bridge between community partners, program participants/job seekers, and Boston Children's, facilitating a seamless pathway to employment.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
JVS ARCH Training Program: Hire over 80% of graduates	Achieved. Hired 100% of graduates	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
JVS Central Sterile Processing Program: Hire over 70% of graduates	Achieved. Hired 75% of graduates	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
JVS & BHCC Pharmacy Technician: Hire over 50% of participants	In progress. Hired over 44% of community members sponsored to attend the JVS Pharmacy Tech program	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
Patient Access Workforce Initiative: Hire 80% of trainees at Boston Children's Hospital	In progress. A pipeline program for entry-level Patient Access roles with underemployed/unemployed individuals. Of those starting the program in FY 24 and completing the program, 50% continued post-program.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues

N/A,

DoN Health Priorities

Employment,

Health Issues

Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning,

Target Populations

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts,
- **Environments Served:** All, Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adults,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
African Bridge Network	https://africanbn.org/
Bunkerhill Community College	https://www.bhcc.edu/
Jewish Vocational Service in Boston	https://www.jvs-boston.org/
MassBay Community College	https://www.massbay.edu/

Workforce Development Youth and Young Adult Programs**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

No

Program Description

The Workforce Development Youth & Young Adult Programs at Boston Children's Hospital, understands the importance of nurturing the next generation of talent. Our youth and young adult program focuses on providing enriching career exploration opportunities for individuals seeking internships and entry-level positions. With a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, we collaborate with community organizations to offer programs tailored to the unique needs and aspirations of young individuals. Through these initiatives, we aim to inspire and empower youth to pursue fulfilling careers in healthcare and beyond. During FY23, the Workforce Development Team engaged in the following programs: Aspire Program, Building Careers in Health STEM, Bunker Hill Community College Earn & Learn Internship Program, COACH Internship Program, Cristo Rey High School Work-Study Program Goal, JVS Transitions to Work, Madison Park Dental Assistant Externship Program, and Madison Park Opportunity Employment Program.

Program Hashtags

Mentorship/Career Training/Internship,

Program Contact Information

Florette Louissaint, Human Resources, 401 Park Drive, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02115, 617-919-3626

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Building Careers in Health STEM: Offer Annual BCH STEM Week (Building Careers in Health & STEM) in partnership with Office of Health Equity & Inclusion. Program & Build a pipeline of diverse, qualified health professionals into Boston Children's.	Ongoing. Hybrid winter break career exploration program hosted over 80 students over the past three years. 34 Program high school students participated in the 3-day Hybrid winter break career exploration program	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
COACH Internship Program: Bolster the college preparatory component of the program to encourage students to enter into higher education after high school.	Ongoing. Several workshops are offered each summer to help encourage students to pursue academics. Including our Financial Aid workshop with Harvard Credit Union.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
COACH Internship Program: Increase career exploration programming for interns and alumni	Ongoing. The team continuously conducts outreach to alumni and provide shadow opportunities to interns. In FY24, launched Extended summer internship program where interns start their internship experience in April part-time before transitioning to summer only.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
COACH Internship Program: Offer summer job opportunities to Boston youth.	Ongoing. In FY24, we offered our 17th year of the coach program with 35 College Interns and 61 High School Interns. In FY25, we plan to offer 50 College and 60 High School Interns.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1
JVS Transitions to Work: Host Transitions to Work interns to address the employment opportunity gap facing young adults with disabilities	Completed. Hosted 4 interns, 4 successfully completed the program	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

EOHHS Focus Issues**DoN Health Priorities****Health Issues****Target Populations**

N/A,

Education, Employment,

Social Determinants of Health-Education/Learning,

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts, Boston,
- **Environments Served:** Urban,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Teenagers,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Service Center	https://bostonabcd.org/location/parkerhill-fenway-nsc/
Boston Private Industry Council	https://bostonpic.org/
Project Success	https://dicp.hms.harvard.edu/dicp-programs/k-12/high-school-programs/project-success
Sociedad Latina	https://www.sociedadlatina.org/
Waltham High School/Waltham Partnership for Youth	https://walthampartnershipforyouth.org/

Young Parents Program**Program Type**

Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions

Program is part of a grant or funding provided to an outside organization

No

Program Description

The Young Parents Program (YPP), a specialty clinic within Boston Children's Hospital's Primary Care Center, was launched in 1980 to provide comprehensive medical care, mental health services and advocacy to high risk, inner city teen parents and their young children through a teen-tot model. In addition to receiving primary care, all program participants receive individual health care education, mental health care, case management and referrals to community services.

Program Hashtags

Community Education, Health Screening, Support Group,

Program Contact Information

Kathleen Conroy, MD, MSc, Associate Director of Primary Care, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave, Boston, MA 02120, 617-355-7701

Program Goals:

Goal Description	Goal Status	Goal Type	Time Frame
Improve individual team members' knowledge of and comfort with discussing race and identify.	In progress. We created a racial equity working group which meets monthly to (1) focus on better understanding our own racial identities and increase comfort in recognizing and avoiding micro and macroaggressions; (2) spreading this individual level work through modeling these discussions monthly in staff meeting, and (3) performing policy reviews to understand implications of policies on racial equity. Each month we pose a question that promotes self-reflection on race and have a willing staff member	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

	report out on their answer to model this reflection. In addition, we have reviewed a key new policy over the last year.		
Expanding work on executive functioning skills in toddlers.	In progress. We have measured the executive function skills of 90 toddlers in our practice, determining that average EF skills in our population are slightly below national norms. We have designed a parent-facing module on promoting EF skills in toddlers, and have had enthusiastic response from providers engaged in the study. To date, our study demonstrates improvement in EF skills among toddlers who received the intervention. We are testing this now using a randomized controlled trial.	Process Goal	Year 2024 of 1

N/A.

Education, Social Environment,

Access to Health Care, Maternal/Child Health-Family Planning, Maternal/Child Health-Parenting Skills, Maternal/Child Health-Reproductive and Maternal Health. Other: Family Planning. Other: Parenting Skills. Other: Pregnancy.

- **Regions Served:** All Massachusetts,
- **Environments Served:** All,
- **Gender:** All,
- **Age Group:** Adult-Young,
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All,
- **Language:** All,
- **Additional Target Population Status:** Not Specified

Partners:

Partner Name and Description	Partner Website
Adolescent Reproductive Health Services at Brigham and Women's Hospital	https://www.bwh.harvard.edu/obgyn-obstetrics-and-gynecology/
Healthy Baby/Healthy Child program at the Boston Public Health Commission	https://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/childrens-health/healthy-baby-healthy-child/Pages/Healthy-Baby-Healthy-Child.aspx
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	https://www.bidmc.org/centers-and-departments/obstetrics-and-gynecology

Expenditures

Total CB Program Expenditure			\$106,716,136.37
CB Expenditures by Program Type	Total Amount	Subtotal Provided to Outside Organizations (Grant/Other Funding)	
Direct Clinical Services	Not Specified	Not Specified	
Community-Clinical Linkages	Not Specified	Not Specified	
Total Population or Community-Wide Interventions	\$105,191,824.08	\$12,106,620.56	
Access/Coverage Supports	Not Specified	Not Specified	
Infrastructure to Support CB Collaborations Across Institutions	\$1,524,312.29	Not Specified	
CB Expenditures by Health Need	Total Amount		
Chronic Disease with a Focus on Cancer, Heart Disease, and Diabetes	\$1,028,256.43		
Mental Health/Mental Illness	\$47,078,111.69		
Housing/Homelessness	\$433,319.36		
Substance Use	Not Specified		
Additional Health Needs Identified by the Community	\$58,176,448.89		

Other Leveraged Resources	\$3,160,603.29
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Net Charity Care Expenditures	Total Amount
HSN Assessment	\$5,835,131.00
HSN Denied Claims	\$3,770,415.89
Free/Discount Care	\$3,069,807.22
Total Net Charity Care	\$12,675,354.11

Total CB Expenditures:	\$122,552,093.77
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Additional Information	Total Amount
Net Patient Service Revenue:	\$1,931,307,935.00
CB Expenditure as Percentage of Net Patient Services Revenue:	6.35%
Approved CB Program Budget for FY2025:	\$122,522,093.00

(*Excluding expenditures that cannot be projected at the time of the report.)

Comments (Optional):	In FY2025, we are looking to spend roughly the same amount as FY2024.
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Optional Information

Hospital Publication Describing CB Initiatives:	Not Specified
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Bad Debt:	\$53,754,898.00
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Bad Debt Certification:	Certified
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In FY24, Boston Children's made 3 new community investments totaling \$2.45M in partnership with the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation. These investments are part of the hospital's larger \$10M endowment commitment in community investment. Details of these investments are found in the narrative for "Collaboration for Community Health Special Initiatives." The Hospital continued its community engagement efforts: launched an externally facing website landing page; convened quarterly meetings of the Community Investment Advisory Committee; and convened monthly internal Anchor Institution Team meetings to coordinate efforts on community investment, purchasing, and workforce development.

Optional Supplement:

As part of its partnership work, the Boston Children's Hospital's Community Investment, Workforce Development, and Purchasing teams met with other healthcare organizations at the annual Healthcare Anchor Network Convening. Members of the Boston Children's Anchor Institution team alongside Boston Medical Center met with representatives from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services to discuss collaborative priorities. Anchor Team staff presented on the Community Investment and Sustainability efforts during a webinar hosted by the Office of Community Health. The Anchor Team reported on FY24 progress to the Health Care Anchor Network.