

Boston Community Health Collaborative Partner Newsletter

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Introducing the 2025-2028 Boston Community Health Improvement Plan

We are pleased to share the Boston Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)!

The plan is the result of a comprehensive citywide Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and a prioritization and planning process that began in May 2025. Through this process, more than **1,800 Boston residents** shared their perspective through a citywide survey, and **over 70 community members, organizational partners, and systems leaders** participated in conversations about what's working well and where stronger collaboration can help advance health and well-being across the city.

More than **60 community partners, including community-based organizations, health institutions, city agencies, public health, and resident leaders** came together to shape the development of shared priorities and actionable strategies grounded in community experience and data. Together, these insights informed the development of the CHIP's goals, objectives, and strategies, guiding efforts to improve health and wellbeing across Boston.

The plan emphasizes mutually-reinforcing efforts in four key priority areas:

- **Economic Mobility & Opportunity**
- **Access to Healthy & Affordable Foods**
- **Access to Care**
- **Housing**

The CHIP is intended to be a living **framework for action**, by supporting coordination, learning, and collaboration over the next several years, and will continue to evolve as implementation moves forward. We invite partners to explore the CHIP's priorities and identify where your existing work aligns, whether by

contributing to specific strategies, sharing expertise, or collaborating to help advance a priority area.

We are grateful to our consultant partner, [Health Resources in Action](#), for their partnership in supporting the CHIP planning process and the development of this report.

Explore the full 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment and the 2025-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan at: <http://www.boston.gov/bphc-bostonchna>.

CHIP In!: Take the Partnership Interest Survey and Connect to Help Shape CHIP Implementation

Are you or your organization interested in learning about the CHIP? Do you see connections between CHIP priority areas, strategies, and your current or planned work and want to strengthen connections with others across our city working to support healthy, thriving communities? We would love to hear from you!

The Partnership Interest Survey helps:

- Understand where partners see alignment with CHIP priorities
- Identify opportunities for collaboration, coordination, and learning
- Design convenings and supports that reflect partner capacity and interests

Whether you're ready to lead, collaborate, stay informed, or explore future alignment, we'd love to hear from you.

[Take the Survey Here!](#)

2025 Year in Review: Thank You for Your Partnership!

We want to extend our sincere thanks to the Boston Community Health Collaborative Partner Network for your collaboration and shared commitment in 2025 to advancing health equity across Boston. This year's work was grounded in elevating community voice and leadership, supporting shared learning, and strengthening connections across Boston.

Spotlights from 2025 include:

- **Community voice at the center:** Over 1,900 community members engaged through the Community Health Needs Assessment process, sharing priorities and insights that informed the Community Health Improvement Plan.
- **Bringing data into community spaces:** 6 community data gallery walks hosted across Boston to share findings from the CHNA process and create opportunities for dialogue.
- **Supporting aligned investments:** CHNA findings helped inform funding opportunities, including the [Live Long and Well Catalyst Program](#), that support community-identified priorities.

- **Informing the next generation of public health professionals:** The 2025 CHNA findings have served as a foundational resource for public health students at Northeastern University, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and Boston University School of Public Health to better understand Boston's community health landscape and priorities.

Thank you for being part of this collaborative effort! We look forward to working alongside you in 2026 to advance shared community priorities and support coordinated action across Boston.

The Boston Community Health Collaborative Team



Community Partner Spotlights & Opportunities

Register for the free program evaluation workshop by clicking the link or scanning the QR Code below: <https://tinyurl.com/data-BILH>

Program Evaluation Workshop: Practice Makes Permanent

In partnership with Data+Soul, BILH Community Benefits is offering the following workshop, open to anyone!

Practice Makes Permanent: Strengthening our practices of using data for learning
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
10:00-11:30 am ET

Do you find yourself wondering at the beginning of a new evaluation project: how will we ever make use of what we collect? Or perhaps you're at a project milestone, report in hand with rich, actionable insights, but you have little space to digest and learn from it alongside your team.

In this interactive workshop, we will explore what gets in the way of using data for learning and showcase creative strategies for building a practice and culture of learning, no matter where you are in your evaluation journey. Participants will have the chance to identify opportunities for using learning tools/activities that they can bring back to their home institutions.

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Articulate key audiences for evaluation and how those audiences use evaluation
- Identify one or more learning activities that they can incorporate into their practice

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The Voting Phase of Ideas in Action is now open!

From **January 15** to **February 15, 2026**, Boston residents can VOTE and decide on how **\$2.2 million in Participatory Budgeting** funds will be invested in community-driven projects across the City. Selected projects are a one-time, non-recurring investment, and their implementation will start in the spring of 2026.

Make your voice heard — vote for up to five (5) projects that will have the biggest impact on YOUR community!

1. Visit [Boston.gov/Participate](https://boston.gov/participate)
2. Get to know the ideas
3. Vote for up to 5 projects!

About the Boston Community Health Collaborative

The Boston Community Health Collaborative (BCHC) is a multi-sector collaboration of Boston health institutions, community organizations, and public health working in partnership with Boston communities to improve the health and well-being of Boston residents. Boston Public Health Commission serves as the central coordinating agency. Together, the BCHC strives to address public health challenges and support healthier communities.

Interested in learning more or getting involved in the 2025-2028 Community Health Improvement Plan?
Contact bostonchna@bphc.org



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