

Children's Hospital - FY2006

Summary Narratives

Community Benefits Mission Statement

Children's Hospital Boston uses its medical expertise to help ensure that children can access services, preventable harm is eliminated, families and communities are better able to care for their children, and public policy benefits children.

Program Organization and Management

Children's management includes the Board of Trustees, Board Committee for Community Health (a subcommittee of the hospital board), Community Advisory Board, (CAB) and Office of Child Advocacy (OCA). The Board of Trustees ultimately is responsible for the successful operational and financial viability of the hospital. The Board Committee for Community Health makes recommendations to the Board and monitors outcomes of community programs. The CAB advises OCA around program design and implementation. OCA is charged with developing and implementing the hospital's community health mission strategy.

Key Collaborations and Partnerships

Boston Public Health Commission
Boston YMCA
Bowdoin Street Community Health Center
Dimock Community Health Center
Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center
Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center
Sidney Borum Jr. Health Center
South Cove Community Health Center
Southern Jamaica Plain Community Health Center

Community Health Needs Assessment

Annually, Children's reviews public health data to track prevalence, incidence, and changes in health status of children locally and statewide. The hospital takes a regular reading of community health needs through its programmatic partners and through its Community Advisory Board. Within the hospital community health team, program staff interacts with children and families to understand health needs. All these activities regularly reinforce the more evidence-based information obtained through a bi-annual, formal, in-depth community needs assessment.

Community Benefits Plan

To help children lead healthy, safe, and active lives, Children's addresses the issues of asthma, obesity, injury prevention, and mental health through coordinated initiatives. By partnering with the community to merge a medical model with a public health model of care, the hospital is able to provide and support a range of services. The hospital has focused on Boston where it has affiliations with health centers and community partnerships. This model aims to achieve long-term outcomes: coordination within the systems of care, the ability to treat "the whole child," and the ability to track and measure improvements in child health.

Key Accomplishments of Reporting Year

- The Community Asthma Initiative identified 197 children to participate in case management and 104 were enrolled; 66 families received home visits.
- Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnerships provided 3,447 children with mental health services; 1,135 received direct treatment and 2,312 participated in prevention activities.
- Injury Prevention distributed 1,200 helmets and 109 car seats. Staff participated in 26 community events to reach an estimated 1,085 parents and 1,740 children.
- Fitness in the City supported 118 children through case management programs at 8 community health centers. 52 children attended Body by Brandy's gym and 243 received assistance to access physical activities.

Plans for Next Reporting Year

- Provide a comprehensive asthma program that improves access to asthma services for children, promotes healthy home environments, and improves asthma knowledge among children and families.
- Increase access to mental health care and services for unserved and underserved children and families.
- Work on the coordination of all injury prevention programs to share services, lessons learned, and evaluation plans.
- Continue to identify best practices in fitness and nutrition and provide multidisciplinary medical, nutritional, and physical education to youth.

Select Community Benefits Programs

Injury Prevention Program

Brief Description or Objective	The Injury Prevention Program distributes car seats and bicycle helmets to families in need and carries out groundbreaking work in bringing the injury prevention message directly into homes in low-income communities in the Boston area.
Program Type	Community Benefits Planning Process, Community Education, Community Health Needs Assessment, Community Participation/Capacity Building Initiative, Health Professional/Staff Training, Health Screening, Healthy Communities Partnership, Outreach to Underserved, Prevention, School/Health Center Partnership, Support Group
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regions Served:Boston-Jamaica Plain• Health Indicator:Injury and Violence, Other: First Aid/ACLS/CPR, Other: Public Safety, Other: Safety, Other: Safety - Auto/Passenger, Other: Safety - Home, Other: Safety - Sports• Sex:All• Age Group:Adult-Young, All Children, Child-Infant, Child-Preschool, Child-Primary School, Child-Teen, Child-Toddler• Ethnic Group:American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander• Language:Cambodian , Cape Verdean Creole , Chinese , Haitian Creole , Hmong , Korean , Laotian , Other , Portuguese , Russian , Spanish , Vietnamese
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Injury Free Coalition for Kids(www.injuryfree.org)• Children's Hospital's Trauma Program• Children's Hospital Central Nervous System Injury Center• BuckleUpBoston!• Boston SafeKids Coalition• Boston Public Health Commission• Massachusetts Department of Public Health• Community Health Centers* Martha Eliot Health Center* Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center* Brookside Community Health Center()• Jamaica Plain ABCD Head Start• City Life Urbana• Committee for Boston Public Housing• Jamaica Plain Coalition, Tree of Life

- The Hyde Square Task Force
- Boston Public Schools
- Boston Housing Authority
- Bikes Not Bombs
- Associated Early Care & Education
- MSPCC
- Boston Building Materials Co-op

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Detailed Description

Not Specified

Asthma Program

Brief Description or Objective

To improve the self-management of asthma by children and their families.

- *Provider support (primary care and school nurses)
- *The Boston Action Games, Swim, and Camp programs.
- *Community education forums

Program Type

Community Benefits Planning Process, Community Education, Community Health Needs Assessment, Community Participation/Capacity Building Initiative, Direct Services, Health Professional/Staff Training, Health Screening, Healthy Communities Partnership, Mentorship/Career Training/Internship, Outreach to Underserved, Prevention, School/Health Center Partnership

Target Population

- **Regions Served:**Boston, Boston-Allston, Boston-Brighton, Boston-Dorchester, Boston-Jamaica Plain, Boston-Roxbury, Boston-South End
- **Health Indicator:**Other: Asthma/Allergies, Physical Activity
- **Sex:**All
- **Age Group:**Adult- Young, All Children
- **Ethnic Group:**American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- **Language:**Cambodian , Cape Verdean Creole , Chinese , Haitian Creole , Hmong , Korean , Laotian , Other , Portuguese , Russian , Spanish , Vietnamese

Partners

- Boston Urban Coalition
- Boston Public Health Commission
- Various Community Health Centers
- Boston Public School
- Boston Community Centers
- Project Health
- Boston STEPS Coalition
- Greater Boston YMCA
- Roxbury Branch-YMCA

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Detailed Description Not Specified

Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnerships (CHNP) and Jamaica Plain Children's Mental Health Network (JP Network)

Brief Description or Objective To promote children's social, emotional, and behavioral health and establish long-standing resources for children, families, and their communities.

Program Type School/Health Center Partnership

Target Population

- **Regions Served:** Boston, Boston-Dorchester, Boston-Fenway Kenmore, Boston-Jamaica Plain, Boston-Roslindale, Boston-Roxbury, Boston-South End, Boston-West Roxbury
- **Health Indicator:** Injury and Violence, Mental Health, Other: Education/Learning Issues, Other: Parenting Skills, Other: Stress Management
- **Sex:** All
- **Age Group:** Adult- Young, All Children
- **Ethnic Group:** American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
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Partners

- Children's Hospital Department of Psychiatry
- Boston Arts Academy
- Boston Latin School
- Charles Sumner Elementary School
- English High School
- John Marshall Elementary School
- Parent professional Advocacy League (PAL)
- John McCormack Middle School
- Manville School
- Newton South High School
- Patrick Lyndon Pilot School
- Richard Murphy Elementary School
- Sarah Greenwood School
- South Boston High School
- Martha Eliot Health Center
- Judge Baker Children's Center
- South Cove Community Health Center
- Vinfen
- Project ASPIRE
- Dimock Community Health Center
- Boston ABCD
- Boston Public Schools
- Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Boston
- The Boston Ballet School

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Detailed Description Not Specified

One Step Ahead

Brief Description or Objective The program offers individualized, culturally appropriate nutrition and physical activity education aimed at breaking down barriers to behavior change, encouraging improved diet quality and physical activity patterns, and reducing chronic disease risk among racial and ethnic minorities.

Program Type Community Benefits Planning Process, Community Education, Community Health Needs Assessment, Community Participation/Capacity Building Initiative, Direct Services, Health Professional/Staff Training, Health Screening, Outreach to Underserved, Prevention, School/Health Center Partnership, Support Group

Target Population

- **Regions Served:** Boston
- **Health Indicator:** Other: Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity, Physical Activity
- **Sex:** All
- **Age Group:** Adult- Young, Child-Preschool, Child-Primary School, Child-Teen, Child-Toddler
- **Ethnic Group:** American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
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Partners Not Specified

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Detailed Description Not Specified

I'm In Charge (InC)

Brief Description or Objective To reduce the number of children in Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, and Boston who are overweight or obese.

Program Type Community Benefits Planning Process, Community Education, Community Health Needs Assessment, Community Participation/Capacity Building Initiative, Direct Services, Health Professional/Staff Training, Healthy Communities Partnership, Outreach to Underserved, Prevention, School/Health Center Partnership, Support Group

Target Population

- **Regions Served:** Boston-Dorchester, Boston-Jamaica Plain, Boston-Roxbury
- **Health Indicator:** Other: Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity, Physical Activity
- **Sex:** All
- **Age Group:** Adult- Young, Child-Primary School, Child-Teen
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Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pilot program at Martha Eliot Health Center -YMCA
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Detailed Description	Not Specified

Program Type	Estimated Total Expenditures for FY2006	Approved Program Budget for 2007
Community Benefits Programs	<u>Direct Expenses</u> \$24,258,381 <u>Associated Expenses</u> \$0 <u>Determination of Need Expenditures</u> \$181,598 <u>Employee Volunteerism</u> \$0 <u>Other Leveraged Resources</u> \$2,118,199	Not Specified <small>* Excluding expenditures that cannot be projected at the time of the report.</small>
Community Service Programs	<u>Direct Expenses</u> \$2,135,218 <u>Associated Expenses</u> \$0 <u>Determination of Need Expenditures</u> \$75,000 <u>Employee Volunteerism</u> \$0 <u>Other Leveraged Resources</u> \$1,112,101	
Net Charity Care	\$5,635,983	
Corporate Sponsorships	\$146,615	
	Total Expenditures \$35,663,095	

Total Patient Care-Related Expenses for FY2006	\$649,196,066
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Comments: Approved Program Budget for 2007: Children's Hospital Boston plans to either maintain or expand all of the initiatives outlined in this report in FY07.