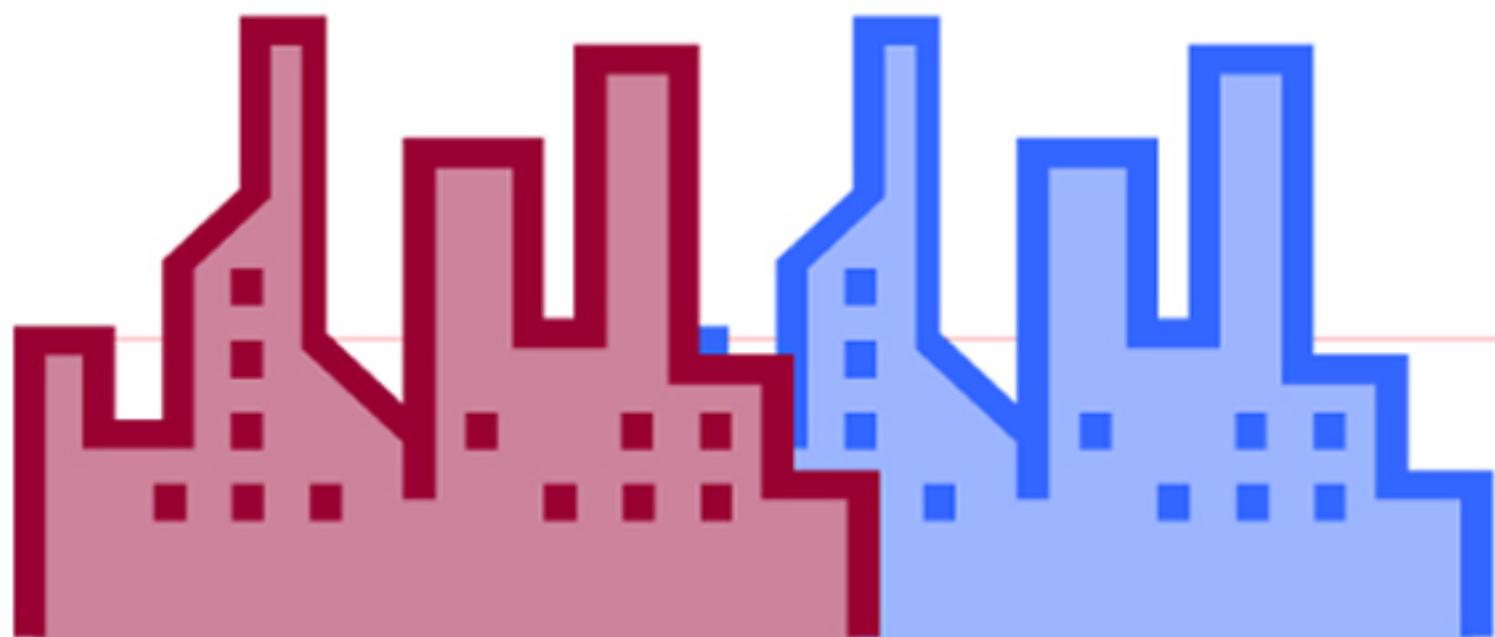


# COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE



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**Boston Centers for Youth & Families****1483 Tremont Street****Boston, MA 02120****Telephone: 617-635-4920 - Fax: 617-635-4524****Email: [BCYF@cityofboston.gov](mailto:BCYF@cityofboston.gov)****[www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF](http://www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF)**

The Mission of Boston Centers for Youth and Families is to enhance the quality of life for Boston residents by partnering with community center councils, agencies and business to support children youth individuals and families through a wide range of comprehensive programs and services according to neighborhood needs.

**Contact:** Varies by center, see Services description below for contacts.

**Services:** Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the main administrative office for the various adult education classes provided by the City of Boston in neighborhoods throughout the City.

Individual BCYF centers.

***Centers offering Adult Education, Adult Basic Education, and/or Adult Literacy Programs*****Jackson/Mann Community Center**

500 Cambridge St., Allston 617-635-5153

Contact John Vitale

**Charlestown Community Center**

255 Medford St., Charlestown 617-635-5169

Contact Maryanne Wren

**Grove Hall Community Center**

51 Geneva Ave., Dorchester 617-635-1484

Contact Aidee Pomades

**Perkins Community Center**

155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 617-635-5146

Contact Troy Smith

**Hyde Park Community Center**

1179 River St., Hyde Park 617-635-5178

Contact Winston Lloyd

**Curtis Hall Community Center**

20 South St., Jamaica Plain 617-635-5193

Contact Jeanette Ayala

**Roslindale Community Center**

6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale 617-635-5185

Contact Johnnie Kind ell

**Vine St. Community Center**

339 Dudley St., Roxbury 617-635-1285

Contact Louise Sowers

**Shelburne Community Center**

2730 Washington St, Roxbury 617-635-5213

Contact Warren Chase

**Condon Community Center**

200 D St., S. Boston 617-635-5100

Contact Judy Ryan

**Ohrenberger Community Center**

175 W. Boundary Rd., W. Roxbury 617-635-5183

Contact Judie Mercer

***Centers offering GED classes***

*GED testing is available in various neighborhoods in the City of Boston throughout the academic year. Call for registration information.*

Jackson/Mann Community Center  
500 Cambridge St., Allston 617-635-5153  
Contact John Vitale

Grove Hall Community Center  
51 Geneva Ave., Dorchester 617-635-1484  
Contact Aidee Pomades

Perkins Community Center  
155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 617-635-5146  
Contact: Troy Smith

Shelburne Community Center  
2730 Washington St, Roxbury 617-635-5213  
Contact Warren Chase

Condon Community Center  
200 D St., S. Boston 617-635-5100  
Contact Judy Ryan

### ***Centers offering ESOL classes***

Jackson/Mann Community Center  
500 Cambridge St., Allston 617-635-5153  
Contact John Vitale

Perkins Community Center  
155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 617-635-5146  
Contact: Troy Smith

***Centers offering Computer/Other Classes***  
*BCYF offers a variety of computer classes and open access hours in Computer Learning Center Labs throughout the City. Access is available for all ages with a reasonably-priced valid BCYF membership card. Special classes and programs are offered at reasonable rates.*

Charlestown Community Center  
255 Medford St., Charlestown 617-635-5169  
Contact Maryanne Wren

Curtis Hall Community Center

20 South St., Jamaica Plain 617-635-5193  
Contact Jeanette Ayala

Roslindale Community Center  
6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale 617-635-5185  
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Contact Judy Ryan

### ***Boston Center for Youth and Families Key initiatives:***

- ACES (Arts, Character, Education & Sports), BCYF's new core program strategy, is designed to provide quality and consistency across programming citywide, while also adapting to meet the specific interests and needs of individual communities through arts, character, education and sports programming.

#### ***The GIRLS Initiative***

(Growth, Intervention, Respect, Leadership & Support for girls) is designed to expand the BCYF programs, services and opportunities available to Boston's girls, prioritizing girls most in need - girls living in public housing, gang-involved girls and disconnected girls. The GIRLS Initiative also includes the "No More Drama," girls' violence-free summer campaign.

**The Grove Hall/North Dorchester Family Opportunity Network (FON)** is collaboration, led by BCYF and funded by Boston Connects, Inc. to serve families and individuals residing in the Grove Hall and

North Dorchester neighborhoods of the Boston Empowerment Zone. FON works to remove barriers to "economic self-sufficiency" and support individuals in obtaining and maintaining Living Wage Jobs.

Through the Hubs Initiative, BCYF is working to establish our community centers as neighborhood hubs for programming, services and resources. By working with community non-profits and other City of Boston departments, we are bringing new services and resources to our community centers including elder support services, home buying classes and workshops and the Animal Control Spay Wagon as well as a variety of basic city services.

***The BCYF Street worker Program*** has been hailed as one of the most effective youth prevention and early intervention services provided to Boston's youth. Initiated in 1990, the program has received national and international praise. The goal of the program is to connect "hard-to-reach" youth to needed services and resources through direct, targeted street outreach

## **Boston Public Health Commission**

[www.bphc.org](http://www.bphc.org)

Our mission is to protect, promote, and preserve the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly the most vulnerable.

We strive to fulfill our mission through a wide range of health initiatives that target preventable disease and injury. Through the years, public health has made great strides when it comes to infant mortality, childhood immunization, cancer, heart disease, and

tuberculosis, to name a few. But there is still work to do. These days of economic stress and fear of new and unknown viruses and disease have reminded many of the importance of a sound public health system. Public health is here for the city of Boston, now more than ever.

***Key initiatives:*** The Addictions Prevention Treatment and Recovery Support Services set the direction and priorities for the City's addiction services, to restore health, sustain recovery, and support reintegration and active participation into family life for the residents of Boston ravaged by substance abuse. , advocacy, harm reduction and treatment to serve the needs for highly vulnerable populations in the City of Boston.

***Community Prevention*** Services utilizes partnerships with neighborhood-level coalitions to increase knowledge and awareness of substance abuse, to address environmental barriers to risk reduction and treatment, and to build long-term capacity within Boston neighborhoods for addressing substance abuse.

### ***No Drug Coalitions***

The No Drug Initiative funds fifteen coalitions to carry out substance abuse prevention activities in local communities. No Drug Coalitions are active in the following communities: Allston-Brighton, Charlestown, Chinatown, Dorchester, East Boston, East Dunmore, Grove Hall, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, the North End, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, the South End. Contact: Devin Larkin at [dlarkin@bphc.org](mailto:dlarkin@bphc.org).

### ***Opiates Overdose Prevention***

The Opiates Overdose Prevention Project is a targeted initiative to reduce unintentional

fatal and nonfatal opiates overdoses in. The Neighborhood Coalitions working on this project are the South End Healthy Boston Coalition, the Jamaica Plain/ Roxbury No Drug Coalition, the Charlestown Substance Abuse Coalition, and the South Boston Hope and Recovery Coalition.

### ***Underage Drinking Prevention***

The Environmental Strategies to Reduce Underage Drinking Project is a targeted initiative to reduce underage drinking in four neighborhoods. The Coalitions working on this project are the South Boston CAN Coalition, the Dorchester Substance Abuse Coalition, the Chinatown/Boston Asian YES Coalition, and the Allston-Brighton Substance Abuse Coalition

***The Opiates Treatment Program*** offers medically monitored treatment services for opiate addicted individuals, combining medical and pharmacological interventions with outpatient counseling and education.

***Acupuncture Treatment*** Services provides effective detoxification and relapse prevention for clients currently in substance abuse treatment who are looking to utilize additional supportive services.

***Entre Familia*** is a year-long residential addictions treatment program for Latina women and their children. Entre Familia engages partners, fathers, and extended family members in supporting each woman's recovery.

***Outpatient Counseling*** Services provide: evidence-based addiction treatment

***Specialized Outpatient Counseling*** Services include Drug Free Counseling, the Men's Health and Recovery Program, the

Mom's Project/MORE Program, and the Collaborative Center.

***School Based Health Centers (SBHC):*** The mission of the BPHC SBHC program is to provide easily accessible, culturally and developmentally appropriate health care services for Boston youth in their schools. Our services address the medical and social health problems that frequently interfere with academic success. Our SBHCs, satellites of Boston Medical Center, are currently located in 8 Boston Public High Schools. Our team includes a Nurse Practitioner, Mental Health Clinician, Health Educator and Health Coordinator/Administrative Assistant who work together to assure enrolled students have access to the information and services they need to remain healthy. Services available include:

***Medical:*** Preventive care, routine annual sports/employment physical exams, diagnosis and treatment of episodic illness (like strep throat); immunizations, chronic illness care (including asthma) and sexual/reproductive health education and management (including STI testing/treatment) are offered.

***Mental Health:*** Counseling is provided by Licensed Mental Health Counselors or Licensed Clinical Social Workers. The mental health clinician provides a range of clinical social work services to students and families including: Psychosocial assessment and case management for individuals or groups; intervention in crisis situations; provision of information, referral and resources for individual, family, and school personnel within the school and community. SBHC clinicians also work in partnership with schools in response to traumatic events that impact large numbers of students

through crisis intervention and group work as needed.

***Sexual Health/Reproductive Health:***

Sexual/Reproductive Health educators provide one-on-one counseling and classroom education to high school students including information on healthy bodies

***The Boston Area Health Education Center (BAHEC)*** aims to increase middle and high school students' awareness of health professions, and public health issues and concepts. Through its Youth to Health Careers (Y2HC) program, BAHEC provides academic enrichment, job shadowing, leadership training, and college preparation for middle and high school students. BAHEC is located on the Boston Medical Center campus.

***BAHEC offers multiple programs, including:***

1. Our Introduction to Community Health and Health Careers program is offered in school to 8th grade students at selected middle schools throughout Boston and after school to high school students at BAHEC.
2. Our Youth to Health Careers (Y2HC) Summer Enrichment Program is a 7-week intensive program for middle and high school students. Students take courses in math and science, as well as various public health topics. Participating students also have an internship in a medical or public health setting.
3. The Youth to Health Careers (Y2HC) Afterschool Program offers a combination of practical internships, projects, academic coaching, college preparation, and life skills training.
4. The BAHEC Youth Advisory Board (YAB) offers students a specific forum for participation and advocacy at both programmatic and organizational levels.

Members of the Youth Advisory Board work on planning, research, curriculum development, and outreach activities.

***The Peer Leadership Institute (PLI)*** trains and supports high school students to become role models and leaders who promote positive behavior change in their schools and communities, the program prepares young people to be peer leaders in health promotion and public health practice. The issues PLI focuses on include sexual health, substance abuse, and fitness and nutrition.

***Health CREW*** is a 15-month training program for men of color between the ages of 18 and 25. The mission of the Health Community Resources for Empowerment and Wellness (CREW) program is to address health disparities among African American and Latino males, empowering them to take control of their health by engaging in preventative practices, accessing health care services, advocating for their own health needs, and providing health education to peers in their communities, while pursuing their own health career goals. Participants complete a 9-month training component followed by a 6-month internship in a public health, community or hospital setting. CREW participants are paid a weekly stipend both during the training and in their internships.

***Training & Development (T&D)*** supports the Youth Development and Health Promotion programs by providing best practice public health education, training, and professional development for youth workers and young people. We ensure all youth related programming is reflective of health education standards of practice. T&D provides access and

referrals to promising practices and evidence-based health education resources and curricula to schools, community based organizations and parent organizations.

T&D provides information and resources specifically related to the advancement of young people's empowerment, leadership skill, advocacy, education and health issues and much more!

**Youth Development Network (YDN)** is a school-based case management program committed to reducing the rates of chronic absenteeism among Boston Public School (BPS) high school students. Inspired by the vision of Mayor Thomas M. Menno to meet the formative needs of youth, YDN seeks to increase healthy behaviors associated with successful school attendance and achievement. Youth Development Specialists (YDS) work with students and families to working toward reducing and preventing chronic absenteeism. YDN focuses on successful overall youth development and adopts its strategies from youth development best practices.

### ***Boston Healthy Start Initiative***

The mission of BHSI is to eliminate disparities in prenatal health by working in partnership with individuals, community-based agencies and government organizations. Our goal is to empower and build neighborhood support for Boston families by developing a partnership with service providers, to increase access to health services, and by establishing a forum where we can educate ourselves and speak out on our own behalf.

### **The Healthy Baby/Healthy Child Program (HBHC)**

**(617) 534-5832 or (800) 711-1180**

A community-based program designed to promote infant survival, positive birth outcomes, oral health, and family unity. The HBHC program provides home visiting to pregnant and parenting families with a child under age of five who reside in Boston. All services are free, voluntary, and confidential. Public health nurses, public health advocates, and social workers help prepare parents (via a strength-based model) for healthy deliveries and successful parenting within the scope of their own culture and language. Clients are linked to a range of services and health care facilities.

The HBHC program collaborates with community-based organizations; neighborhood health centers; hospitals; early intervention programs; certified home health care agencies; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition programs; and other social service agencies to ensure that clients receive holistic, surround-care services.

### ***SERVICES:***

- Health
- Oral Health
- Nutrition
- Prenatal Education
- Fetal Growth and Development
- Breastfeeding Counseling
- Family Planning
- Home Safety
- Injury Prevention
- Parenting Education
- Child Growth and Development
- Immunization
- Community Based Women's Health Groups
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Grief Counseling

### ***ELIGABILITY:***

- Are pregnant
- Have a child between the ages of birth to 5
- Live in the City of Boston
- Loss of a pregnancy after 20 weeks gestation
- Loss of a child - birth to 3 years of age

***INFORMATION, REFERRALS, AND ADVOCACY FOR SERVICES SUCH AS:***

- Primary Health Care
- Health Insurance
- Transitional Assistance
- Food Stamps
- Emergency Food
- WIC
- Fuel Assistance
- Housing search
- Child support
- Father's program
- Education
- Childcare services
- Early Intervention
- Parenting and Support Groups
- Mentoring Programs
- ESL and GED Classes
- Immigration Issues
- Legal Services
- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Workforce development
- Early Literacy

**Languages:**

- We speak English
- Hablamos Espanol
- Falamos Portuguese
- Waa Ku Hadalnaa Somali
- Nous Parlons Francais
- Nou Pale Kreyol

**HBHC SUBPROGRAMS AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES:*****Enhanced Prenatal Case Management***

This program is funded by Boston Healthy Start Initiative (BHSI). HBHC delivers enhanced prenatal case management to Black women and infants in the Boston Healthy Start Initiative (BHSI) project area: Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, South End, Hyde Park, and Jamaica Plain with the ultimate goal of eliminating disparities in prenatal health by reducing the Black infant mortality rate in Boston through individualized case management, care coordination, and referrals. For more information please contact **617 534-5832**

***HBHC Food Pantry*** The food pantry provides emergency food assistance to Boston residents. Hours of operation are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For more information, please contact **617 534-2032**. The food pantry is also a member of the Project Bread Food Source Hotline, which coordinates and provides referrals for the general public. Please contact **1-800-645-8333** for a referral.

***Partners in Parenting (P.I.P.)*** Partners in Parenting are a mentoring program that offers parenting support to pregnant and parenting women. Clients are connected with volunteer "partners" from their community who serve as mentors, advocates, and community liaisons. The partners encourage individual empowerment, provide peer leadership, and support the women in their goal of self-sufficiency and decreasing social isolation. For more information, please **contact 617 534-5832**

***Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)*** The Family Summer Enrichment Program is a diverse program operated one day per week for seven weeks from July through August. The program offers enriching recreational and learning activities to families who receive services from the HBHC program. The goal is to reduce social isolation, provide education, and expose families to activities they may otherwise be unable to participate in. For more information, please contact **617 534-5832**

***Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Program*** HBHC collaborates with the Massachusetts Center for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome/The Massachusetts Center for Infant and Child Death Bereavement Program, located at the Boston Medical Center. HBHC nurses and social workers are

trained by the Center. They provide services in the home to women who have experienced a SIDS death. They provide bereavement counseling, information, and linkage to parents support groups for families in Boston whose babies and young children (0-3 years) have died suddenly and unexpectedly. The services are available up to one year after the death.

**Women Circles** HBHC provides spring and fall community-based health, social, and educational sessions to women and their families. These sessions are designed to decrease social isolation and to promote community awareness, health and mobilization in an informal and safe environment held at various locations throughout Boston. It is also an avenue for networking, collaboration, and sharing resources. For more information, please **contact 617 534-5832**

The mission of the Domestic Violence Team is to increase awareness about domestic violence in the City of Boston and to support community efforts to address the problem. This mission is met primarily through the

**Boston Public Health Commission: Men's Health and Recovery Program**  
**774 Albany Street, 3rd Fl.**  
**Boston, MA 02118**  
**Telephone: 617-534-2185 - Fax: 617-534-2014**  
[www.bphc.org](http://www.bphc.org)

**Contact:** Intake

**Services:** Men's Health and Recovery is a short-term outpatient substance abuse counseling program with supportive case management for adult males in Boston, particularly men of color.

provision of education, training, and technical assistance for health and social service providers, educators, clergy, employers, criminal justice professionals and youth.

**The Family Justice Center (FJC)** of Boston fosters collaboration in service to victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. We provide a safe and welcoming environment where individuals and families benefit from the availability of services offered by diverse nonprofit and governmental partner organizations. We are committed to complementing and enhancing the health of victim service organizations throughout Boston. As a hub of cooperative activity, the FJC facilitates continuous learning and serves as a resource center for professional development. We strive to coordinate violence intervention and prevention services that are culturally responsive and accessible to all victims groups including Relapse Prevention, Spirituality, Men's Trauma, 12 Step, and Peer Leadership.

**Service hours:** Intake hours: M & Th: 10am - 3pm

The Program provides: Individual substance abuse counseling; Recovery support services; Medication assisted counseling (suboxone); Links to educational and vocational resources; Psycho-educational

**Requirements / Restrictions:** Must be a man 18 years of age or older, a resident of Boston or surrounding neighborhoods, have a history of substance abuse or active use with the intention of seeking treatment, and have insurance coverage. The staff can assist men in accessing insurance coverage

No methadone patients

**Cost:** No cost, insurance may be accessed

**Languages:** English (counseling & groups), Spanish (counseling & groups), Haitian Creole (case management),

### Massachusetts Violence Intervention Advocacy Program

[www.bphc.org/programs/cafh/violenceprevention/viap/](http://www.bphc.org/programs/cafh/violenceprevention/viap/)

The Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (VIAP) is unique in that it is both one unified state program and also three distinct programs at three hospitals in Massachusetts. VIAP serves communities through emergency departments at Boston Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Bay state Medical Center.

***VIAP's services are tiered to reflect levels of recovery and development. Clients successfully complete the program by moving through these tiers. The services covered under each tier are:***

1. Injury and recovery: Hospital care navigation and appointments, medical equipment needs, physical therapy, mental health, alcohol or substance abuse, state victim's compensation awards.
2. Basic Needs: Housing/relocation, transitional assistance/food, family and child support, legal advocacy and support.
3. Personal Development and Growth: Education assistance, job readiness training, employment assistance, counseling (individual and family).
4. Maintenance: Check-in, maintaining jobs and school, personal development.

Since 1989, TEENS ON TARGET (TNT) has been offering young people who live in neighborhoods with the highest rates of violence positive alternatives, and training them to play leadership roles in violence prevention efforts. With gun homicides as a leading cause of death for children in

California, we don't have a moment to waste.

TNT trains high school students and young adults called – Peer Educators – from neighborhoods with high levels of violence to present interactive violence prevention workshops to middle and high school students. The Peer Educators also work with community leaders and policy makers to develop solutions to violence.

Some of the Peer Educators are in wheelchairs from being shot, and most have experienced or are at great risk for experiencing violence first hand.

They undergo extensive twelve-week after-school training on how to educate their peers and speak about the impact of violence in their lives. Facilitated by staff, they continue to meet 2-3 times a week after school throughout the school year to support one another and continue their training. They also receive a monthly stipend for their work. For most, this is their first real job experience.

To date, over 900 young people have been trained to be Peer Educators. These young people have reached over 45,000 students in Oakland and Los Angeles with workshops that enable students to participate in making their lives, their neighborhoods and their communities more healthy and safe.

Youth ALIVE! Didn't just change my life. It saved my life. And now I want to do the same for my friends and my community. VIAP's additional programs:

### *Caught in the Crossfire*

prescription" for how to stay safe As soon as a young person is admitted to the hospital with a violence-related injury, hospital staff call in the Intervention Specialist, who arrives within one hour at the hospital room, helping the injured patient and his or her families and friends cope with the injury and start talking about alternatives to retaliation. The Intervention Specialist coordinates assistance from social services providers, probation officers, teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, hospital social workers, and other youth service professionals. This results in a network of wrap-around aid to the youth. The Intervention Specialist, on an ongoing basis, links the young person and his or her family with local resources that meet participants' basic needs and promote healthy, nonviolent lifestyles, such as:

#### ***Referring patients to the Caught in the Crossfire program***

- medical coverage and follow-up care
- educational programs
- job training programs
- employment opportunities
- counseling
- life skills training
- legal assistance
- recreational programs
- substance abuse intervention
- anger management classes
- safe housing

### **Youth Options Unlimited**

**7 Palmer St**

**Roxbury, MA 02119**

**(617) 541-2600**

<http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/yoboston/en/>

Youth Options Unlimited (Y.O.U.) is Boston's Youth Re-entry program providing a broad range of services to court-involved youth from 14 to 24 years of age. Located in Dudley Square, Y.O. Unlimited works with young people from every Boston neighborhood at our Center and within the community. In collaboration with our partner agencies, Y.O. Unlimited focuses on providing the following services:

- Intensive Case Management
- Development of Individual Service Plans for each youth
- Assistance, Referral, Placement to educational options
- Transitional Jobs programs and leading to employment opportunities

Now in its 8th year, Y.O. Unlimited (formerly Youth Opportunity Boston) continues its mission to empower and motivate young people so they may gain the education, employment, and career advancement to be successful in the workplace, in the community, and in their lives. A partnership of educators, law enforcement officials, and business and community leaders has come together to maximize the services necessary for the growth and success of Boston's young people.

Youth Options Unlimited is operated under the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services, a division of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

## Partnering Agencies

### The Hull Life Saving Museum (M.A.P.)

22 Drydock Avenue,  
Boston, MA  
(617) 443-1900  
[www.lifesavingmuseum.org/martimeapprenticeprogram.html](http://www.lifesavingmuseum.org/martimeapprenticeprogram.html)

The Hull Lifesaving Museum's Maritime Apprentice Program (MAP) is a Career Exploration program offering intensive, year-round training for young men and women in the custody of the Department of Youth Services.

*Moving Ahead Program* creates viable, entry-level employees for the vibrant Marine Trades industry in the Port of Boston. Caseworkers are invited to inquire about program openings. The Moving Ahead Program (MAP) is 14-week life skills and job readiness program for unemployed ex-offenders and other individuals with histories of substance abuse, homelessness, or mental illness. About 85% of MAP students have histories of incarceration or involvement with the courts.

MAP helps ex-offenders change their outlook and behavior, develop positive relationships, and identify long-term goals. The focus of MAP's job training is to help ex-offenders start on a career path, not just find a stop-gap job.

The Moving Ahead Program (MAP) is for people with histories of incarceration, homelessness, substance abuse, or mental illness who need help finding a meaningful job. MAP is especially interested in helping people who get little support from their family and community, and who face many barriers to employment.

The MAP program is free. There may be a waiting list. The Moving Ahead Program includes classes five days a week. The classes cover:

- resume writing
- interviewing skills
- how to behave in the workplace
- other social skills
- ESL and literacy instruction
- In addition to the classes, students get:
- a small stipend for basic living expenses
- treatment for substance abuse or other disorders
- free housing
- image consulting services and business clothing
- opportunities for internships

MAP runs a non-profit employment agency, Hire Power, to help its students find jobs after they finish the training program. Hire Power matches students with jobs, provides weekly follow-up, provides other support services, and helps employers get the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. MAP's housing counselors help students find permanent affordable housing. Housing services include referrals, applications for subsidized housing, direct financial support, budgeting, moving assistance, and other support services.

### Dorchester Youth Collaborative

1514 Dorchester Ave  
Dorchester, MA 02122  
(617) 288-1748

<http://dorchesteryouthcollaborative.org/>

The Dorchester Youth Collaborative is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual community based youth agency in the Fields Corner area of Dorchester. The agency's mission is to provide comprehensive services to high risk youth in the area, with a special emphasis on racially and linguistically isolated, low socio-economic,

youth for whom the more traditional social services have proven ineffective.

### **Mission Safe**

**1481 Tremont St  
Boston, MA 02120  
(617) 427-0377  
[www.missionsafe.org/](http://www.missionsafe.org/)**

Mission SAFE works with highly and proven at-risk youth and young adults from challenged situations and communities, working with them to gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed and thrive, not merely survive, and to be agents for positive change in their communities and the larger world.

We work primarily with youth from low-income communities, including youth from the following Boston neighborhoods: Mission Hill, Roxbury, lower Roxbury, Charlestown, south Dorchester and Mattapan. These youth and young adults (age 11-24) are often from single-head-of-household families, are struggling/failing in school, may have behavior issues or are disengaged, may have experienced or witnessed ongoing domestic or street violence, drug and alcohol abuse, poverty, court or gang involvement, mental or physical illness.

These youth are often not achieving their full potential. The participants we work with are diverse: black, white, Latino, Asian, female, male, encompassing various religions and sexual orientation. They also encompass a variety of talents, skills and interests.

### **Smart from the Start**

**66 Annunciation Rd  
Roxbury, MA 02120  
617-635-5030  
[www.smartfromthestartboston.org/](http://www.smartfromthestartboston.org/)**

Smart from the Start is a strengths-based family support, community engagement and

school readiness initiative that has as its mission to empower underserved families raising young children with the tools, resources and support they need, to break cycles of chronic school underachievement and generational poverty. Our programming is holistic, family and community driven, customized to fit the unique needs of each specific community, and reflects the rich cultural diversity of the populations we serve.

**Program Sites:** Dorchester, Mattapan, Charlestown, Jamaica Plain, South End, Roslindale and Lower Roxbury/Mission Hill. We reach several thousand more with our community unity initiative that places play-to-learn materials and information in local businesses and agencies families frequent.

### **Boston Public Schools Re Engagement Center:**

**Madison Park Complex\*  
55 Malcolm X Blvd.  
Roxbury, MA 02120  
[www.bostonpublicschools.org/school/re-engagement-center](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/school/re-engagement-center)**

The Re-Engagement Center provides support for struggling high school students, particularly former dropouts, and offers services to help students get back on track to graduation

**X-CEL, Inc.  
7 Glenvale Terrace, #2  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
617-522-2590**

**[www.x-celeducation.org/](http://www.x-celeducation.org/)**  
**Services:** The X-CEL School offers GED and College Prep classes at several sites in Roxbury and Dorchester. Most of the classes have "rolling admissions" so that students can begin at any time. This was done in part to make it possible for ex-offenders to begin

classes no matter when their incarceration ended. Classes are small and each student advances through the skill levels at his or her own pace.

Walk-ins are registered during class days and hours for the Evening GED classes at Log School and STRIVE/Ruggles.

Evening GED Class: M-W, 6:30pm-9pm  
STRIVE/Ruggles (inside Ruggles Station)  
150 Forsyth Street, Roxbury  
Call: 617-522-2590 for information.  
Orange line: Ruggles Station

Evening GED Class: Tu/Th, 6:30pm-9pm  
Log School Settlement House  
222 Bowdoin Street, Dorchester  
Call Baker Sandoval at 617-522-2590 for information.  
Bus: #15 or #17.

Morning GED Class: M-Th, 10am-12:30pm  
MissionWorks, Mission Hill  
Located at 39 Smith Street, 2nd floor, Roxbury  
Call Mirza Martinez at 617-879-1620 for next registration date.  
Orange line: Roxbury Crossing. Green line: Longwood.

Evening College prep classes: M/W, 6pm-9pm  
STRIVE/Ruggles (inside Ruggles Station)  
150 Forsyth Street, Roxbury.  
Call: 617-522-2590 for information and registration date.  
Orange line: Ruggles Station.

Morning College Prep Class: M/W, 10am-1pm  
MissionWorks, Mission Hill  
Located at 39 Smith Street, 2nd floor, Roxbury  
Call at 617-879-1620 for next registration

date.

Orange line: Roxbury Crossing. Green line: Longwood.

**Requirements / Restrictions:** Must be 18 or older. For GED: must be able to read at 3rd grade level. For College Prep: must have GED or High School Diploma.

**Languages:** All classes taught in English. English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

### **Notre dame Academy**

**200 Old Colony Ave,  
South Boston, MA 02127  
617-268-1912  
<http://www.ndecboston.org/>**

#### **Services:**

##### **Adult Basic Education (ABE)**

**ABE 1** offers instruction in basic reading to adult non-readers.

**ABE 2** offers instruction in writing, math, reading, and computer for students. After successfully completing the ABE program, students can choose to continue their education in a Pre-GED program provided the grade equivalency is appropriate. Pre-GED program offers instruction in reading, writing, English, math, and computer. This course of study prepares students to go on to the GED providing the grade equivalency is 9.0-12.0.

##### **Alternative High School Programs**

##### **General Educational Development (GED)**

This program prepares adult students working at the high school level to take the 5 GED tests in literature, writing, math, science, and social studies. The intense course of study sharpens critical thinking skills necessary to pass these tests.

For more information about these programs, please contact Anna Fernandez-Buehrens, 617-268-1912, x247.

### ***High School Diploma Program***

High School students can apply to the program by completing an interview and bringing a copy of their high school transcripts. This program is designed for students who need to finish credits for a full high school diploma.

To be eligible, a student must have earned enough credits to be considered a high school junior. Tuition is \$400.00 per class. Limited financial aid is available.

Courses include:

- Science: Biology, Earth Science  
Humanities: Art, World Religions, Life Skills
- Literature: World, British, American Social Studies: US History, World History Math: Geometry, Algebra II

Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 1:15 pm-3:15 pm and 3:15pm-5:15 pm, as needed for thirty-six weeks over two semesters.

Each course meets twice a week for two hours.

#### ***Contact:***

Case Manager, K. Toussaint Lacoste, at 617-268-1912, x239

Program Coordinator, Donna Pomponio, at 617-268-1912, x245 or via email at

### **College Bound Dorchester**

222 Bowdoin Street

Dorchester, MA 02122

Telephone: 617-506-5960

Fax: 617-474-1230

[www.collegebounddorchester.org](http://www.collegebounddorchester.org)

**Contact:** College Readiness Advisor

**Services:** College Bound Dorchester offers a College Connections program with an ESOL track.

The program, which operates both weekdays and during the weekends, is open to learners, aged 18 to 30 who have the ultimate goal of attaining their college degree. Enrolled students have access to a computer lab, academic advising, drop-in childcare, and referrals to other support services within both College Bound Dorchester and in the community.

Through high-quality instruction, the ESOL program equips English language learners with the skills needed to successfully navigate different systems and services and to serve as advocates for their families. Through four levels of ESOL instruction, students gain the English language proficiency required to take next steps academically, such as obtaining high school credentials and transitioning to college.

**Service Hours:** For information, call M- F: 9am - 5pm

**Waiting time:** 6 month wait period

**Languages:** English, Spanish, Portuguese, Cape Verdean, Creole, Cantonese

**Transportation:** Bus: #17 from Fields Corner or Andrew Station on Red line

### **Ecumenical Social Action Committee INC**

3313 Washington St

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

617-524-2555

[www.esacboston.org/](http://www.esacboston.org/)

ESAC is dedicated to ensuring the stability of neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for their most vulnerable residents. Valuing

innovation, collaboration, and prudent stewardship, ESAC creates healthy and sustainable solutions including:

- Foreclosure prevention programs
- Senior Home Repair
- Youth programs
- GED programs and advocacy
- Community Organizing

## Youth Advocacy Department

7 Palmer Street, Suite 302

Roxbury, MA 02119

Attorney in Charge: Cecely Reardon

617.445.7581 (p)

[www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/](http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/)

*The mission of the Youth Advocacy Division* is to ensure that every child in Massachusetts has access to zealous legal representation that incorporates a Youth Development Approach resulting in both legal and life success. Accordingly, YAD will lead, train, and support a diverse and collaborative juvenile defense bar across the state. Through individual representation and systemic advocacy, YAD also will partner with community organizations and local agencies to work toward creating safer and healthier communities.

Currently, the Youth Advocacy Division has offices in Fall River, Hyannis, Lowell, Quincy, Roxbury, Salem, Somerville, Springfield and Worcester. If you are in need of legal services or advice or are an attorney working with youth, please contact the YAD office nearest you.

YAD provides legal representation to young people facing delinquency and youthful offender proceedings. YAD's first priority is criminal defense, which it provides using a holistic approach. YAD combines social services with legal services to better represent clients and incorporates contributions from a team including:

- Defense attorneys
- Education attorneys
- Social workers
- Community outreach workers

### **Legal Representation**

The Youth Advocacy Division offers legal representation and advocacy to children under 17 years old who are charged as delinquents or youthful offenders. The Youth Advocacy Division provides these services at a number of stages, including:

- **Arraignment:** If a child has been arrested and must appear in court the next business day, the Youth Advocacy Division can be appointed to represent the child. If the child is being arraigned in Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, or West Roxbury Juvenile Courts, you may request that the Youth Advocacy Division be appointed to the case, even if we are not present at the time.
- **Summons to Court:** If a child receives notice in the mail that he or she must appear in court on a future date, either for arraignment or a hearing, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division to arrange for representation prior to appearing in court.
- **Probation Surrenders:** If a child receives notice in the mail that he or she must appear in court on a future date, either for arraignment or a hearing, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division to arrange for representation prior to appearing in court.
- **Warrant Removals:** If there is a warrant pending for a child, either for arrest or default, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division for assistance in removing the warrant.
- **Police Questioning:** If a child is wanted for police questioning, either as a potential defendant or witness, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division for legal representation or advice.

### Children's Law Center of Massachusetts

Ten Malcolm X Boulevard

Roxbury, MA 02119-1776

tel. (617) 989-8100

[Info@CLCM.org](mailto:Info@CLCM.org)

The mission of the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts is to promote and secure equal justice and to maximize opportunity for low-income children and youth by providing quality advocacy and legal services

The Law Center maintains a statewide phone helpline through which it logs 1200-1500 calls per year from parents, youth, attorneys, and helping professionals seeking assistance and guidance on legal matters that impact children. Information and referrals are provided through the helpline. The number is 1-888-KIDLAW8 (1-888-543-5298). The helpline is in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bilingual assistance is available. Issues routinely addressed through intake calls include, but are not limited to, children who are out of school or not receiving the educational services to which they are entitled under federal and state law; emancipation; immigration; rights of children who have "aged out" of foster care or other state human service systems; and, collateral consequences of juvenile court involvement.

**Services:**

- Education
- Care and Protection
- Child in need of services
- Juvenile Justice

**Trinity Boston Foundation**

**206 Clarendon St,  
Boston, MA 02116  
617.536.0944**

[www.trinityinspires.org/](http://www.trinityinspires.org/)

Trinity Boston Foundation's mission is to change the odds for Boston youth. We work to increase rates of high school graduation, college matriculation and completion, and to strengthen families and improve community health and safety. The Foundation offers several innovative programs that empower youth and their families, increase collaboration and coordination within the non-profit sector, and build public appetite and capacity to create positive, lasting, social change. We ground our work – with youth, families, non-profit partners, volunteers, and donors – in personal relationships that are holistic, values-based, and long-term

**Programs:**

- **TEEP (Trinity Education for Excellence Program)** is a six-year leadership development, character formation and college access program engaging 140 youth and their families.
- **Sole Train: Boston Runs Together** is a non-competitive running and mentoring program that builds a safe and inclusive community to support youth and mentors as they train for and complete a half-marathon. In 2012, 157 youth and 78 mentors have run with Sole Train.
- **Trinity Boston Counseling Center** offers spiritually informed and trauma-sensitive counseling and mentoring services primarily to youth, their families, and staff of youth-serving organizations. The Counseling Center will deliver more than 1,400 hours of clinical care in 2012.
- **Bostonians for Youth** seeks to eliminate youth violence and unlock opportunity for youth by generating resources for and increasing collaboration among youth-serving neighborhood-based non-profit organizations

**Partners:**

- Boston Ten Point Coalition
- Diamond Educators Mentoring

**Friends of:**

- Y.O.U.
- FUEL
- InnerCity Weightlifting
- Justice Resource Institute
- Louis D. Brown Peace Institute
- Roxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center
- Urban Improv.

**Project Right**

**320A Blue Hill Avenue  
Grove Hall MA 02121  
617-541-5454**

[www.projectright.org/](http://www.projectright.org/)

Project RIGHT promotes involvement in neighborhood stabilization and economic development within the community of Greater Grove Hall (Roxbury and North Dorchester). We train and support emerging leadership by providing an inclusive network for resident organizations to engage in community building efforts within Grove Hall.

**Youth Options Unlimited**

**7 Palmer St  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
(617) 541-2600**

[www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/yoboston/en/](http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/yoboston/en/)

Youth Options Unlimited (Y.O.U.) is Boston's Youth Re-entry program providing a broad range of services to court-involved youth from 14 to 24 years of age. Located in Dudley Square, Y.O. Unlimited works with young people from every Boston neighborhood at our Center and within the community. In collaboration with our partner agencies, Y.O. Unlimited focuses on providing the following services:

- Intensive Case Management
- Development of Individual Service Plans for each youth

- Assistance, Referral, Placement to educational options
- Transitional Jobs programs and leading to employment opportunities

Now in its 8th year, Y.O. Unlimited (formerly Youth Opportunity Boston) continues its mission to empower and motivate young people so they may gain the education, employment, and career advancement to be successful in the workplace, in the community, and in their lives. A partnership of educators, law enforcement officials, and business and community leaders has come together to maximize the services necessary for the growth and success of Boston's young people.

Youth Options Unlimited is operated under the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services, a division of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

**Youth Build Boston**

**27 Center St  
Roxbury, MA 02121  
617-445-8887**

[www.youthbuildboston.org/](http://www.youthbuildboston.org/)

**Description of Services:**

- 6-7 month training
- Workforce Development
- GED Training
- Occupational training certificates in OSHA, CPR First Aid and Preapproved certificate training
- Life skills training: Job Interviews, Resumes, Professional Behavior and additional soft skills
- Receive Stipend 300 for GED participant 150 for non GED program
- Build houses (see the fruits of your labor take life)
- Landscaping
- Community service
- DOL youth get Foodservices (Food stamp)

- GED program half class room half field work
- Strict attendance policy 4x late or absence and you are out of apprenticeship but are eligible for additional services
- Voucher GED
- 14-17 Architecture program
- 17-24 construction program
- DOL- court involved youth get 24-7 case worker
- 16-18 must be without GED
- Must be out of school
- Must have Social Security card
- Information sessions every Wednesday @ 1:30pm
- Must write an essay of why they want to be part of Youth Build
- DOL clients- can opt to meet directly with case worker
- Must take educational assessment to determine educational level
- Participants must have at least 6<sup>th</sup> grade education
- DOL may have at least 4<sup>th</sup> grade education
- Must have strong interest in construction
- Orientation 6 weeks
- Participants are eligible for AmeriCorps post secondary educational scholarship up to 2,500.00 for school upon completion of 600+ hours of program
- If clients are aging out of DYS may apply
- Youth must be out of court system no longer the 12 months

### The Healthy Baby/Healthy Child Program (HBHC)

35 Northampton St #5  
 Boston, MA 02118  
 (617) 534-5832  
[www.bphc.org/hbhc](http://www.bphc.org/hbhc)

A community-based program designed to promote infant survival, positive birth outcomes, oral health, and family unity. The HBHC program provides home visiting to pregnant and parenting families with a child under age of five who reside in Boston. All services are free, voluntary, and confidential. Public health nurses, public

health advocates, and social workers help prepare parents (via a strength-based model) for healthy deliveries and successful parenting within the scope of their own culture and language. Clients are linked to a range of services and health care facilities.

The HBHC program collaborates with community-based organizations; neighborhood health centers; hospitals; early intervention programs; certified home health care agencies; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition programs; and other social service agencies to ensure that clients receive holistic, surround-care services.

#### **SERVICES:**

- Health
- Oral Health
- Nutrition
- Prenatal Education
- Fetal Growth and Development
- Breastfeeding Counseling
- Family Planning
- Home Safety
- Injury Prevention
- Parenting Education
- Child Growth and Development
- Immunization
- Community Based Women's Health Groups
- Sudden Infant Death
- Syndrome (SIDS) Grief Counseling

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Are pregnant
- Have a child between the ages of birth to 5
- Live in the City of Boston
- Loss of a pregnancy after 20 weeks gestation
- Loss of a child - birth to 3 years of age

#### **INFORMATION, REFERRALS, AND ADVOCACY FOR SERVICES SUCH AS:**

- Primary Health Care
- Health Insurance
- Transitional Assistance
- Food Stamps
- Emergency Food
- WIC
- Fuel Assistance
- Housing search

- Child support
- Father's program
- Education
- Childcare services
- Early Intervention
- Parenting and Support Groups
- Mentoring Programs
- ESL and GED Classes
- Immigration Issues
- Legal Services
- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Workforce development
- Early Literacy

***Languages:***

- We speak English
- Hablamos Espanol
- Falamos Portuguese
- Waa Ku Hadalnaa Somali
- Nous Parlons Francais
- Nou Pale Kreyol

**HBHC SUBPROGRAMS  
AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES:**

***Enhanced Prenatal Case Management***

This program is funded by Boston Healthy Start Initiative (BHSI). HBHC delivers enhanced prenatal case management to Black women and infants in the Boston Healthy Start Initiative (BHSI) project area: Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, South End, Hyde Park, and Jamaica Plain with the ultimate goal of eliminating disparities in prenatal health by reducing the Black infant mortality rate in Boston through individualized case management, care coordination, and referrals. For more information please contact 617 534-5832

***HBHC Food Pantry*** The food pantry provides emergency food assistance to Boston residents. Hours of operation are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For more information, please contact 617 534-2032. The food pantry is also a member of the Project Bread Food Source Hotline, which coordinates and

provides referrals for the general public. Please contact 1-800-645-8333 for a referral.

***Partners in Parenting (P.I.P.)*** Partners in Parenting are a mentoring program that offers parenting support to pregnant and parenting women. Clients are connected with volunteer "partners" from their community who serve as mentors, advocates, and community liaisons. The partners encourage individual empowerment, provide peer leadership, and support the women in their goal of self-sufficiency and decreasing social isolation. For more information, please contact 617 534-5832

***Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)*** The Family Summer Enrichment Program is a diverse program operated one day per week for seven weeks from July through August. The program offers enriching recreational and learning activities to families who receive services from the HBHC program. The goal is to reduce social isolation, provide education, and expose families to activities they may otherwise be unable to participate in. For more information, please **contact 617 534-5832**

***Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Program*** HBHC collaborates with the Massachusetts Center for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome/The Massachusetts Center for Infant and Child Death Bereavement Program, located at the Boston Medical Center. HBHC nurses and social workers are trained by the Center. They provide services in the home to women who have experienced a SIDS death. They provide bereavement counseling, information, and linkage to parents support groups for families in Boston whose babies and young children (0-3 years) have died suddenly and

unexpectedly. The services are available up to one year after the death.

**Women Circles** HBHC provides spring and fall community-based health, social, and educational sessions to women and their families. These sessions are designed to decrease social isolation and to promote community awareness, health and mobilization in an informal and safe environment held at various locations throughout Boston. It is also an avenue for networking, collaboration, and sharing resources. For more information, please **contact 617 534-5832**

The mission of the Domestic Violence Team is to increase awareness about domestic violence in the City of Boston and to support community efforts to address the problem. This mission is met primarily through the provision of education, training, and technical assistance for health and social service providers, educators, clergy, employers, criminal justice professionals and youth.

**The Family Justice Center (FJC)** of Boston fosters collaboration in service to victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. We provide a safe and welcoming environment where individuals and families benefit from the availability of services offered by diverse nonprofit and governmental partner organizations. We are committed to complementing and enhancing the health of victim service organizations throughout Boston. As a hub of cooperative activity, the FJC facilitates continuous learning and serves as a resource center for professional development. We strive to coordinate violence intervention and prevention services that are culturally responsive and accessible to all victims groups including Relapse Prevention, Spirituality, Men's Trauma, 12 Step, and Peer Leadership.

**Service hours:** Intake hours: M & Th: 10am - 3pm

### **Roxbury Defenders**

**7 Palmer St Suite 302  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
617-445-7581  
[www.publiccounsel.net/](http://www.publiccounsel.net/)**

Massachusetts public defender agency had focused on representing adults in Superior Court. The agency, however, started to recognize the importance of representation in juvenile court in the 1980s with a one-person initiative, the Juvenile Law Advocacy Program (JLAP), spearheaded by Public Defender Jay Blitzman. The goal of the JLAP was to create a modest CPCS presence in the juvenile court and to develop training for the private bar. Blitzman began representing juveniles charged with homicide and met with juvenile defenders around the state.

YAD provides legal representation to young people facing delinquency and youthful offender proceedings. YAD's first priority is criminal defense, which it provides using a holistic approach. YAD combines social services with legal services to better represent clients and incorporates contributions from a team including:

- Defense attorneys
- Education attorneys
- Social workers
- Community outreach workers
- Legal Representation

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**Probation Surrenders:** If a child receives notice in the mail that he or she must appear in court on a future date, either for arraignment or a hearing, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division to arrange for representation prior to appearing in court.

**Warrant Removals:** If there is a warrant pending for a child, either for arrest or default, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division for assistance in removing the warrant.

**Police Questioning:** If a child is wanted for police questioning, either as a potential defendant or witness, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division for legal representation or advice. Consultation The Youth Advocacy Division can offer advice and consultation on general delinquency issues. Training the Youth Advocacy Division can offer training to staff, parents, youth, and community groups. The Youth Advocacy Division provides training on:

laws affecting juveniles, juvenile rights, and the Massachusetts juvenile justice system

### Catholic Charities /Saint Peters

**278 Bowdoin Street  
Dorchester, MA 02121  
(617) 282-3614  
[www.ccab.org/](http://www.ccab.org/)**

A program of Catholic Charities Greater Boston, the Teen Center at St. Peter's serves teens ages 15 to 19 from the Bowdoin/Geneva neighborhood of Dorchester. There are approximately 200 members of the Teen Center, with as many as 80 participating in educational or recreational activities daily.

Through the center, adolescents of the mid-Dorchester corridor are provided with work opportunities, have access to various support services, and have a safe place to recreate. Work and activities aim to provide the skills necessary for academic success, while also increasing self-esteem and enhancing the perception of teens as a positive force in the community.

Catholic Charities' Teen Center at St. Peter's is part of a unique collaboration with St. Peter's School and the Bowdoin Street After-School Program. The three programs, all housed in St. Peter's School, have worked together to serve the families of the Bowdoin Street neighborhood for five years.

#### **Programs and Activities**

Activities at the Teen Center begin at 4 p.m. with focus groups and homework help and continue into the evening with recreational activities.

**Homework Help:** Teens have a supervised time for homework, peer tutoring, and set times in the computer lab. School performance is reviewed and monitored.

**MCAS Preparation:** Specialized and remedial tutoring is provided twice a week

in math and English to prepare high school students for graduation requirements.

**College Preparation:** Tutoring is offered in both math and verbal skills to help with standardized tests. Workshops are provided on topics such as financial aid and application assistance. Tours of local colleges are arranged.

**Computer Literacy:** Classes focus on basic principles of word processing, spreadsheets, internet research, and web page design.

**Focus Groups:** A male and female focus group meets once a week to address adolescent developmental issues and the multiple challenges that confront youth today such as sexual activity, drugs/alcohol, family conflict, immigration issues and deportation, diversity and racism, gang participation, violence, and planning for the future.

**Economic Literacy:** These classes focus on managing money wisely. Teens set up a no cost bank account and learn to cut spending and increase savings.

**Teen Center Council:** Teens meet regularly to discuss pertinent issues affecting youth, seek resolution to conflict among members, and help develop and implement programs. Chosen leaders participate in the Teen Center Council and selected members will participate in the community's Youth Council.

**Performing Arts:** Artistic programming throughout the year includes classes in African Dance and expression through poetry and music.

**Outdoor Education:** In partnership with the Sierra Club, the Teen Center participates in hiking, canoeing, and overnight camping trips in all of the New England area.

**Recreational Activities:** Planned activities include sports, dances, fashion shows, tournaments, cultural activities, and special field trips.

**Youth Mediation:** Trained by the Attorney General's Office, teens help their peers resolve conflicts and disagreements without violence. This program offers students the skills needed to interact with each other at school, home, and in the community.

**Counselors in Training:** Counselors in Training are paid positions with job responsibilities in the St. Peter's after-school program and the Teen Center, working 10-15 hours a week. Counselors help with the supervision of youth, homework, arts and crafts, and other projects. Counselors in Training are expected to perform well in school and take advantage of the Teen Center's services.

**Community Service:** All teens have the opportunity to carry out supervised community service projects to increase their knowledge of the community and its needs, foster a sense of investment in their neighborhood, and develop positive values of service and contribution.

**Family Fun Night:** Events are held periodically offering games, cultural activities, and refreshments to involve members' families.

**Family Support:** Referrals for community services are offered to the families of participating teens in need of outreach, mediation, and other services.

## EDUCATION

### **Boston Centers for Youth & Families**

**1483 Tremont Street**

**Boston, MA 02120**

**Telephone: 617-635-4920 - Fax: 617-635-4524**

**Email: [BCYF@cityofboston.gov](mailto:BCYF@cityofboston.gov) - Web site:**

**[www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF](http://www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF)**

The Mission of Boston Centers for Youth and Families is to enhance the quality of life for Boston residents by partnering with community center councils, agencies and business to support children youth individuals and families through a wide

### ***Centers offering Adult Education, Adult Basic Education, and/or Adult Literacy Programs***

#### Jackson/Mann Community Center

500 Cambridge St., Allston 617-635-5153

Contact John Vitale

#### Charlestown Community Center

255 Medford St., Charlestown 617-635-5169

Contact Maryanne Wren

#### Grove Hall Community Center

51 Geneva Ave., Dorchester 617-635-1484

Contact Aidee Pomades

#### Perkins Community Center

155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 617-635-5146

Contact Troy Smith

#### Hyde Park Community Center

1179 River St., Hyde Park 617-635-5178

Contact Winston Lloyd

#### Curtis Hall Community Center

20 South St., Jamaica Plain 617-635-5193

Contact Jeanette Ayala

#### Roslindale Community Center

6 Cummins Highway, Roslindale 617-635-5185

Contact Johnnie Kind ell

#### Vine St. Community Center

339 Dudley St., Roxbury 617-635-1285

Contact Louise Sowers

#### Shelburne Community Center

2730 Washington St, Roxbury 617-635-5213

Contact Warren Chase

#### Condon Community Center

200 D St., S. Boston 617-635-5100

Contact Judy Ryan

#### Ohrenberger Community Center

175 W. Boundary Rd., W. Roxbury 617-635-5183

Contact Judie Mercer

### ***Centers offering GED classes***

*GED testing is available in various neighborhoods in the City of Boston throughout the academic year. Call for registration information.*

#### Jackson/Mann Community Center

500 Cambridge St., Allston 617-635-5153

Contact John Vitale

#### Grove Hall Community Center

51 Geneva Ave., Dorchester 617-635-1484

Contact Aidee Pomades

#### Perkins Community Center

155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester 617-635-5146

Contact: Troy Smith

#### Shelburne Community Center

2730 Washington St, Roxbury 617-635-5213

Contact Warren Chase

Condon Community Center

200 D St., S. Boston 617-635-5100

Contact Judy Ryan

**Boston Public Health Commission**

***The Boston Area Health Education Center (BAHEC)*** aims to increase middle and high school students' awareness of health professions, and public health issues and concepts. Through its Youth to Health Careers (Y2HC) program, BAHEC provides academic enrichment, job shadowing, leadership training, and college preparation for middle and high school students. BAHEC is located on the Boston Medical Center campus.

***BAHEC offers multiple programs, including:***

5. Our Introduction to Community Health and Health Careers program is offered in school to 8th grade students at selected middle schools throughout Boston and after school to high school students at BAHEC.
6. Our Youth to Health Careers (Y2HC) Summer Enrichment Program is a 7-week intensive program for middle and high school students. Students take courses in math and science, as well as various public health topics. Participating students also have an internship in a medical or public health setting.
7. The Youth to Health Careers (Y2HC) Afterschool Program offers a combination of practical internships, projects, academic

coaching, college preparation, and life skills training.

8. The BAHEC Youth Advisory Board (YAB) offers students a specific forum for participation and advocacy at both programmatic and organizational levels. Members of the Youth Advisory Board work on planning, research, curriculum development, and outreach activities.

***The Peer Leadership Institute (PLI)*** trains and supports high school students to become role models and leaders who promote positive behavior change in their schools and communities, the program prepares young people to be peer leaders in health promotion and public health practice. The issues PLI focuses on include sexual health, substance abuse, and fitness and nutrition.

***Health CREW*** is a 15-month training program for men of color between the ages of 18 and 25. The mission of the Health Community Resources for Empowerment and Wellness (CREW) program is to address health disparities among African American and Latino males, empowering them to take control of their health by engaging in preventative practices, accessing health care services, advocating for their own health needs, and providing health education to peers in their communities, while pursuing their own health career goals. Participants complete a 9-month training component followed by a 6-month internship in a public health, community or hospital setting. CREW participants are paid a weekly stipend both during the training and in their internships.

**Training & Development (T&D)** supports the Youth Development and Health Promotion programs by providing best practice public health education, training, and professional development for youth workers and young people. We ensure all youth related programming is reflective of health education standards of practice. T&D provides access and referrals to promising practices and evidence-based health education resources and curricula to schools, community based organizations and parent organizations.

T&D provides information and resources specifically related to the advancement of young people's empowerment, leadership skill, advocacy, education and health issues and much more!

**Youth Development Network (YDN)** is a school-based case management program committed to reducing the rates of chronic absenteeism among Boston Public School (BPS) high school students. Inspired by the vision of Mayor Thomas M. Menno to meet the formative needs of youth, YDN seeks to increase healthy behaviors associated with successful school attendance and achievement. Youth Development Specialists (YDS) work with students and families to working toward reducing and preventing chronic absenteeism. YDN focuses on successful overall youth development and adopts its strategies from youth development best practices.

### ***Boston Healthy Start Initiative***

The mission of BHSI is to eliminate disparities in prenatal health by working in partnership with individuals, community-based agencies and government organizations. Our goal is to empower and build neighborhood support for Boston families by developing a partnership with service providers, to increase access to

health services, and by establishing a forum where we can educate ourselves and speak out on our own behalf.

### **Re Engagement Center:**

**Madison Park Complex\***

**55 Malcolm X Blvd.**

**Roxbury, MA 02120**

**United States**

**[www.bostonpublicschools.org/school/re-engagement-center](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/school/re-engagement-center)**

The Re-Engagement Center provides support for struggling high school students, particularly former dropouts, and offers services to help students get back on track to graduation

### **X-CEL, Inc.**

**7 Glenvale Terrace, #2**

**Jamaica Plain, MA 02130**

**Telephone: 617-522-2590**

**Email: [x-cel@x-celeducation.org](mailto:x-cel@x-celeducation.org) - Web [www.x-celeducation.org](http://www.x-celeducation.org)**

**Services:** The X-CEL School offers GED and College Prep classes at several sites in Roxbury and Dorchester. Most of the classes have "rolling admissions" so that students can begin at any time. This was done in part to make it possible for ex-offenders to begin classes no matter when their incarceration ended. Classes are small and each student advances through the skill levels at his or her own pace.

Walk-ins are registered during class days and hours for the Evening GED classes at Log School and STRIVE/Ruggles.

Telephone for registration information for the MissionWorks GED and College Prep classes.

**Evening GED Class: M-W, 6:30pm-9pm**  
**STRIVE/Ruggles (inside Ruggles Station)**

150 Forsyth Street, Roxbury  
 Call: 617-522-2590 for information.  
 Orange line: Ruggles Station

Evening GED Class: Tu/Th, 6:30pm–9pm  
 Log School Settlement House  
 222 Bowdoin Street, Dorchester  
 Call Baker Sandoval at 617-522-2590 for information.  
 Bus: #15 or #17.

Morning GED Class: M-Th, 10am–12:30pm  
 MissionWorks, Mission Hill  
 Located at 39 Smith Street, 2nd floor, Roxbury  
 Call Mirza Martinez at 617-879-1620 for next registration date.  
 Orange line: Roxbury Crossing. Green line: Longwood.

Evening College prep classes: M/W, 6pm–9pm  
 STRIVE/Ruggles (inside Ruggles Station)  
 150 Forsyth Street, Roxbury.  
 Call: 617-522-2590 for information and registration date.  
 Orange line: Ruggles Station.

Morning College Prep Class: M/W, 10am–1pm  
 MissionWorks, Mission Hill  
 Located at 39 Smith Street, 2nd floor, Roxbury  
 Call at 617-879-1620 for next registration date.  
 Orange line: Roxbury Crossing. Green line: Longwood.

**Requirements / Restrictions:** Must be 18 or older. For GED: must be able to read at 3rd grade level. For College Prep: must have GED or High School Diploma.

Languages: All classes taught in English. English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

## Notre dame Academy

**200 Old Colony Ave,  
 South Boston, MA 02127  
 617-268-1912**

[www.ndecboston.org/](http://www.ndecboston.org/)

### Services:

Pre-Literacy classes emphasize the basics of reading and writing for those students who are just beginning to learn those skills. These classes also work on strengthening speaking and listening skills.

**ESOL 1** provides beginning-level speakers of English with the most important vocabulary and grammar needed to communicate in English at a basic level. Instruction is presented in a realistic way using everyday life situations.

**ESOL 2** continues the work of ESOL 1 helping students to develop stronger speaking and listening skills and a larger vocabulary. Grammar, reading, and writing skills are developed as well using real life topics and texts.

**ESOL 3** offers Intermediate level students expanded vocabulary development and more complex grammar. Students will have extensive practice in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

**ESOL 4** builds on skills developed in the prior levels. There is a major emphasis on further developing reading and writing skills and continuing practice of speaking, pronunciation, and listening. Classes are offered Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 11:00 AM; 11:30AM to 2:00PM and 5:30PM to 8:00PM.

Evening classes meet two times each week from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

For further information about any of these programs, please contact Michele Moore, ESOL Program Coordinator, at 617-268-

1912, x231 or email  
[mmoore@ndecboston.org](mailto:mmoore@ndecboston.org).

### ***Citizenship Program***

Citizenship classes are offered to students who are in the process of Naturalization. The program includes preparation in the basics of US History, the role of the US government, responsibilities of US citizens, and writing practice from dictation. Classes are offered on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Morning classes meet from 9:30 -11:00 AM.

Evening classes meet from 5:30-8:00 PM.

For further information about NDEC's Citizenship program, please contact Sr. Gerry Stanton, SND, Immigration Counselor, at 617-268-1912, x223 or email at [Gerry Stanton](mailto:Gerry.Stanton@ndecboston.org).

### ***Literacy Programs***

Students interested in registering for a class in the Literacy Department should call the main office or come in person to fill out a Literacy Information Form. Upon receipt of the form, the student will be notified about registration dates, when to take a placement test, and do a writing sample.

The Literacy Department offers three levels of adult education with intensive instruction in reading, math, writing, and computer classes.

### ***Adult Basic Education (ABE)***

***ABE 1*** offers instruction in basic reading to adult non-readers.

***ABE 2*** offers instruction in writing, math, reading, and computer for students. After successfully completing the ABE program, students can choose to continue their education in a Pre-GED program provided the grade equivalency is appropriate. Pre-GED program offers

instruction in reading, writing, English, math, and computer. This course of study prepares students to go on to the GED providing the grade equivalency is 9.0-12.0.

### ***Alternative High School Programs***

#### ***General Educational Development (GED)***

This program prepares adult students working at the high school level to take the 5 GED tests in literature, writing, math, science, and social studies. The intense course of study sharpens critical thinking skills necessary to pass these tests.

For more information about these programs, please contact Anna Fernandez-Buehrens, 617-268-1912, x247.

#### ***High School Diploma Program***

High School students can apply to the program by completing an interview and bringing a copy of their high school transcripts. This program is designed for students who need to finish credits for a full high school diploma.

To be eligible, a student must have earned enough credits to be considered a high school junior. Tuition is \$400.00 per class. Limited financial aid is available.

Courses include:

- Science: Biology, Earth Science  
Humanities: Art, World Religions, Life Skills
- Literature: World, British, American  
Social Studies: US History, World History  
Math: Geometry, Algebra II

Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 1:15 pm-3:15 pm and 3:15-5:15 pm, as needed for thirty-six weeks over two semesters.

Each course meets twice a week for two hours.

**Contact:**

Case Manager, K. Toussaint Lacoste, at  
617-268-1912, x239  
Program Coordinator, Donna Pomponio, at  
617-268-1912, x245 or via email at

**College Bound Dorchester**

222 Bowdoin Street

Dorchester, MA 02122

Telephone: 617-506-5960 - Fax: 617-474-1230

[www.collegebounddorchester.org](http://www.collegebounddorchester.org)

**Contact:** College Readiness Advisor

**Services:** College Bound Dorchester offers a College Connections program with an ESOL track.

The program, which operates both weekdays and during the weekends, is open to learners, aged 18 to 30 who have the ultimate goal of attaining their college degree. Enrolled students have access to a computer lab, academic advising, drop-in childcare, and referrals to other support services within both College Bound Dorchester and in the community.

Through high-quality instruction, the ESOL program equips English language learners with the skills needed to successfully navigate different systems and services and to serve as advocates for their families. Through four levels of ESOL instruction, students gain the English language proficiency required to take next steps academically, such as obtaining high school credentials and transitioning to college.

**Service Hours:** For information, call M- F: 9am - 5pm

**Waiting time:** 6 month wait period

**Languages:** English, Spanish, Portuguese, Cape Verdean, Creole, Cantonese

**Transportation:** Bus: #17 from Fields Corner or Andrew Station on Red line

**Ecumenical Social Action Committee INC**

3313 Washington St

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

617-524-2555

[www.esacboston.org/](http://www.esacboston.org/)

ESAC is dedicated to ensuring the stability of neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for their most vulnerable residents. Valuing innovation, collaboration, and prudent stewardship, ESAC creates healthy and sustainable solutions including:

- Foreclosure prevention programs
- Senior Home Repair
- Youth programs
- GED programs and advocacy
- Community Organizing

**WAITT House, Inc.**

117 Mount Pleasant Ave.

Roxbury, MA 02119

Telephone: 617-445-5510

[waitthouseinc.org](http://waitthouseinc.org)

**Contact:** Aileen Scott

**Services:**

- Offers classes in Career Resource Training
- Resume writing
- Basic computer tutoring
- Job search assistance
- Adult Basic Education (ABE),
- Adult Diploma Program (ADP).
- Tutoring assistance

WAITT collaborates with:

- La Alianza Hispana
- Dudley Library
- Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative
- The Dimock Center
- Roxbury Community College,
- and other groups in Dudley area of Roxbury.

WAITT also offers a program, "College Connection," to assist students in making the transition to college. Call 617-445-2520 for information.

Classes are given M–F, from 9am–1pm.  
Information & Registration: Thursdays after 11am.

Assessments for all programs: Fridays after 2pm.

**Service hours:** Office Hours: M-F 9:30am-5pm

**Requirements / Restrictions:** Must be 22 years old and are able to speak/understand a reasonable amount of English

**Languages:** English, Spanish, Portuguese-Creole, French, Haitian Creole, and Cape Verdean

**Other locations** Classes are held at WAITT House, Dudley Library/Literacy Center, and the Vine Street Community Center.

**Transportation:** Orange line to Ruggles stop, take Bus #'s 15, 41 or 45 to Blue Hill Avenue and Dudley Street, or any bus going to Uphams Corner via Dudley.

### Urban College of Boston

178 Tremont Street

Boston, MA 02111-1093

Telephone: 617-348-6330

[www.urbancollege.edu](http://www.urbancollege.edu)

**Services:** Two-year program leading to Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education, Human Services Administration, or General Studies. Urban College also collaborates with area colleges and universities to offer higher degrees through articulation agreements with other colleges.

Courses and certificates in computers, case

management, youth program administration, and direct services administration are also available.

Classes are given at downtown locations during evening hours (6pm-9pm) with some Saturday morning classes (9am-1pm).

Tutorial assistance is available and free for Urban College students.

Best times to apply: July before September term begins, or in November before January term begins.

**Service hours:** M-F: 9am-6pm

**Requirements / Restrictions:** High School diploma required for an associate degree. High School diploma recommended for certificate program. No international admissions.

**Cost:** \$10 student registration fee. Cost per credit is \$296/\$888 per 3 credit course

**Languages:** Spanish, Chinese

**Transportation:** Green line: Boylston St. stop; Red line: Downtown Crossing stop; Orange line: Chinatown stop; Silver line: Temple St. (end of line).

### Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences (SCALE)

167 Holland Street

Somerville, MA 02144

Telephone: 617-625-6600, x6910

[www.somerville.k12.ma.us/scale](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/scale)

**Contact:** Front Office

**Services:** Offers classes and support services for adult students in Adult Basic Education, GED, ESOL, and the Adult Diploma

Program (ADP). Class times are mornings and evenings. Evening classes meet on M-Th, 6pm-9pm. Morning classes are given M-F, usually from 9am-12:30pm. Most classes meet two to four times a week.

All classes are given at the Holland Street site. Call to find out how to register. Some classes require registration in person and for others registration can be done by telephone.

SCALE now offers Next Step: For those that receive a GED from SCALE and want to move ahead with their college education, SCALE may be able to provide assistance in making that transition.

***Requirements / Restrictions:***

All students must be residents of Massachusetts. For ADP, students must be 18 or older. For all other classes, students must be 16. All students except ESOL must have withdrawn from high school and show letter of proof. ADP students should call 617-625-6600, x6906, for information on orientation.

***Waiting time:***

ESOL: 1 year waitlist

***Languages:*** Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Spanish, French, and Russian.

***Transportation:*** Red line: Davis Square stop; Green line: Lechmere stop and bus #'s 87/88.

**Roxbury Multi-Service Center**

**434 Warren St.  
Boston, MA 02121  
617-989-0276**

***Contact:*** Florence Scott

***Services:***

Services provided include case management, in-home therapy, therapeutic mentoring, family stabilization, tutoring for grades 1-5, and a nurturing program.

***Service hours:***

M-F: 9am-5pm

***Requirements / Restrictions:***

Only as required by State or Federal requirements

***Languages:***

English, Spanish, French, Cape Verdean, Haitian Creole

#45 to Blue Hill Avenue and Dudley Street.

**Jamaica Plain Community Center,  
Adult Learning Program**

**English High School**

**144 McBride Street**

**Boston, MA 02130**

**617-635-5201**

[jpccalp.weebly.com/](http://jpccalp.weebly.com/)

***Services:***

Free day, evening, and online classes.

Classes offered include:

ESOL -English for Speakers of Other Languages. All levels offered

- GED - Prep classes available. ALP is also a GED testing center. Email or call for more information
- Computer Literacy
- Distance Learning - ESOL classes are available via the internet, Learning English at a Distance. Contact Linda: 617-635-5201, l.hamilton-korey@jpccalp.org for more information

**East Boston Adult Education Center****119 London Street****East Boston, MA 02128****Telephone: 617-567-7873****Email: [davellani@ebaec.com](mailto:davellani@ebaec.com) - Web site:****[www.ebaec.com](http://www.ebaec.com)****Contact:** Main Line**Services:** Classes offered in: English, English & Spanish GED; Computers; Public Notary, CDL Truck Driving, and Citizenship.**Service hours:** M-F 2:30pm-4:30pm and 6:30pm to 10pm; Sat. 9am to 4pm**Languages:** English, Spanish, French, Portuguese**Transportation:** Blue line: Maverick Station, walk 3 blocks on Meridian Street to corner of London and Meridian.**Community Learning Center****19 Brookline Street, 2nd floor****Cambridge, MA 02139****Telephone: 617-349-6363 - Fax: 617-349-6339****[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforadults/communitylearningcenter.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforadults/communitylearningcenter.aspx)****Contact:** Receptionist**Services:**

Provides free classes in basic education, English language and employment skills for adults. Classes include:

- English as a Second Language (ESOL)
- Basic reading, writing, or math skills
- GED examination preparation

- Preparation for college or a training program
- Preparation for the U.S. Citizenship Test
- Learn how to use a computer

Classes are run year-round; please call to get class days and times.

**Service hours:**

Office hours: M-Th 8:30am - 9:30pm; F 8:30am - 5pm. Walk-ins OK

**Requirements / Restrictions:**

Residents of Cambridge or 13 surrounding cities that are over the age of 16 and no longer attending high school can come to classes at CLC.

ESOL only open to Cambridge residents.

Other restrictions may apply for specific programs.

**Transportation:**

Red line - Central Sq stop; bus #1 from Dudley Square or Harvard Sq.

**Charlestown Adult Education Program****76 Monument Street****Charlestown, MA 02129****Telephone: 617-635-5221****[ccaec@comcast.net](mailto:ccaec@comcast.net)**

Lori Iannuzzi-D'Alleva, Executive Director

**Services:**

Instruction in Adult Basic Education, ESOL, Basic Math, Computer Literacy, pre-GED

and GED, Life Coping Skills, and assistance in job searches and readiness and a Bridge to College course. Classes are given in mornings.

***Service hours:***

M - F: 10am to 2pm

***Requirements / Restrictions:***

Must be 18 or older for ESOL, but may accept students as young as 16 if officially withdrawn from high school.

**Cambridge Center for Adult Education**

**42 Brattle Street**

**Cambridge, MA 02238-9113**

**Telephone: 617-547-6789 - Fax: 617-876-2755**

**Email: [info@ccae.org](mailto:info@ccae.org) - Web site: [www.ccae.org](http://www.ccae.org)**

**Contact:** Registrar

***Services:*** Wide variety of adult education courses are offered, including courses such as Entrepreneurship: Starting and Succeeding in Any Type of Business; Spanish Conversation; Public Speaking; and Cartooning Workshop. Call about specific interests or go on-line and view catalog which lists course descriptions, days and times, teachers, classroom sites, and tuition costs.

***Service hours:***

Office Hrs: M-Th: 9am-9pm; F: 9am-7pm;  
Sat: 9am-2pm; Sun 12pm-5pm

***Requirements / Restrictions:***

Must be 18 or older.

**Cost:**

Yes. Ask about cost of specific course.

**Transportation:**

Red line: Harvard Square

**Bunker Hill Community College**

**250 New Rutherford Avenue**

**Charlestown, MA 02129**

**617-228-2000**

**Admissions: 617-228-3398**

**Fax: 617-228-3481**

**[www.bhcc.mass.edu](http://www.bhcc.mass.edu)**

**Contact:** Admissions Office

***Services:*** Offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees and certificate programs in a wide range of academic areas including liberal arts, accounting, business, computer science, media technology, criminal justice, culinary arts, engineering, and several health-related occupational areas (medical radiography, nursing, pharmacy technology, medical lab assistant, surgical lab assistant, and diagnostic sonography). Not all programs are available at all locations. Some credits can be transferred to a B.A. degree program at a four-year college or university.

The College publishes an extensive catalog listing all courses and other information relevant to admission, eligibility requirements, tuition and financial assistance, and other issues. Call Admissions to request a catalog.

**Cost:**

\$141 per credit for MA residents, \$347 per credit for non-residents

***Other locations:***Chelsea Campus

175 Hawthorne St., Bellingham Square  
617-228-2101

East Boston Satellite

E. Boston Neighborhood Health Center  
Education and Training Institute  
155 Addison St.  
617-568-6444

Malden Satellite

Malden High School  
77 Salem Street

Somerville Satellite

Mystic Activity Center, 535 Mystic Ave.  
617-228-2420

South End Campus

IBA, 405 Shawmut Ave.  
617-228-2390

***Transportation:***

Orange line: Community College Station.

**Boston Public Schools Adult Learning Center**

**60 Geneva Avenue  
Dorchester, MA 02121  
Telephone: 617-635-9300  
Fax: 617-635-6748**

[www.boston.k12.ma.us/adulted](http://www.boston.k12.ma.us/adulted)

Instruction is given in:

Adult Basic Education (Reading  
Comprehension, Math and Language Arts)

- ESOL
- GED Preparation
- Family Literacy
- High School Diploma
- College Transition Program

Call to sign up and find out more information.

The Family Literacy Program is a member of the Dorchester Adult Literacy Coalition. For information on other Adult Literacy Programs, check these websites:

[www.dalcoboston.org](http://www.dalcoboston.org) and  
[www.bostonadultliteracy.org](http://www.bostonadultliteracy.org)

***Service hours:***

M - F: 8:30am - 2:40pm

Requirements / Restrictions:

Must be 16 years or older and a parent of a child in Boston Public Schools.

***Waiting time:***

Usually six months; best to add name to wait list as classes fill quickly

Other locations:

***Boston Central Adult High School***

55 Malcolm X Blvd. Roxbury 02120, 617-635-9827

Evening classes in ESOL, Secondary Education, & Adult Diploma Program  
Transportation: Red line: Fields Corner Station.

**Boston Public Schools Adult Diploma Program**

**55 Malcolm X Blvd.**

**Boston Central Adult High School**

**Roxbury, MA 02120**

**Telephone: 617-635-9300**

**Fax: 617-635-9045**

[boston.k12.ma.us/adulted](http://boston.k12.ma.us/adulted)

**Contact:** Assistant Director

**Services:** Boston Central Adult High School is an evening school program located within the Madison Park Education Complex. The program offers a choice of a 16-unit program (College Preparatory and General), leading to a high school diploma issued by Boston Public Schools. This specialized school for mature and serious-minded people allows students to participate in comprehensive programs of study and to complete diploma requirements during

evening hours while maintaining full-time jobs.

The Adult Diploma Program (ADP) is an alternative route to a high school diploma. Adults work at their own pace in this flexible program. It includes take home projects, performance assessments, frequent interviews, and library research. Graduates receive a Boston Central Adult High School diploma. ADP hours are Tue & Thu: 6:30pm-9:30pm.

Boston Central Adult High School now offers an ESOL program on Tue & Thu: 6:30pm-9:30pm.

***Service hours:***

M - F: 9am - 4pm for information on classes

***Requirements / Restrictions:***

Must be 23 years or older. There may also be some individual skill requirements for some classes. Call for more specific information.

***Cost:***

Boston residents currently pay a \$5 registration fee per semester plus the cost of books.

***Transportation:***

All schools are accessible by public transportation.

**Boston Center for Independent Living, Inc.**

**60 Temple Place, 5th floor**

**Boston, MA 02111-1324**

**617-338-6665,**

[www.bostoncil.org](http://www.bostoncil.org)

**Contact:** Carole Hall-Herborg, ext.208

**Services:** Assisting people with a disability to live as full a life as possible through:

- Adult skills training assistance (including areas such as employment, housing,

social/recreation, education, and financial issues)

- Assisting with information and referrals (affordable and accessible housing, health insurance, CORI, civil rights for disabled persons, transportation, home modifications, equipment, and other related services)
- Peer mentoring
- Individual advocacy
- Personal Care Assistance Program (PCA) – for people with a disability who need physical care assistance and have standard MassHealth coverage
- Youth Services Program for individuals ages 14 to 22 that includes Peer Mentoring, Skills Training, Information and Referral, and Advocacy

***Service hours:***

M - F: 8:45am - 5pm

***Requirements / Restrictions:***

Any individual/family member with a verifiable disability

***Waiting time:***

Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are not turned away.

***Languages:***

French, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Portuguese, ASL, website now translated to Russian & Farsi and several additional languages.

**ASA College Planning Center**

**700 Boylston Street, Boston Public Library**

**Boston, MA 02116**

**617-536-0200**

[www.asa.org/plan/centers/default.aspx](http://www.asa.org/plan/centers/default.aspx)

**Services:**

ASA College Planning Centers promote educational opportunities for all, especially low-income individuals and those who are the first generation in their families to attend college. Their programs provide guidance and information directly to adults, students and their families on planning and paying for college. The types of higher education include technical, vocational and business-oriented schools in addition to four-year liberal arts colleges.

ASA has advised many ex-offenders in the past and is familiar with the kinds of assistance which ex-offenders may require in accessing higher education. ASA provides help with completing college and financial aid applications and with career planning.

ASA can also provide college application fee waivers to qualified low-income participants.

The web site has links to colleges and scholarship search databases.

**Service hours:** M - Th: 9am - 7:30pm; F & Sat: 9am - 5pm

**Languages:** English, Chinese, Spanish, Creole, and French

#### **Other locations:**

*\*For each location, please call the main office first at 617-536-0200 for details and to schedule an appointment.*

#### Brockton - Career Works

Chelsea - Bunker Hill Community College  
175 Hawthorne Street, Bellingham Square

Chinatown - Asian-American Civic Association

87 Tyler Street, Boston; 617-426-9492

#### Dorchester - Codman Square Branch Library

690 Washington Street

#### East Boston – College Planning Center in East Boston

#### Hyde Park - Hyde Park Branch Library

35 Harvard Avenue, Boston

#### Roxbury - Egleston Square Branch Library

1044 Columbus Avenue

#### South Boston - South Boston Branch Library

646 East Broadway

#### ***Transportation:***

Copley Square Library site: Green line to Copley Square; Orange line to Back Bay Station; Bus routes #9, #10, #39, #55, and #502.

### **Clemente Course in Humanities**

#### **Codman Square Tech Center**

**450 Washington Street  
Dorchester, MA 02124**

The Clemente Course provides a comprehensive introduction to the humanities through the study of literature, art history, philosophy and American history. Students are also coached in writing and developing critical thinking skills. The Course is accredited by Bard College and qualifies students for six college credits upon successful completion of the program. Our goal is to expose students to the humanities and its riches while building their confidence to meet the demands of a

college education and encourage them to pursue a college degree.

***Eligibility requirement:***

18 years and up; must complete an application and admission interview

***Cost:***

Full scholarship awarded to all accepted students

***For more information, please contact:***

Doreen Treacy  
Director, Civic Health Institute  
617-474-1409

**Public Access**

**Codman Square Tech Center  
450 Washington Street, Dorchester**

Our on-site staff coaches individuals who have never used a computer in our on-site computer lab. This highly individualized coaching assists students in achieving skills such as logging onto the Internet, navigating with a mouse, and setting up and using an email account. Students also learn how to use a search engine and the basics of Microsoft Word.

***Location and Hours:***

Codman Square Tech Center  
450 Washington Street, Dorchester

Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

***Eligibility requirement:***

Public Access is open to all ages, however, users under age 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

***Cost:***

Free

***For more information, please contact:***

617-822-8268

**BATEC**

**Codman Square Tech Center  
450 Washington Street, Dorchester**

BATEC is a nine-month course in Information Systems that meets twice a week. The course introduces students to the fundamentals of computers, including operating systems, system architecture, data storage/capacity, and software configuration. The course is accredited by Roxbury Community College and UMass Boston; however classes are held in a familiar community setting, math and English tutoring supplements IT learning, and all students are provided a full scholarship, including funds for books and materials. The goal of the program is to give aspiring students the opportunity to experience college in a community setting and foster a sense of security that will help them move to the next level and continue on in a traditional academic setting. After successful completion, all participants will receive six college credits.

**Eligibility requirement:**

18 years and older, must complete an application and placement test

**Cost:**

Full scholarship awarded to all accepted students

**For more information, please contact:**

Doreen Treacy  
Director, Civic Health Institute  
617-474-1409

## Transitional Year Program/ Brandeis University

415 South Street  
Waltham, MA 02453  
781-736-2000  
[www.brandeis.edu/typ](http://www.brandeis.edu/typ)

Brandeis' Transitional Year Program (TYP), part of the Office of Academic Services, is an integral part of the University's founding and enduring commitment to social justice. Founded in 1968, the TYP is one of several ways that students may gain admission to the Brandeis undergraduate program. The program is targeted toward students who have developed the skills for college success by practicing leadership in their life experiences. The TYP experience allows these students to learn about new possibilities for their lives, and to apply the focus, energy, tenacity, perseverance, and maturity previously devoted to prevailing in the face of personal challenges, to now pursuing academic success.

The intelligent and talented students selected to participate in the TYP typically have not had access to AP and honors courses in their previous schooling experiences. For this reason, the TYP guarantees small classes, rigorous academics, and strong academic support.

Students who enter Brandeis through the TYP have a life-changing experience, and have their stories of success added to the university's thousands of living testimonies of true ambition, resilience, courage, and triumph.

## Year Up/ North Eastern University

93 Summer St  
Boston, MA 02110  
(617) 542-1533

[www.yearup.org/](http://www.yearup.org/)

Year Up's mission is to close the Opportunity Divide by providing urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education.

Year Up is a one-year, intensive training program that provides low-income young adults, ages 18-24, with a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits, and corporate internships.

### *Challenging students to reach their potential.*

Our program emphasizes academic and professional rigor, setting expectations high for quality of work and professional behavior. A strong structure guides students through the steps necessary for achieving success in the classroom and the workplace.

For the first six months of the program, students develop technical and professional skills in the classroom. Students then apply those skills during the second six months on an internship at one of Year Up's 250+ corporate and government partners. Students earn up to 23 college credits and a weekly stipend, and are supported by staff advisors, professional mentors, dedicated social services staff, and a powerful network of community-based partners.

Since its founding in 2000, Year Up has served over 6,000 young adults

### **Our results**

100% placement of qualified Year Up students into internships

Over 90% of corporate partners would recommend the Year Up program to a friend or colleague

84% of graduates are employed or attending college full-time within four months of completing the program.

Employed Year Up graduates earn an average of \$15 per hour – the equivalent of \$30,000 per year.

Technical skills classes at Year Up might include:

- Desktop and Network Support
- Help Desk
- Hardware Repair
- Operating Systems
- Disk Formatting, Partitioning and Ghosting
- Peripherals
- Software Installation
- Viruses and Malware
- Microsoft Office and Outlook
- Networking and TCP/IP
- Investment Operations
- Customer Service
- Fund Accounting

Professional and communication skills classes at Year Up might include:

- Business Writing Skills
- Time Management
- Career Networking
- Communicating Clearly and Effectively
- Conflict Resolution and Negotiation
- Working in Teams
- Presentation Skills
- Workplace Norms
- Introduction to Business
- Personal Finance
  
- Workplace Legal Issues
- Work/Life Balance

Director of Admissions

[cknight@YearUp.org](mailto:cknight@YearUp.org)

(617) 542-1533 ext. 1063

## African American Men Persistence Project

**Boston Adult Literacy Fund**

**1 Milke St**

**Boston, MA 02109**

**(617) 482-3336**

[www.balf.net](http://www.balf.net)

**Organizational Mission**

To provide comprehensive and innovative programs for traditional literacy skill and

promote positive, active members of the community.

### **Services Offered**

- Job placement
- Voter education
- Resume preparation
- Adult Education
- Family planning
- Mentoring

## **Boston Day & Evening Academy**

**20 Kearsarge Avenue**

**Roxbury, MA 02119**

**(T) 617-635-6789**

**(F) 617-635-6380**

[info@bacademy.org](mailto:info@bacademy.org)

Boston Day and Evening Academy (BDEA), a unique, innovative, year-round alternative public high school, serves students who are over-age for grade level and who are either at high risk for dropping out or have already dropped out of high school and are returning to earn a BPS diploma. Working with experienced faculty in an environment that blends strong academics and wrap-around supports, BDEA gives students the tools to reach their fullest potential through a competency-based curriculum, and to inspire critical and creative thinking, independent learning, and active citizenship

BDEA provides a combination of strong academics and relevant social and human services that contribute to the academic and personal success of BDEA students. We have designed three academic programs to meet the needs of students who are both overage for high school and at risk of dropping out. Each of the three—the Day Program, the Evening Program and the Distance Learning Program—share curriculum and services, but address needs which are specific to each group of at-risk

- **The Evening Program** serves 160 over-age students (aged 16-23 years old) who have attended high school, who have had an unsuccessful or interrupted experience, and who are now returning to earn their diploma. Many of these students have significant gaps in their learning, especially in the core areas of literacy and numeracy. However, some students come to the program with strong skills and are attracted to the school's small, community-based educational environment.
- **The Day Program** serves 160 over-age students (ages 16-18) from Boston's middle schools who have failed to meet 8th grade benchmarks for numeracy and literacy yet have been promoted to high school. Generally, these students start at BDEA younger than the students in the Evening Program and have significant academic and, in many instances, behavioral challenges.

## Job Training/Employment

### Span Inc

**105 Chauncy Street, 6th Floor  
Boston, MA 02111  
617-423-0750  
[www.spaninc.org](http://www.spaninc.org)**

#### **Mission:**

Assist people who are or have been in prison to achieve healthy, productive and meaningful lives.

When a client begins a relationship with Span Inc., a Span case manager makes an initial assessment and works with the client to develop a specific service plan. This plan is customized to meet the individual's needs in order to ensure that he or she has the tools needed to build a new life, and achieve their goals. Plans can include any combination of services in the following categories:

- **The Distance Learning Program** serves 30 students whose life circumstances prevent them from attending classes on a regular basis. Supported by technology and a strong team of teachers, the program is for particularly motivated, over-age students who are unable to come to school regularly because of health restrictions, employment responsibilities, or significant family commitments. Apprenticeship

Life skills are often the topic in daily advisory sessions during which teachers help students to address their individual growth and to develop essential skills such as self-discipline, goal setting, and anger-management. Advisory also focuses on health and wellness, personal/civic responsibility, career success, social and life skills, and college/post-graduate planning

- Case Management Services
- Career Development Services
- Health Services
- Peer Support [Services](#)

Clients in some Span programs may also have access to short-term rental assistance depending on qualifications and the availability of funds.

#### **Case Management Services**

Case management is integrated into most of Span's program services. Case managers work directly with clients to assess needs, develop service plans, assist with discharge planning, and provide hands-on assistance as needed. In addition to providing direct services, case managers also help clients to access services they may need at other agencies and programs, procure entitlements they are eligible for, such as MassHealth, Social Security and food stamps. Case managers can also assist clients in securing affordable housing, employment, food, clothing, transportation, and other basic resources.

Span case managers also help clients who need health and/or mental health care, substance abuse treatment, and other critical services by assisting clients to access collaborating providers. Clients are also assisted to take steps toward reaching personal goals related to enriching their quality of life, such as becoming involved in their community through social activities, volunteering, etc.

Career Development Services

### ***Pathways to Employment***

Pathways to Employment (PTE) is designed to assist recently released clients in finding work and developing career goals. PTE supports clients in achieving these goals by offering an optional two-week stipend-based job-training program and by referring clients to The Workplace - a Span partner that serves as a One-Stop Career Center for the City of Boston. Clients also have the opportunity to work toward reaching their PTE goals with the help of Span-trained volunteer mentors.

### **Health Services**

#### ***Criminal Justice Substance Abuse***

The Criminal Justice Substance Abuse (CJSA) program provides substance abuse assessment, individual counseling, and group counseling for people on parole, federal probation, or who have been referred by a regional re-entry center. CJSA also provides case management to support the process of transition and treatment. Treatment lasts for a period of twelve weeks, after which long-term aftercare is offered in a group format.

#### ***Health Education***

Span improves public health and the health of clients by providing education-based programs and workshops to teach clients how to prevent contracting or spreading sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Span offers individual and small group learning sessions that address various

health issues and help clients access health care services.

### ***Case Management for HIV+ Clients***

Span offers short- and long-term health-service specific case management for clients living with HIV. Span works with individuals who are being released from prison or who have been in the community for some time. Clients are assisted in their own efforts to achieve and maintain healthy outcomes after release from prison. Case managers work to ensure that medical and social services are in place upon resettlement in order to guarantee continuity of care and preserve the health of the client. Clients receiving HIV case management may be eligible for up to 3 months of rental assistance depending on funding availability.

### ***Substance Abuse Counseling***

For clients with histories of substance abuse, Span's clinicians offer substance abuse assessment as well as individual and group substance abuse counseling. Span clinicians also provide specialized counseling to clients who are dealing with both mental health and addiction issues. Clients are referred to substance abuse counseling from Span's other programs, from prisons, and by self-referral.

### ***The Adolph Grant Center***

Named after a long-time Span staff member and former client, the Adolph Grant Center is a safe place for clients to develop social and recreational skills that can enhance their ability to nurture a lifestyle free from crime and drugs. At the Center, Span provides nutritious family-style meals, activities, events, and access to job search tools in a safe and drug-free environment. Peer Support Services

### ***Support Groups***

Span staff members offer support groups where peers can support each other

and address issues including relapse prevention, reintegration and development of social skills.

### ***Individual Peer Support***

Clients with HIV have the opportunity to work with Span's peer support advocate who assist CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) refers to the Massachusetts policy of keeping a record of every criminal court appearance in a Massachusetts state or federal court. In addition to convictions, case dismissals and findings of 'not guilty' are included in a person's **CORI**.

People with CORIs face extreme difficulty in obtaining housing, jobs, loans, and other necessities vital to their reintegration with society. Until recently, a felony remained on a person's CORI for 15 years and a misdemeanor for 10 years; further, any citation during that period would delay the sealing of the record by another 15/10 years. Without reasonable access to housing or jobs, many people with CORIs fall back into the prison system.

In May 2010, the Massachusetts House approved bill S.2220 also known as the CORI reform bill by a 138-17 vote. This reduces the amount of time until records are sealed to 10 years for a felony and 5 for a misdemeanor. A CORI will only include convictions. The measure also prohibits job applications from including a question about a candidate's criminal record (employers may still ask during interviews); prior to this, asking the question "Do you have a criminal record?" in effect destroyed former offenders' chances of finding work.

This is a great victory for all the associations in favor of CORI reform, like Boston Workers Alliance, The Boston Foundation, Neighbor to Neighbor, and Span Inc. We know all too well what this means for our clients who want to rejoin the workforce. Massachusetts police officers

also supported the reform bill, as they understand first-hand that without a job, a former offender's options are severely limited, and recidivism is often the result. Even with the passage of CORI reform, Span's work to break the cycle of incarceration by providing comprehensive discharge and transitional services is crucial to offenders and communities in Massachusetts.

### **Youth Options Unlimited**

**7 Palmer St**

**Roxbury, MA 02119**

**(617) 541-2600**

[www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/yoboston/en/](http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/yoboston/en/)

Youth Options Unlimited (Y.O.U.) is Boston's Youth Re-entry program providing a broad range of services to court-involved youth from 14 to 24 years of age. Located in Dudley Square, Y.O. Unlimited works with young people from every Boston neighborhood at our Center and within the community. In collaboration with our partner agencies, Y.O. Unlimited focuses on providing the following services:

- Intensive Case Management
- Development of Individual Service Plans for each youth
- Assistance, Referral, Placement to educational options
- Transitional Jobs programs and leading to employment opportunities

Now in its 8th year, Y.O. Unlimited (formerly Youth Opportunity Boston) continues its mission to empower and motivate young people so they may gain the education, employment, and career advancement to be successful in the workplace, in the community, and in their lives. A partnership of educators, law enforcement officials, and business and community leaders has come together to

maximize the services necessary for the growth and success of Boston's young people.

Youth Options Unlimited is operated under the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services, a division of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

### **Medicine Wheel Production Inc**

**110 K St**

**Boston, MA 02127**

**617-268-6700**

[www.mwponline.org/](http://www.mwponline.org/)

**Our mission** is to transform communities from the inside out by inviting all members to participate in the healing and transcendent power of public art. We are forging a Common Path—one of inclusion and civic engagement—using art as a threshold to help individuals gain awareness of self, community, and the human condition.

**The objectives of MWP are to:**

- 1) Launch intimate and large-scale public art projects that respond to the needs of the community,
- 2) Engage young people and adults in community building activities and discussions around inclusion,
- 3) Offer young people year-round employment opportunities in the creative sector, and
- 4) Be a leader in redefining the role of art in culture.

### **Medicine Wheel Productions offers multiple programs:**

#### **Public Art Interns**

This is a paid employment program for young people ages 14-25 years old. There are two sessions that run during the course of the year: 1) after-school (October-May) and 2) summer time (July-August). Young people are referred to this program through the Department of Youth Services, Boston Youth Fund, and ABCD. We offer all

participants job training, case management, and mentorship, in addition to the hands-on art skills they gain.

#### **Youth in Transitions**

This is our full-time youth employment program for youth ages 19-25 who have “aged out of the system”, but are still in need of support and guidance. As MWP staff members, they are exposed to professional development and leadership training opportunities.

#### **Art in The School**

MWP runs art classes in the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown as a part of their Extended Learning Time program. We bring various types of art—visual art, poetry, music, and dance—to hundreds of middle school students each year.

#### **Cushing House Program**

The Cushing House, a program of the Gavin Foundation, is a residential treatment program for youth ages 16-20. Each week, participants visit Medicine Wheel to engage in healing art classes

#### **Artist Retreats**

Medicine Wheel offers Artist Retreats in New England, Tuscany and Ireland

#### **More than Words**

[www.mtwyouth.org](http://www.mtwyouth.org)

More Than Words (MTW) is a nonprofit social enterprise that empowers youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business

By working as a team to manage their own retail and online used book business, café, and community space, youth develop employment skills, leadership, and self-confidence they need to successfully

transition to adulthood. In addition to store-based job training, youth are engaged in personal transition planning and case management to support their progress towards employment and education.

### **The Hull Life Saving Museum (M.A.P.)**

**22 Drydock Avenue,  
Boston, MA  
(617) 443-1900  
[www.lifesavingmuseum.org/martimeapprenticeprogram.html](http://www.lifesavingmuseum.org/martimeapprenticeprogram.html)**

The Hull Lifesaving Museum's Maritime Apprentice Program (MAP) is a Career Exploration program offering intensive, year-round training for young men and women in the custody of the Department of Youth Services.

***Moving Ahead Program*** creates viable, entry-level employees for the vibrant Marine Trades industry in the Port of Boston. Caseworkers are invited to inquire about program openings.

The Moving Ahead Program (MAP) is a 14-week life skill and job readiness program for unemployed ex-offenders and other individuals with histories of substance abuse, homelessness, or mental illness. About 85% of MAP students have histories of incarceration or involvement with the courts.

MAP helps ex-offenders change their outlook and behavior, develop positive relationships, and identify long-term goals. The focus of MAP's job training is to help ex-offenders start on a career path, not just find a stop-gap job.

The Moving Ahead Program (MAP) is for people with histories of incarceration,

homelessness, substance abuse, or mental illness who need help finding a meaningful job. MAP is especially interested in helping people who get little support from their family and community, and who face many barriers to employment.

The MAP program is free. There may be a waiting list.

The Moving Ahead Program includes classes five days a week. The classes cover:

- resume writing
- interviewing skills
- how to behave in the workplace
- other social skills
- ESL and literacy instruction
- In addition to the classes, students get:
- a small stipend for basic living expenses
- treatment for substance abuse or other disorders
- free housing
- image consulting services and business clothing
- opportunities for internships

MAP runs a non-profit employment agency, HirePower, to help its students find jobs after they finish the training program. HirePower matches students with jobs, provides weekly follow-up, provides other support services, and helps employers get the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. MAP's housing counselors help students find permanent affordable housing. Housing services include referrals, applications for subsidized housing, direct financial support, budgeting, moving assistance, and other support services.

### **Project Place**

**1145 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
617-542-3740 –  
Fax: 617-542-3860  
[www.projectplace.org](http://www.projectplace.org)**

**Contact:** Polly Hanson, Director of Client Services

**Services:** Clean Corners... Bright Hopes  
Clean Corners... Bright Hopes is a facilities maintenance service that employs homeless individuals to perform maintenance and landscaping. This business offers transitional employment for six months. Starting pay is \$8/hour, with potential for performance-based increases.

**Community Re-entry for Women (CREW)**

**Program**

CREW provides job readiness and life skills training to incarcerated women at the Suffolk County House of Correction. Through linking the participants with case management, career coaching and health care, the program seeks to foster the strength and independence of participants in preparation for positive re-entry into the community. This program is only available to incarcerated females at the SCHOC.

**Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)**

An employment, job-training, and job-placement program providing tailored services specific to veterans. Client are assessed for veteran benefit eligibility, and through case management and wraparound services, veterans can be referred to various agencies for specific employment, housing and medical needs. Assistance is provided to help obtain discharge (DD214) papers.

**HomePlate**

Home Plate employs homeless individuals to prepare and sell wholesome and convenient meals for people on the go. This

business offers transitional employment for six months. Starting pay is \$8/hour, with potential for performance-based increases.

**Project 90**

Project 90 is a three-month job readiness program for homeless individuals. It provides a combination of classroom instruction in job readiness skills with a community-based internship. Project 90 offers professional and personal skills development in preparation for job search, as well as computer training through supportive case management. Classes and internships are M-F.

**Project Pepsi**

Project Pepsi partners with the Pepsi Bottling Company to employ homeless individuals to service vending machines throughout greater Boston. Project Pepsi hires loaders and drivers. This business offers transitional employment for six months. Starting pay is \$8/hour, with potential for performance-based increases.

**Work Ready**

Work Ready is a 30 day job readiness training program focused on the basics of a successful employment search. Clients will learn to develop resumes, write cover letters, perform a focused job search with internet and on-the-street job searching, and prepare for the interview process. Upon successful completion of this program, clients will be assigned an employment specialist to assist in designing a focused employment plan with ongoing support and resources. Classes are M-F.

**Homeless Resource Center**

Our oldest program, The Homeless Resource Center, provides basic services to individuals living on the street or in an unstable situation. It provides resources and referrals to individuals needing emergency care and guidance. Through case

All programs are CORI friendly.

**Service hours** 9am-5pm

**Requirements / Restrictions:**

Must be sober for 90 days.

Clients are required to have stability in the areas of physical and mental health, legal issues, and sobriety for 90 days. Enterprise employment requires 90 days sobriety.

Exceptions are made to these restrictions, so please call for access to services.

**Cost:** None

**Other locations:** Also see listing for [Project Place: Housing](#)

**Transportation:** Silver Line: East Berkeley St. stop; Red Line: Broadway stop

**Boston Career Links**

1010 Harrison Ave  
Boston, MA 02119  
617) 541-1400

[www.bostoncareerlink.org/](http://www.bostoncareerlink.org/)

**Services:**

Goodwill offers a range of job training programs, support services and placement and post-placement services for individuals with barriers to employment. Services are

accessible for individuals with disabilities, and are focused on placing them on a path to employment in the workforce and independence. Participants are recruited on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Develop an individual training and employment plan, and choose trainings and supports. Case managers meet with participants regularly and participants move through the employment services

Programs:

**The Human Service Employment Ladder Program (HELP):** runs quarterly, for eight weeks, Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

The schedule and duration of training for those in longer term, on-the-job training programs in retail, housekeeping and maintenance, food service and light assembly are more individualized and services are offered in accordance with an individual service plan. Placement services are made available as soon as an individual is

- Coming close to being ready for competitive employment in the community. Following placement, post-placement supports are provided for a year or more, with career services available at Boston Career Link thereafter.
- For more information, please email Valerie Gold at [vgold@goodwillmass.org](mailto:vgold@goodwillmass.org) or call (617) 541-1434.
- The One-Stop career center operated by Goodwill, offers universal access to a broad range of career counseling services, career resources, workshops, job fairs, and special programs to connect job seekers

looking to advance or change careers with employers.

- Recruitment sessions to conduct on-the-spot interviews with qualified, pre-screened job seekers.
- Quarterly job fairs for both job seekers and employers.
- Job seeker services include:
  - Interview practice, resume writing and career counseling workshops.
  - A resource library that contains state-of-the-art computers, high speed Internet hook-up for conducting employer research, career exploration, job search, and access to a laser printer at no charge. Print resource materials and job postings to support job seekers in their job search. Boston Career Link receives new job listings daily and makes them available to our members in its resource library.
- For employers looking for qualified employees to meet their staffing needs, Boston Career Link has a potential applicant pool of more than 5,000 job seekers at any given time, and offers employers the following services:
  - Referrals of pre-screened qualified job seekers for open positions.
  - On-site recruitment events.
  - Help with exploring a variety of business incentive programs including tax credits and workforce training grants.
  - For more information, please call (617) 541-1400 or visit

***The Beyond Jobs program*** assists women with job training and placement, and also helps them plan for continued success. Goodwill works with each woman to create an individualized plan that outlines how she will gain and retain a job, advance in her career, and ensure long-term financial stability.

- Each participant in the Beyond Jobs program receives a complete career assessment, individualized career planning, job skills training, and assistance with job placement. Recognizing that landing a job is only one step on the road to success,
- Beyond Jobs also provides women with continued financial education, connections to healthy food and nutrition initiatives, and family strengthening services, early education and child care assistance if they are mothers.
- Employment Retention and Career
- Advancement Services
- Assistance with Budgeting and Financial
- Literacy

Family Strengthening Services including Workshops, Referrals, and

### **Job Corp**

[www.jobcorp.gov](http://www.jobcorp.gov)

#### ***Job Corp Qualifications:***

An alternative education, training service program for out-of-school youth between 17-24. Half of the time is spent on activities leading to a high school diploma or GED. The other half is spent in renovating

affordable housing and other community service. Focus is on career development, life skills and employability; community service; intensive follow-up to support graduates in transition to employment, vocational training or college preparation.

The program is an Must adhere to dress code (uniform provided for you)

- No facial piercings (including tongue)
- No Hats at any Job Corp training facility
- Training day is 7:30 –5
- As part of Admission process (You must come up with a career plan)
- Must write an essay on how Job Corp would improve their life
- Safety Gear provided by program
- \$1,000 Bonus for completing training
- First 24 hrs inducted into the program (full examination-Mental, Physical, Oral, Blood, STD and Drug)
- If you fail drug test you are given 38 days to become clean Fail second drug test TERMINATED!!!
- Job Corp locations are picked based on your career interest
- Youth with open court cases are not eligible for Job Corp.
- Can be o administrative parole and be eligible for Job Corp
- If you have ever had an open case you can not apply for Health Care path
- Program takes 2 years to complete on average
- When You complete program is up to you
- First 8 week career preparation (Become certified in customer service, Take T.A.B.E Test for Adult Basic Education and career exploration)
- 16 year old are limited in career path
- Must be 17 and a half to join any union

### **Just-A-Start Corporation**

**1035 Cambridge St. #12**

**Cambridge, MA 02141**

**617-494-0444**

[www.justastart.org](http://www.justastart.org)

**Services: Cambridge Biomedical Careers Program:**

This 9-month training program (Sept–May) prepares participants for entry-level jobs in

the biotech industry, and teaches chemistry, biology, medical terminology, computers, and lab skills. Students may be eligible to receive 19 credits from Bunker Hill Community College upon completion of the program.

There is no tuition fee. Applications are accepted April through August. Eligibility

### **Homeownership & Rental Development:**

Just-A-Start develops affordable homes for first-time homebuyers. These units are affordable to families with incomes at 60% - 80% of the area median income. All of the units are purchased pursuant to an Affordable Housing Agreement with the City of Cambridge, allowing the City to repurchase the units when sold at a restricted resale price.

**Contact: Sharon Cowan 617-494-0444 ext 340**

JAS develops and owns affordable rental housing targeted for lower income households. These units are managed by two management companies. SC Management Company manages the 273-unit JAS-affiliated housing at 402 Rindge Avenue. This is a 100% HUD-funded building with a waiting list that is controlled by HUD and MHFA. The waiting list is opened periodically for applications by specific categories of households, but it is generally closed to new applications. To inquire about vacancies at 402 Rindge Avenue, please call SC Management at 617-876-5855.

All other JAS-affiliated rental units are managed by Maloney Properties Inc. Not all of the properties in the portfolio have open waiting lists; please contact Maloney Properties Inc. at 617-661-7190 for availability of applications.

**Mediation for Results:**

Offers dispute resolution and information services. MFR works directly with landlords and tenants to resolve conflicts and find solutions and resources needed to stabilize tenancies and prevent future disputes. MFR strives for early intervention and focuses on keeping people housed and helping landlords achieve positive results. Mediation works with at-risk families for homelessness prevention as well.

***Requirements / Restrictions:***

Bring your Social Security card, birth certificate and proof of address.

**Building Pathways**

**The Construction Institute**

**P.O. Box 220808**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02122**

**617-436-4159**

Building Pathways is sponsored by the Boston Housing Authority and the Boston Building Trades Council, and managed by The Construction Institute. Through 7 weeks of classroom and hands-on learning experiences, Building Pathways will prepare participants to enter an apprenticeship in the building and construction trades.

***These are the requirements to apply:***

Boston Housing Authority residents and other Boston residents who meet HUD Section 3 income requirements for low and very low income.

- 18 years of age at start of training
- Authorized to work in US
- High school diploma or GED
- Driver's license or eligible to apply (no suspensions)

Reliable transportation (vehicle that runs or plan to have one by end of program)

- Drug-free and willing to take a drug test for

admission

- Ability to perform physically challenging work in weather extremes
- Interest in construction career
- Proficient in English and math

***Women and minorities are encouraged to apply***

There is no fee to participate in Building Pathways, and participants will receive a stipend of up to \$1500. You must be qualified to participate and there are only 2 cycles - fall of 2011 and spring of 2012. Space is limited to 15 participants per cycle and classes are taught in English.

Home for little wanderers

**Solutions at Work**

**1151 Mass Ave.**

**Cambridge, MA 02138**

**617-492-0300**

**[solutionsatwork.org/](http://solutionsatwork.org/)**

***Mission, Vision, and Values***

Solutions at Work was founded by a group of homeless individuals in Cambridge in 1989. **Our mission** is to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness by providing individuals and families with opportunities to strengthen their self-confidence, professional skills, and financial stability. We envision a Greater Boston in which homeless and poor people have the resources, opportunities, and partners they need to achieve self-sufficiency. The following **organizational values** inform how we approach every aspect of our work:

- Inclusive
- Respectful
- Compassionate

***Programs and Services***

Solutions at Work serves more than 6,000 people living in poverty annually. Our programs provide the following resources because countless local homeless people

have told us time and again that these are precisely things they need to get their lives back on track.

### ***Children's Clothing, Books, and Toys***

The homeless and low-income parents who participate in our [Children's Clothing Exchange](#) trade their children's outgrown items for age-appropriate clothing, books, and toys.

### ***Business Attire***

Our popular [SolutionsWear program](#) provides free interview-appropriate clothing and accessories to men and women who are enrolled in area job-training programs.

### ***Moving Services***

Our unique [Moving Up program](#) provides low-cost moving services to people transitioning out of homelessness or those living in extreme poverty.

### ***Computers***

Our [Get Connected! program](#) refurbishes high-quality donated computers and gives them to people moving out of homelessness to use to job search, find affordable housing, continue their education or stay in touch with their support network.

### ***Professional Development***

Half of Solutions at Work's employees have experienced homelessness. These team members receive classroom-based and on-the-job training to advance our mission and become more financially stable, self-confident, and employable in the process.

### ***A Voice***

Our Speak Up! program raises awareness and dispels myths about homelessness by providing paid speaking engagements to people who have actually experienced homelessness.

### ***Receive Services***

For information about how to receive assistance from Solutions at Work, please contact Rosemary McCrudden at 617-492-

0300 ext. 6 or

[rmccrudden@solutionsatwork.org](mailto:rmccrudden@solutionsatwork.org).

### ***Support Solutions at Work***

For information about how to support Solutions at Work or to schedule a tour of our award-winning programs, please contact Lauren Corduck at 617-823-3630 or [lcorduck@solutionsatwork.org](mailto:lcorduck@solutionsatwork.org).

## **CASPAR, Inc. Supportive Services Programs**

**315 Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144  
617-591-1900 x13  
[www.casparinc.org](http://www.casparinc.org)**

### ***Services:***

CASPAR, Inc.'s Supportive Services Program includes counseling, drop-in support groups, twelve-step meetings, peer support, leisure activities, job coaching, cover letter and résumé-writing assistance, CORI supports, computer lab for client use, referrals to support services (i.e. housing, medical and mental health, legal supports, etc.), and transitional programs for the homeless.

Programs serve people recovering from alcoholism and addiction, adults and youth.

### ***Service Hours:***

***Adult Drop-In:*** Monday-Thursday, 9:00a to 4:00p; Friday 9:00a to 2:00p

***Employment Services:*** Monday-Thursday 9:00a to 4:00p; Friday 9:00a to 2:00p

*\*Youth services available by appointment*

### ***Requirements / Restrictions:***

Must provide referral if working with a case manager and sit for intake session with member of staff. Must be sober while on

### Future Chef

560 Albany Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
(617) 451 – 3883

[solutionsatwork.org/](http://solutionsatwork.org/)

Future Chefs prepares urban youth in Greater Boston for quality early employment and post-secondary education opportunities in the culinary field and supports them in developing a broad base of transferable skills as they transition into the working world.

### Snap Chef South Boston

Contact Todd Snapkowski  
508-799-2433

[Todd@snapchef.com](mailto:Todd@snapchef.com)

- Temp agency for cooking and prep work
- Must already bring skills to temp agency
- Certified cooks preferred

### Boston Workers Alliance

411 Blue Hill Ave  
Dorchester, MA 02121  
(617) 606-3580

[bostonworkersalliance.org/](http://bostonworkersalliance.org/)

- Help clients seal their CORI
- Workforce Development
- Resume Editing
- Cover letter editing
- Staffing/temp to permanent jobs
- Orientation every Friday at 11:00 am
- Walk in services Mon-Thurs 10-2pm
- Job search assistance
- Job training referrals
- Partnership with Boston Staffing Alliance for placement in temp to perm positions
- Activist training- Learn community organization

### Youth Build Boston Fact Sheet

27 Center St  
Roxbury, MA 02121  
617-445-8887

[www.youthbuildboston.org/](http://www.youthbuildboston.org/)

#### *Description of Services:*

- 6-7 month training
- Workforce Development
- GED Training
- Occupational training certificates in OSHA, CPR First Aid and Preapproved certificate training
- Life skills training: Job Interviews, Resumes, Professional Behavior and additional soft skills
- Receive Stipend 300 for GED participant 150 for non GED program
- Build houses (see the fruits of your labor take life)
- Landscaping
- Community service
- DOL youth get Foodservices (Food stamp)
- GED program half class room half field work
- Strict attendance policy 4x late or absence and you are out of apprenticeship but are eligible for additional services
- Voucher GED
- 14-17 Architecture program
- 17-24 construction program
- DOL- court involved youth get 24-7 case worker
- 16-18 must be without GED
- Must be out of school
- Must have Social Security card
- Information sessions every Wednesday @ 1:30pm
- Must write an essay of why they want to be part of Youth Build
- DOL clients- can opt to meet directly with case worker
- Must take educational assessment to determine educational level
- Participants must have at least 6<sup>th</sup> grade education
- DOL may have at least 4<sup>th</sup> grade education
- Must have strong interest in construction
- Orientation 6 weeks
- Participants are eligible for AmeriCorps post secondary educational scholarship up to

- 2,500.00 for school upon completion of 600+ hours of program
- If clients are aging out of DYS they may apply
- Youth must be out of court system no longer the 12 months

## Strive

**651 Washington St  
Dorchester Ctr, MA 02124  
(617) 825-1800  
[www.bostonstrive.org/](http://www.bostonstrive.org/)**

STRIVE (Support and Training Result In Valuable Employees) Boston is a non-profit job-readiness program that helps ex-offenders and other unemployed hard-to-place individuals find jobs and stay employed. STRIVE combines attitude adjustment, education and job training, support services, placement assistance, and long-term follow-up to reach its goals.

STRIVE Boston's Ex-Offender Program is open to male and female ex-offenders, 18 and older, who are willing to take part in a five-week intensive training program in Boston. STRIVE selects applicants who will benefit from STRIVE training and are likely to remain employed after they find a job. The program is free.

STRIVE Boston's Ex-Offender Program consists of a five-week intensive professional development training course, followed by job placement assistance, and two years of follow-up support.

### ***The professional development training includes:***

- attitude adjustment

- how to follow instructions and accept criticism
- how to work as part of a team
- how to speak, dress, and behave professionally in a work environment
- job readiness skills
  - resume writing and job applications
  - practice interviews
  - telephone skills
- GED program
- computer classes

After the training, a STRIVE placement specialist will help match you with the right job and employer. However, you must apply for jobs on your own. STRIVE will give you advice and coaching during the application and interview process.

Once you are working, STRIVE will stay in touch on a regular basis to make sure you are doing well. If you have a problem, STRIVE is there to help with counseling, more attitude training, or other support services. If you become unemployed again, STRIVE will help you find another job.

If you are interested in going to college, STRIVE can help you with pre-college assessment testing, applications, and financial aid for Bunker Hill Community College. See [Youth-to-College Initiative](#) and [College Credits Initiative](#) on the STRIVE Boston web site.

STRIVE Boston works in partnership with CareerGear for job-appropriate clothing, X-Cel for GED and college prep training, and Bunker Hill Community College for post-graduate education.

### ***InnerCity Weightlifting,***

413-335-3547

[www.innecityweightlifting.org/](http://www.innecityweightlifting.org/)

Our mission is to reduce violence and promote professional, personal and

academic achievement among urban youth. We work with young people at the highest risk for violence in order to reduce youth violence by getting our students off the streets and into the gym, where they are empowered with the confidence and positive support needed to say no to violence and yes to opportunity.

For over 27 years, our mission has remained the same: to provide or assure access to the highest quality health care for all homeless men, women and children in the greater Boston area. We believe it has been and continues to be *medicine that matters*.

**Vulnerable patients** are kept alive and get help managing chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension and cancer.

**Dedicated clinical and non-clinical staff** share their passion for a vibrant mission and support each other in bringing the mission alive.

**Generous donors** have found a fulfilling way to address their concern: "I see people on the street and don't know how to help."

**Shelter Partners** are able to offer BHCHP's medical expertise while focusing on their core mission, thus avoiding the waste involved by duplicating services.

**Boston's many hospitals** can depend on BHCHP as an alternative to the emergency room as well as a safe discharge location for medically vulnerable patients.

## Health

### The Healthy Baby/Healthy Child Program

35 Northampton St #5,  
Boston, MA 02118  
(617) 534-5832  
[www.bphc.org/hbhc](http://www.bphc.org/hbhc)

(HBHC) is a community-based program designed to promote infant survival, positive birth outcomes, oral health, and family unity. The HBHC program provides home visiting to pregnant and parenting families with a child under age of five who reside in Boston. All services are free, voluntary, and confidential. Public health nurses, public health advocates, and social workers help prepare parents (via a strength-based model) for healthy deliveries and successful parenting within the scope of their own culture and language. Clients are linked to a range of services and health care facilities.

The HBHC program collaborates with community-based organizations; neighborhood health centers; hospitals; early intervention programs; certified home health care agencies; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition programs; and other social service agencies to ensure that clients receive holistic, surround-care services.

#### WHAT SERVICES WILL I RECEIVE?

- Health
- Oral Health
- Nutrition
- Prenatal Education
- Fetal Growth and Development
- Breastfeeding Counseling
- Family Planning
- Home Safety
- Injury Prevention
- Parenting Education
- Child Growth and Development
- Immunization
- Community Based Women's Health Groups
- Sudden Infant Death
- Syndrome (SIDS) Grief Counseling

#### YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTHY BABY/HEALTHY CHILD SERVICES IF YOU:

- Are pregnant
- Have a child between the ages of birth to 5

- Live in the City of Boston
- Loss of a pregnancy after 20 weeks gestation
- Loss of a child - birth to 3 years of age

***WE PROVIDE INFORMATION, REFERRALS, AND ADVOCACY FOR SERVICES SUCH AS:***

- Primary Health Care
- Health Insurance
- Transitional Assistance
- Food Stamps
- Emergency Food
- WIC
- Fuel Assistance
- Housing search
- Child support
- Father's program
- Education
- Childcare services
- Early Intervention
- Parenting and Support Groups
- Mentoring Programs
- ESL and GED Classes
- Immigration Issues
- Legal Services
- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Workforce development
- Early Literacy

***YOU CAN RECEIVE SERVICES BY CALLING***

***HBHC SUBPROGRAMS AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES:***

***Enhanced Prenatal Case Management***

This program is funded by Boston Healthy Start Initiative (BHSI). HBHC delivers enhanced prenatal case management to Black women and infants in the Boston Healthy Start Initiative (BHSI) project area: Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, South End, Hyde Park, and Jamaica Plain with the ultimate goal of eliminating disparities in prenatal health by reducing the Black infant mortality rate in Boston through individualized case management, care

***HBHC Food Pantry*** The food pantry provides emergency food assistance to Boston residents. Hours of operation are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For more information, please contact 617 534-2032. The food pantry is also a member of the Project Bread Food Source Hotline, which coordinates and provides referrals for the general public. Please contact 1-800-645-8333 for a referral.

***Partners in Parenting (P.I.P.)*** Partners in Parenting are a mentoring program that offers parenting support to pregnant and parenting women. Clients are connected with volunteer "partners" from their community who serve as mentors, advocates, and community liaisons. The partners encourage individual empowerment, provide peer leadership, and support the women in their goal of self-sufficiency and decreasing social isolation. For more information, please contact 617 534-5832

***Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)*** The Family Summer Enrichment Program is a diverse program operated one day per week for seven weeks from July through August. The program offers enriching recreational and learning activities to families who receive services from the HBHC program. The goal is to reduce social isolation, provide education, and expose families to activities they may otherwise be unable to participate in. For more information, please contact 617 534-5832

***Boston Public Health Commission: Men's Health and Recovery Program***

**774 Albany Street, 3rd Fl.**

**Boston, MA 02118**

**617-534-2185**

**[www.bphc.org](http://www.bphc.org)**

**Contact:** Intake

**Services:** Men's Health and Recovery is a short-term outpatient substance abuse counseling program with supportive case management for adult males in Boston, particularly men of color.

The Program provides: Individual substance abuse counseling; Recovery support services; Medication assisted counseling

**Service hours:** Intake hours: M & Th: 10am - 3pm

## Massachusetts Violence Intervention Advocacy Program

**1010 Massachusetts Ave,  
2nd Floor**

**Boston, MA 02118**

[www.bphc.org/programs/cafh/violenceprevention/viap/](http://www.bphc.org/programs/cafh/violenceprevention/viap/)

The Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (VIAP) is unique in that it is both one unified state program and also three distinct programs at three hospitals in Massachusetts. VIAP serves communities through emergency departments at Boston Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Bay state Medical Center.

VIAP's services are tiered to reflect levels of recovery and development. Clients successfully complete the program by moving through these tiers. The services covered under each tier are:

1. Injury and recovery: Hospital care navigation and appointments, medical equipment needs, physical therapy, mental

health, alcohol or substance abuse, state victim's compensation awards.

2. Basic Needs: Housing/relocation, transitional assistance/food, family and child support, legal advocacy and support.

3. Personal Development and Growth: Education assistance, job readiness training, employment assistance, counseling (individual and family).

4. Maintenance: Check-in, maintaining jobs and school, personal development.

Since 1989, TEENS ON TARGET (TNT) has been offering young people who live in neighborhoods with the highest rates of violence positive alternatives, and training them to play leadership roles in violence prevention efforts. With gun homicides as a leading cause of death for children in California, we don't have a moment to waste.

TNT trains high school students and young adults called – Peer Educators – from neighborhoods with high levels of violence to present interactive violence prevention workshops to middle and high school students. The Peer Educators also work with community leaders and policy makers to develop solutions to violence.

Some of the Peer Educators are in wheelchairs from being shot, and most have experienced or are at great risk for experiencing violence first hand.

They undergo extensive twelve-week after-school training on how to educate their peers and speak about the impact of violence in

their lives. Facilitated by staff, they continue to meet 2-3 times a week after school throughout the school year to support one another and continue their training. They also receive a monthly stipend for their work. For most, this is their first real job experience.

To date, over 900 young people have been trained to be Peer Educators. These young people have reached over 45,000 students in Oakland and Los Angeles with workshops that enable students to participate in making their lives, their neighborhoods and their communities more healthy and safe.

### **The Osiris Group**

**184 Dudley St  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
617-442-2002  
[www.osirisgroup.org](http://www.osirisgroup.org)**

The Osiris Group Parent Company was formed to offer to the Black community culturally competent mental health practitioners who practice their craft from an Afro-centric paradigm. We believe that the psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of our clients can best be served by individuals who reflect their ethnicity. The Osiris Group practitioner's focus is on teaching our client(s) to live in the present without allowing any past human deficits to become permanent stumbling blocks.

The following insurances are accepted:

- Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan (BMCHP)
- Fallon Community Health Plan
- Massachusetts Behavioral Health Plan (MBHP)
- Neighborhood Health Plan
- Network Health

Resources; program supports, staffing, materials.

### **Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)**

ICC is a service that uses the *Wraparound* care planning process to coordinate multiple services and supports for youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). Involvement and participation in ICC is voluntary. Youth and their families enrolled in ICC are assigned a *care coordinator*. The care coordinator is responsible for working with your child and family to:

- Complete a risk management and safety plan
- Meet with your family at your home to conduct a comprehensive assessment of your child's and family's strengths and needs
- Assemble a care planning team of the family's preference made up of formal (teachers, state agency workers, etc) and natural (friends, neighbors, etc) supports to help support the youth and family
- Facilitate development of an Individual Care Plan (ICP) that guides the family and team in pursuing goals identified by the care planning team
- Make sure services and supports identified on the ICP are in place and coordinated (MSPCC, 2011).

### **Family Support and Training**

Your family will be assigned a *Family Partner* to provide support and training. A Family Partner has personal experience as a caregiver of a youth with special needs. The family partner works closely with the care

coordinator (for youth in ICC) to help the parent(s) or caregiver(s) of the youth by:

- Teaching the parent/caregiver how to navigate the child-serving systems
- Identifying available services and supports in the community
- Developing connections with self-help or support groups
- Supporting and coaching the parent/caregiver in reaching goals identified on the ICP

### **Arbour Health System Foundation In Jamaica Plain**

**227 Babcock St  
Brookline, MA  
(617) 731-3200**

[www.arbourhealth.com/](http://www.arbourhealth.com/)

Arbour Health System is committed to providing easy access to a comprehensive range of behavioral health services for patients of all ages. It provides a continuum of care that includes [clinical evaluation](#), [inpatient crisis stabilization](#), and treatment for patients with mental illness, [dual diagnosis](#), and/or [addictions](#).

Programs are designed to provide evaluation and stabilization of the individual's primary symptoms and problems. Programs emphasize developing coping mechanisms and skill-building to create the best opportunity to prevent relapse. Medication stabilization and management is also emphasized to prepare the individual to successfully step down to a less restrictive level of care, including back to the community.

### **Boston Institute for Arts Therapy**

**90 Cushing Avenue  
Boston, MA 02125  
(617) 288-5858**

[www.manta.com/c/mm446vv/boston-institute-for-arts-therapy](http://www.manta.com/c/mm446vv/boston-institute-for-arts-therapy)

Founded in 1982, the Boston Institute for

Arts Therapy (BIAT) is dedicated to meeting the needs of over 2,500 children and their families annually who are challenged emotionally, physically and developmentally. BIAT strives to improve the quality of life of each individual and community it serves through engagement in therapeutic and educational arts programs. The arts, when used in the service of the individual, are powerful tools for facilitating communication, human development and change.

### **Boston Ten Point Coalition**

**150 Warren St  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
(617) 524-4331**

[www.bostontenpoint.org/](http://www.bostontenpoint.org/)

#### ***ABOUT BOSTON TEN POINT COALITION***

The Boston Ten Point Coalition (BTPC) is an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and lay leaders working to mobilize the community around issues affecting Black and Latino youth.

The Boston Ten Point Coalition's programs are unique because they:

Focus on some of our communities "troubled youth," youth that other agencies most frequently are unable to serve. We work with high-risk youth as their shattered lives and dreams are reflected in their violent and oftentimes callous and/or self-destructive behaviors.

Operate in collaboration with other community-based, governmental, and private sector institutions that are also committed to the revitalization of the families and communities in which our youth are raised. By working with other institutions, we reduce duplication of effort.

The Boston TenPoint Coalition is faith-

based because faith breeds a sense of hope and provides the nurturing yet structured principles and environment that many youth lack. We are a coalition that collectively aspires to make the “Boston Miracle” continue to work.

Boston University Center for Anxiety & Related Disorders Services for adolescents Season of Peace campaigns are designed to promote anti-violence. This project was launched to send a consistent message of peace to youth who were involved in the violence. The strategy involves creating a period of time during the year to declare a general ceasefire throughout the city.

### **Support Services for the Community and Elizabeth Stone House Residents**

**8 Notre Dame St  
Boston, MA 02119  
(617) 427-9801**

[www.elizabethstonehouse.org/help-for-you/main.aspx](http://www.elizabethstonehouse.org/help-for-you/main.aspx)

The Elizabeth Stone House offers a wide range of services to families in our community as well as to adults and children who live in our facilities. We have a team of case managers who work with adults one-on-one to define goals and work toward them. All residents are assigned a case manager when they move into our facilities, and all community members who participate in Stone House programs are eligible for case management. Our facilitated support groups help individuals overcome isolation and learn to rely on their peers, while providing substantive information that is useful in daily life. Our classes teach adults personal, financial and parenting skills. Our transportation and child care assistance make it possible for our adult residents to attend school or go to work.

***The Elizabeth Stone House’s Anger Management Program*** is designed for adults whose anger is harmful to them or their families. Individuals who inappropriately direct their anger at their children, who have difficulty maintaining a job because of outbursts, or who are at risk of losing housing because of an inability to control their anger are all encouraged to take part in this working group.

Anger Management is a 12-week program that addresses what anger is, what it looks like, how anger effects parenting, why we choose anger, the origins of anger, ideas for dealing with anger, communicating effectively, anger and addiction, anger and boundary development, and taking care of self. Providing parents with tools to express feelings in a productive and appropriate manner facilitates their ability to foster a nurturing environment for their children and maintain stability within the home. Addressing anger issues also helps individuals address conflicts on the job, with landlords, and with neighbors productively.

***For more information, please contact:***  
Ruth Rollins at (617) 409-5413 or  
[rrollins@elizabethstone.org](mailto:rrollins@elizabethstone.org)

### ***Economic Sustainability Programs***

These groups can be held at your program site at no cost to you.

### **Money Smart**

Money Smart is a comprehensive financial education curriculum designed to help low- and moderate-income individuals outside the financial mainstream enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. Financial education fosters financial stability for individuals, families, and entire communities. The more people

know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes, and improve their financial health and well being.

For more information, or if you are interested in hosting support or educational groups at your location, please contact Ruth Rollins at (617) 409-5413 or [rrollins@elizabethstone.org](mailto:rrollins@elizabethstone.org)

## **BARC**

**800.841.8371**

Sexual violence disrupts the lives of victims and those who care about them. The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) is committed to giving survivors and their families and friends the resources they need to reclaim their lives and begin healing, to raising awareness of the issues survivors face, and to ending sexual violence through healing and social change.

If you have or someone you care about has experienced sexual violence, you are not alone. You may have many questions but are unsure where to find answers. BARCC is here to help.

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) is the only rape crisis center in the Greater Boston area and the oldest and largest center in Massachusetts. Our vision is to end sexual violence through healing and social change.

BARCC was founded in 1973 by a group of people dedicated to building a hotline to answer calls from rape survivors. Today, we are national leaders in providing comprehensive, free services including a 24-hour hotline, 24-hour medical advocacy, individual and group counseling, and legal advocacy. We also provide community awareness and prevention services through

partnerships and training with organizations and communities.

## **Just Circles**

[just-circles.com/](http://just-circles.com/)

The seeds for JUST Circles were planted by the Out of Harm's Way Initiative, a United Way Project supported through the Boston Public Schools and the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) at Suffolk University. During the summer of 2010, as the Out of Harm's Way Initiative began transitioning from grant funding, JUST Circles was formed to ensure that the vital work of building communities of care and respect would continue. JUST Circles uses authentic open dialogue, transformational restorative practices and the circle process as vehicles for building communities of care and respect. .

## **EMERGE**

**2380 Massachusetts Avenue**

**Cambridge, MA 02140**

**617-547-9879**

[www.emergema.org/](http://www.emergema.org/)

Emerge's mission is to eliminate violence in intimate relationships. In working toward this goal, Emerge seeks to educate individual abusers, prevent young people from learning to accept violence in their relationships, improve institutional responses to domestic violence, and increase public awareness about the causes and solutions to partner violence. With the development of parenting education groups for fathers, Emerge has expanded its mission to include a goal of helping men to become more responsible parents.

Emerge teaches that domestic violence is a learned behavior, not a disease or a sickness. Emerge supports grassroots, institutional

and cultural efforts to stop partner violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Emerge recognizes that other oppressive life circumstances such as racism, poverty and homophobia create a climate that contributes to partner violence.

This website is designed to offer information on services Emerge offers and should not be considered as a substitute for seeking out abuser education services. Materials sold on this site are intended to be used by counselors and administrators, and are not intended as “self-help” resources. Trainings are conducted on a regular basis in the Boston area, and Emerge is available to conduct trainings world-wide. Please click on the tabs above for specific information, and if you have any questions when using our site, please contact us at 617-547-9879 or by [e-mail](#).

Emerge is a Massachusetts Certified Batterer Intervention Program & Training Site. For information on Certification Guidelines for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, visit the official website of the [Office of Health and Human Services](#) (EOHHS).

## Family Services

### Boston Living Center

**29 Stanhope Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
617-236-1012  
[www.bostonlivingcenter.org](http://www.bostonlivingcenter.org)**

Victory Programs’ Boston Living Center (BLC) is a nonprofit community and resource center that fosters the wellness of all HIV positive people and responds to the changing needs of the HIV/AIDS

community through education, treatment information and support services.

The Boston Living Center offers a wide range of free services for its members. To learn more about these services, please click the links below.

### **SERVICES**

Groups  
Meals and Nutrition  
Bridges for Life  
LIFE  
Art Classes  
Cyberspace Computer Lab  
Housing Assistance  
Additional Services

### **The Dimock Center**

**55 Dimock Street  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
617-442-8800,  
[www.dimockcenter.org/](http://www.dimockcenter.org/)**

A sequence of classes are offered that starts at the most basic level and prepares students for successful transition to post-high school education or training. In addition to classes, the program provides employment counseling, professional development, introduction to computers, and case management. Each student enrolled in classes will receive an academic assessment which is used to develop the student’s Individual Learning Plan (ILP).

### **Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program**

**729 Massachusetts Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118  
617-414-7779**

For over 27 years, our mission has remained the same: to provide or assure access to the highest quality health care for all homeless men, women and children in the greater Boston area. We believe it has been and continues to be *medicine that matters*.

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### **Brown Bag Program**

**1-800-645-8333**

The Greater Boston Food Bank's "Brown Bag" program currently serves 14 communities and reaches over 8,438 seniors at risk of hunger every month. These supplemental groceries help ensure our most vulnerable neighbors don't miss meals and get enough of the nutritious food they need.

### **Food Stamps (DTA)**

**1-800-249-2007**

### **WIC (Women, Infants and Children)**

**1-800-942-1007**

### **Disability Law Center**

**11 Beacon Street, Suite 925**

**Boston, MA 02108**

**617-723-8455**

[www.dlc-ma.org/](http://www.dlc-ma.org/)

We provide information, referral, technical assistance and representation regarding legal rights and services for people with disabilities. We provide legal services to eligible people and groups whose cases meet [DLC's priorities](#). We seek to strike a balance between systemic advocacy and individual representation.

### **Child Witness to Violence Project**

**Boston Medical Center**

**88 E. Newton St., Vose Hall**

**Boston, MA 02118**

**617-414-4244**

[www.childwinesstoviolence.org/](http://www.childwinesstoviolence.org/)

**The Child Witness to Violence Project**

(**CWVP**) is a therapeutic, advocacy, and

outreach project that focuses on the growing

number of young children who are hidden

victims of domestic and community

violence and other trauma-related events.

CWVP is staffed by a multi-cultural staff of social workers, psychologists, early childhood specialists, a consulting pediatrician and consulting attorney. It is run under the auspices of the Department of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at Boston Medical Center.

Goals of the project include:

- To identify young children who witness acts of significant violence.
- To help young children heal from the trauma of witnessing violence by providing developmentally appropriate counseling for them and for their families.
- To provide consultation and training to the network of caregivers in the lives of young children in order that they may more effectively identify

and respond to children who are exposed to violence.

### **DOVE, Inc - Domestic Violence Ended**

**PO Box 690267  
Quincy, MA 02269  
617-471-1234**

[www.doveinc.info/](http://www.doveinc.info/)

DOVE is committed to partnering with diverse communities, families and individuals impacted by domestic violence. They promote hope, healing, safety, and social change by providing a broad range of preventive and responsive services.

### **24-hour Emergency Hotline:**

**617-566-6881**

Provides temporary and emergency shelter for battered women and their children, counseling, support groups, welfare, court, housing and child advocacy. MBTA accessible

### **Justice Resource Institute,**

**160 Gould Street  
Suite 300  
Needham, MA 02494-2300  
(781) 559-4900**

[www.jri.org](http://www.jri.org)

JRI is dedicated to addressing the most confounding challenges of both the human services and educational systems and the persons and families these systems were created to serve. JRI pursues the social justice inherent in opening doors to opportunity and independence. Although our range of services is as varied as those we serve, our approach is uniformly characterized by compassionate support, innovation, and community leadership. We work in partnership with individuals, families, communities and government to address their shared challenges in a comprehensive, coordinated, systematic, and effective manner. JRI seeks new knowledge and improved evidence-based practice, in research and in the field, in order to inform our continuous search for excellence in service.

### **Services:**

- *Behavioral Health*
- *Disability Services*
- *Health HIV & LGBTQ Services*
- *Residential & Educational Services*

### **Alliance for Young Families**

**105 Chauncey Street, 8th floor  
Boston, MA 02111**

**617-482-9122**

[www.massteenpregnancy.org/](http://www.massteenpregnancy.org/)

We are the only organization in Massachusetts dedicated to ensuring that state policies and local programs effectively address the complex issues associated with teen pregnancy.

### **Boston ElderINFO**

**110 Chauncey Street  
Boston, MA 01222**

**617-292-6211**

[www.elderinfo.org/](http://www.elderinfo.org/)

Boston ElderINFO assists elders and their families in accessing a comprehensive range of services that address age-related needs. Boston ElderINFO is a program of the ElderCare Alliance. The ElderCare Alliance is a not for profit collaboration of three Boston home care agencies, also known as Aging Services Access Points (ASAP's):

### **Elders Living at Home**

**One Boston Medical Center Place  
Boston, MA 02118**

**617-638-6139**

[www.bmc.org/eldersathome.htm](http://www.bmc.org/eldersathome.htm)

Boston Medical Center provides a full spectrum of pediatric and adult care services from primary to family medicine to advanced specialty care. You can search our

services by department, by A-to-Z index of all services and programs, and by patient support services.

### **Transition House (Cambridge)**

**1035 Cambridge Street, B10  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
617-661-7203**

[www.transitionhouse.org](http://www.transitionhouse.org)

Transition House is an innovative nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization providing the tools people need to build safe and healthy lives. Transition House began as shelter for battered women and their children, and we are proud to continue that tradition with our emergency shelter. In addition, Transition House offers two long-term housing programs for individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence.

### **St. Francis House**

**39 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
617-542-4211**

[www.stfrancishouse.org/](http://www.stfrancishouse.org/)

St. Francis House is nonprofit and nonsectarian. Our mission and approach are simple: We believe in the worth of every human being, and we know from experience that when people have the right tools, change can happen. Big change. That's why we provide our guests with everything they need to reclaim their dignity and rebuild their lives: nutritious meals, clothing, access to medical care, counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and housing.

7am-3pm Daily

Breakfast 7:30am-9am

Lunch 11:30n-1pm

Sandwiches served 1-2pm

### **Justice Resource Institute**

**160 Gould Street  
Suite 300  
Needham, MA 02494-2300  
(781) 559-4900**

[www.jri.org](http://www.jri.org)

JRI is dedicated to addressing the most confounding challenges of both the human services and educational systems and the persons and families these systems were created to serve. JRI pursues the social justice inherent in opening doors to opportunity and independence. Although our range of services is as varied as those we serve, our approach is uniformly characterized by compassionate support, innovation, and community leadership. We work in partnership with individuals, families, communities and government to address their shared challenges in a comprehensive, coordinated, systematic, and effective manner. JRI seeks new knowledge and improved evidence-based practice, in research and in the field, in order to inform our continuous search for excellence in service.

#### **Services:**

- *Behavioral Health*
- *Disability Services*
- *Health HIV & LGBTQ Services*
- *Residential & Educational Services*

### **Louis D. Brown Peace Institute**

**1452 Dorchester Ave  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Dorchester MA 02122  
617825-1917**

[Ldbpeaceinstitute.org](http://Ldbpeaceinstitute.org)

*The Mission of the Louis D Brown Peace Institute is clear; to create and support an environment where families can live in Peace and Unity.*

## Urban Improv.

670 Centre Street,  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
617-232-1175  
[www.urbanimprov.org/](http://www.urbanimprov.org/)

Urban Improv's mission is to promote positive youth development as a catalyst for violence prevention and social change.

Urban Improv uses structured theater improvisation to teach:

- Violence prevention
- Conflict resolution
- Decision-making
- Impulse control

Our professional actor/educators lead interactive [workshops](#) that offer students the opportunity to explore their own solutions to challenging, real-life situations.

## Greater Boston Legal Services

197 Friend Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-371-1234  
[www.gbbs.org/](http://www.gbbs.org/)

Our mission is to provide free legal assistance to as many low-income families as possible to help them secure some of the most basic necessities of life.

GBLS plays a unique role in the social service delivery system. It is the agency to which other providers refer clients when no one else can help and legal assistance is needed.

Our clients are:

victims of domestic violence and their children needing protections against abuse, homeless families seeking access to emergency shelter or permanent housing

families facing destitution in need of subsistence benefits low-income renters facing possible homelessness elders and individuals with disabilities in need of critical income and medical benefits immigrants fleeing torture and persecution needing protection in our country and low wage workers denied their earned wages and benefits

## Renewal House (Boston)

10 Putnam Street  
Roxbury MA 02119  
617-277-4194  
[renewalhouse.blogspot.com/](http://renewalhouse.blogspot.com/)

Provides temporary and emergency shelter for battered women and their children, counseling, support groups, welfare, court, housing and child advocacy. MBTA accessible

## Family Nurturing Center

200 Bowdoin St  
Dorchester, MA 02124  
617-471-1143  
[www.familynurturing.org/](http://www.familynurturing.org/)

The mission of Family Nurturing Center is to work with others to build nurturing communities where children are cherished, families are supported, and healthy human development is promoted by all.

*Evidence keeps mounting that giving parents the training and resources they need to nurture and guide their families brings significant social and economic rewards to their children and to society at large.*

Family Nurturing Center believes all parents need support in their challenging and important role, and it is best found in the context of community. Providing neighborhood-based as well as city-wide programs, we reach parents and caregivers through home visits, playgroups, and workshops. Connecting families with each other for mutual support and engagement around skill-building and access to educational, social and health resources is an essential element of our practice and mission.

Collaboration and training are integral to our philosophy, and we continue to broaden capacity as the recognized training and technical support provider for Nurturing Program development in Massachusetts. Working with the Department of Children and Families and other social service agencies, we train individuals across the region and support the development of new programs.

Measuring our Success in FY11 (see also Annual Report below):

- 99 families (over 150 parents and children) participating in seven intensive Nurturing Programs for 12-15 week sessions
- 457 Welcome Baby deliveries of gift bags and resource information to families with newborns
- 86 families receiving twice-weekly Parent-Child Home Program visits modeling language and literacy activities
- 300 parents/caregivers and nearly 350 children building skills together in Parent-Child Playgroups
- 125 families connecting and getting support through the new Family Resource Center at the Marshall School
- 150 families attending workshops on parenting, school registration, home-buying, and financial literacy
- 200 social workers and community volunteers completing training to facilitate Nurturing Programs across the state

### ***Six Protective Factors***

- Nurturing and Attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Concrete Support for Parents
- Social and emotional competence of children

These factors have been identified as being related to the lower incidence of child abuse and neglect. Enhancing these qualities is the

foundation of our work to support and strengthen families. Read more about the protective factors.

***Nurturing Parenting Programs*** bring parents and children together for structured weekly sessions over the course of 12–15 weeks. Following an internationally-recognized, evidence-based curriculum, groups address specific needs, including those of parents with babies, parents and teens, fathers seeking to build relationships with their children, and birth and foster parents working to collaborate on childrearing. Parents learn about child development and effective ways to communicate, developing empathy and practicing new skills in making and enforcing rules and giving praise and encouragement. Children also participate in age appropriate fun and interactive groups, learning the same nurturing skills and methods of communication as their parents.

The philosophy of Nurturing Parenting emphasizes the importance of raising children in a warm, trusting and caring household. It is founded on the belief that children who are cared for develop the capacity to trust, care for, and respect themselves, other people and living creatures, and the environment. The

philosophy is founded on ***seven principles***: *Feelings of Attachment, Empathy, Nurturing Oneself, Gentle Touch, Discipline, Expressing Feelings, Expectations and Self-Worth.*

Each session of the Nurturing Program is designed to reinforce one or more of the five ***Nurturing Parenting Constructs***:

- Appropriate Expectations of Children
  - Empathy for Feelings and Needs
  - Non-Violent Discipline with Dignity
  - Appropriate Family Roles
  - Empowering Power and Independence in Parents and Children
- Children need loving relationships with their fathers as well as their mothers in order to thrive. The Nurturing Fathers' Program brings together men from all family circumstances (custodial, non-custodial, step-fathers, new fathers) who need help with understanding how to be nurturing and supportive, while also maintaining their authority and providing consistent guidance and structure.
  - As a group, participants explore their experiences with their own fathers, and with the guidance of FNC facilitators, they learn about their children's needs and how to meet them. They learn why they need to be their

children's first teachers, and how important it is to provide loving praise and a nurturing and secure environment for their children to gain self-esteem and confidence. Emphasis is also placed on maintaining a positive and supportive co-parenting relationship with the child (ren)'s mother, whether the parents are together or separated.

- FNC typically coordinates 4-6 Nurturing Fathers' Programs each year, many in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families. Additional programs are offered across Massachusetts by organizations trained by FNC staff.

Please see the [Nurturing Program & Training Calendar](#) for a full listing.

For questions about Nurturing Fathers' Programs, contact [John O'Neil](#).

### ***Cape Verdean nurturing program***

1999, in partnership with the Park Street DCF Area Office, FNC offered the first Cape Verdean Nurturing Program - recognizing that the program in English was not fully meeting the needs of the large Cape Verdean population in Dorchester. The parents' group is conducted in Cape Verdean Creole. The children's groups are in English, but there are CV Creole speakers in each group. During Family Nurturing

Time, everyone plays and sings in both languages.

The program has become a resource for families to better understand American culture, expectations, and laws that pertain to them and their children. There is a big focus on communication – on parents telling the story of why they immigrated and on understanding that their children may be struggling to be both American and Cape Verdean. Families spend time discussing this issue of culture – how much you hang onto and how much you let go of and still remain who you are.

The Cape Verdean Nurturing Program is offered in the Boston area in the winter/spring, usually with a February start - see the [Nurturing Program and Training Calendar](#). For more information, please contact [Jessie DeFrancisco](#) or [Sue Parker](#)

### **Department of Transitional Assistance**

**600 Washington St #4  
Boston, MA 02111  
(617) 348-8500  
[www.mass.gov/dta/](http://www.mass.gov/dta/)**

The mission of the Department of Transitional Assistance is to assist low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs, increase their incomes, and improve their quality of life.

## Roxbury Defenders

7 Palmer St Suite 302  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
617-445-7581

[www.publiccounsel.net](http://www.publiccounsel.net)

Massachusetts public defender agency had focused on representing adults in Superior Court. The agency, however, started to recognize the importance of representation in juvenile court in the 1980s with a one-person initiative, the Juvenile Law Advocacy Program (JLAP), spearheaded by Public Defender Jay Blitzman. The goal of the JLAP was to create a modest CPCS presence in the juvenile court and to develop training for the private bar. Blitzman began representing juveniles charged with homicide and met with juvenile defenders around the state.

YAD provides legal representation to young people facing delinquency and youthful offender proceedings. YAD's first priority is criminal defense, which it provides using a holistic approach. YAD combines social services with legal services to better represent clients and incorporates contributions from a team including:

- Defense attorneys
- Education attorneys
- Social workers
- Community outreach workers
- Legal Representation

The Youth Advocacy Division offers legal representation and advocacy to children under 17 years old who are charged as delinquents or youthful offenders. The Youth Advocacy Division provides these services at a number of stages, including:

**Arraignment:** If a child has been arrested and must appear in court the next business day, the Youth Advocacy Division can be appointed to represent the child. If the child

is being arraigned in Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, or West Roxbury Juvenile Courts, you may request that the Youth Advocacy Division be appointed to the case, even if we are not present at the time.

**Summons to Court:** If a child receives notice in the mail that he or she must appear in court on a future date, either for arraignment or a hearing, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division to arrange for representation prior to appearing in court.

**Probation Surrenders:** If a child receives notice in the mail that he or she must appear in court on a future date, either for arraignment or a hearing, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division to arrange for representation prior to appearing in court.

**Warrant Removals:** If there is a warrant pending for a child, either for arrest or default, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division for assistance in removing the warrant.

**Police Questioning:** If a child is wanted for police questioning, either as a potential defendant or witness, you may contact the Youth Advocacy Division for legal representation or advice. Consultation The Youth Advocacy Division can offer advice and consultation on general delinquency issues. Training the Youth Advocacy Division can offer training to staff, parents, youth, and community groups. The Youth Advocacy Division provides training on: laws affecting juveniles, juvenile rights, and the Massachusetts juvenile justice system

## Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

729 Massachusetts Avenue

Boston, MA 02118

617-414-7779

[www.bhchp.org/](http://www.bhchp.org/)

For over 27 years, our mission has remained the same: to provide or assure access to the highest quality health care for all homeless men, women and children in the greater Boston area. We believe it has been and continues to be *medicine that matters*.

*Vulnerable patients* are kept alive and get help managing chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension and cancer.

*Dedicated clinical and non-clinical staff* share their passion for a vibrant mission and support each other in bringing the mission alive.

*Generous donors* have found a fulfilling way to address their concern: "I see people on the street and don't know how to help."

*Shelter Partners* are able to offer BHCHP's medical expertise while focusing on their core mission, thus avoiding the waste involved by duplicating services.

*Boston's many hospitals* can depend on BHCHP as an alternative to the emergency room as well as a safe discharge location for medically vulnerable patients.

## Justice Resource Institute

130 Boylston Street

Boston, MA 02116

617-457-8150

[www.jri.org/](http://www.jri.org/)

*JRI works in partnership with individuals, families, communities and government to address their shared challenges in a comprehensive, coordinated, systematic, and effective manner.*

The Justice Resource Institute (JRI) encompasses a broad range of specialized schools and unique programs through which we strive to serve the needs of undeserved individuals, families, and communities. JRI's growth and success are a measure of all the successes achieved by those it touches.

Justice Resource Institute provides an array of innovative and evidence-based outpatient mental health services throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. All of JRI's Behavioral Health Centers and Trauma Services develop intervention methods to meet the needs of children, adults, and families dealing with a range of behavioral health conditions. Therapeutic services are individually tailored to meet the goals of each client. At JRI, we have a fundamental belief that people living with disabilities are inherently valuable members of our society. They have the right to contribute to and benefit from their communities. The purpose of our services and supports is to promote each individual's right to be treated with dignity and respect, to learn, change and grow, and to experience full and productive lives as independent adult citizens.

Currently, over 200 people with disabilities receive JRI services and supports in community settings. JRI's Disability Services and Staff are guided by six core values that are the foundation of all our activities and are reflected in the outcomes of the programs and supports we provide: dignity and respect; supported in the community; choice and individual control; social and community connections; independence; and personal growth and well-being.

***Disability Services of Justice Resource***

Institute offers an array of service options and individualized supports for people with disabilities. We partner with individuals as well as their families and state agencies to design, develop, and implement high quality, innovative, consumer-responsive community programs and supports. We provide opportunities for people to live in staffed homes and apartments in their communities and to grow through job training, supported employment and day habilitation services. Our therapeutic services and community support staff, work with many individuals in different settings including in their own homes and apartments, or in their family's homes.

***JRI Health provides fundamental services*** like primary:

- health care,
- housing,
- medical case management,
- peer support to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender teens, young adults and adults. We deliver legal and case management services to individuals who are managing HIV, substance abuse and/or mental health issues.

Our approach to service borrows from the stages of change model that acknowledges and honors the individual's journey and process.

For organizations whose work supports at risk individuals and/or those who have been afflicted with HIV/AIDS we offer:

- customized training
- organizational development services, curriculum development.

Our approach is one of compassionate support and constant innovation in an effort to make as much expertise available as possible to clients, partners, funders, and the communities we serve.

Residential & Educational Services

For over thirty years Justice Resource Institute has opened doors to educational opportunity for underserved youth in our communities. Within its specialized schools and programs, JRI has created positively-focused environments that foster healthy growth and development and meet the needs of each individual we serve.

**Cradles to Crayons**

**155 North Beacon Street**

**Brighton, MA 02135**

**Telephone: 617.779.4700**

<http://cradlestocrayons.org/boston>

Provides, free of charge, low-income and homeless children from birth to pre-teen the basic essentials they need to be safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued. Child Witness to Violence clients are able to attain used clothes, shoes, coats, toys, books, and birthday gifts (new) through this organization.

**Catholic Charities Saint Peters**

**278 Bowdoin Street**

**Dorchester, MA 02121**

**(617) 282-3614**

<http://www.ccab.org/>

A program of Catholic Charities Greater Boston, the Teen Center at St. Peter's serves teens ages 15 to 19 from the Bowdoin/Geneva neighborhood of Dorchester. There are approximately 200 members of the Teen Center, with as many as 80 participating in educational or recreational activities daily.

Through the center, adolescents of the mid-Dorchester corridor are provided with work opportunities, have access to various support services, and have a safe place to recreate. Work and activities aim to provide the skills necessary for academic success, while also increasing self-esteem and enhancing the

perception of teens as a positive force in the community.

Catholic Charities' Teen Center at St. Peter's is part of a unique collaboration with St. Peter's School and the Bowdoin Street After-School Program. The three programs, all housed in St. Peter's School, have worked together to serve the families of the Bowdoin Street neighborhood for five years.

### ***Programs and Activities***

Activities at the Teen Center begin at 4 p.m. with focus groups and homework help and continue into the evening with recreational activities.

***Homework Help:*** Teens have a supervised time for homework, peer tutoring, and set times in the computer lab. School performance is reviewed and monitored.

***MCAS Preparation:*** Specialized and remedial tutoring is provided twice a week in math and English to prepare high school students for graduation requirements.

***College Preparation:*** Tutoring is offered in both math and verbal skills to help with standardized tests. Workshops are provided on topics such as financial aid and application assistance. Tours of local colleges are arranged.

***Computer Literacy:*** Classes focus on basic principles of word processing, spreadsheets, internet research, and web page design.

**Focus Groups:** A male and female focus group meets once a week to address adolescent developmental issues and the multiple challenges that confront youth today such as sexual activity, drugs/alcohol, family conflict, immigration issues and deportation, diversity and racism, gang participation, violence, and planning for the future.

***Economic Literacy:*** These classes focus on managing money wisely. Teens set up a no

cost bank account and learn to cut spending and increase savings.

***Teen Center Council:*** Teens meet regularly to discuss pertinent issues affecting youth, seek resolution to conflict among members, and help develop and implement programs. Chosen leaders participate in the Teen Center Council and selected members will participate in the community's Youth Council.

***Performing Arts:*** Artistic programming throughout the year includes classes in African Dance and expression through poetry and music.

***Outdoor Education:*** In partnership with the Sierra Club, the Teen Center participates in hiking, canoeing, and overnight camping trips in all of the New England area.

**Recreational Activities:** Planned activities include sports, dances, fashion shows, tournaments, cultural activities, and special field trips.

***Youth Mediation:*** Trained by the Attorney General's Office, teens help their peers resolve conflicts and disagreements without violence. This program offers students the skills needed to interact with each other at school, home, and in the community.

***Counselors in Training:*** Counselors in Training are paid positions with job responsibilities in the St. Peter's after-school program and the Teen Center, working 10-15 hours a week. Counselors help with the supervision of youth, homework, arts and crafts, and other projects. Counselors in Training are expected to perform well in school and take advantage of the Teen Center's services.

**Community Service:** All teens have the opportunity to carry out supervised community service projects to increase their knowledge of the community and its needs, foster a sense of investment in their neighborhood, and develop positive values of service and contribution.

**Family Fun Night:** Events are held periodically offering games, cultural activities, and refreshments to involve members' families.

**Family Support:** Referrals for community services are offered to the families of participating teens in need of outreach, mediation, and other services.

### **Big Sister Association of Greater Boston's**

**161 Massachusetts Ave,  
Boston, MA  
(617) 236-5300**

[www.bigsister.org/](http://www.bigsister.org/)

Our mission is to help girls realize their full potential by providing them with positive mentoring relationships with women.

Our vision is to create a mentor-rich community in which every girl has access to the individual nurturing, guidance and support she needs to become a confident, competent and caring adult. Using research-based best practices, we hope to become a national model for gender-specific mentoring for girls which can be replicated in other mentoring programs.

Big Sister is an acknowledged leader in building professionally supported dynamic relationships between girls and adult women volunteers.

### **Family Services of Greater Boston**

**31 Heath Street,  
Boston MA 02130  
617-523-6400**

[www.fsgb.org/](http://www.fsgb.org/)

Our mission at Family Service of Greater Boston is to promote the self-sufficiency and well-being of at-risk families and individuals through provision of innovative, culturally competent, and integrated health and social services, thereby contributing to healthy communities. Family Service is committed to prevention, respect for individual rights to self-determination,

### **Money Smart**

**Contact Ruth Rollins at (617) 409-5413  
Or [rrollins@elizabethstone.org](mailto:rrollins@elizabethstone.org)**

Money Smart is a comprehensive financial education curriculum designed to help low- and moderate-income individuals outside the financial mainstream enhance their financial skills and create positive banking relationships. Financial education fosters financial stability for individuals, families, and entire communities. The more people know about credit and banking services, the more likely they are to increase savings, buy homes, and improve their financial health and well being.

For more information, or if you are interested in hosting support or educational groups at your location, please contact Ruth Rollins at (617) 409-5413 or [rrollins@elizabethstone.org](mailto:rrollins@elizabethstone.org)

### **The Osiris Group**

**184 Dudley St  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
617-442-2002**

[www.osirisgroup.org](http://www.osirisgroup.org)

The Osiris Group Parent Company was formed to offer to the Black community culturally competent mental health practitioners who practice their craft from an Afro-centric paradigm. We believe that the psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of our clients can best be served by individuals who reflect their ethnicity. The Osiris Group practitioner's focus is on teaching our client(s) to live in the present without allowing any past human deficits to become permanent stumbling blocks.

The Osiris Family Institute, LLC was formed to provide the extended and ongoing family support and information needed in creating the type of home climate and environment that is conducive to positive and productive intergenerational relationships, personal growth, child rearing & learning.

The Osiris Group also provides extended information and services through Osiris Group Media, including: The "OG Perspective" Newsletter; "Families Do Matter" Radio Show on WILD AM 1090 and "The Black Perspective" TV show on Boston Cable Television.

The programs mission/vision statement/goals: What are their assumptions about the problems and the causes; what are their approaches to working with youth, what theories do they utilize or build upon, what kind evaluations of their work.

“The community agency of Hyde Park and Dorchester (Park Street) supports and helps families’ coordinate care for their children who experience emotional and behavioral difficulties, understanding that the entire family is affected. We use a positive team approach to get everyone on the same page, believing it takes a village to raise a child.

Our primary goal is to help families strengthen their skills and knowledge in order to move towards their envisioned future. To do this we offer two services to enrolled families (CSA, 2011).”

Demographics such as locations, communities served, hours, cost for families to participate if any.

The following insurances are accepted:

- Boston Medical Center Health Net Plan (BMCHP)
- Fallon Community Health Plan
- Massachusetts Behavioral Health Plan (MBHP)
- Neighborhood Health Plan
- Network Health

Resources; program supports, staffing, materials.

### **Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)**

ICC is a service that uses the *Wraparound* care planning process to coordinate multiple services and supports for youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). Involvement and participation in ICC is voluntary. Youth and their families enrolled in ICC are assigned a *care coordinator*. The care coordinator is responsible for working with your child and family to:

- Complete a risk management and safety plan
- Meet with your family at your home to conduct a comprehensive assessment of your children and family’s strengths and needs
- Assemble a care planning team of the family’s preference made up of formal (teachers, state agency workers, etc) and natural (friends, neighbors, etc) supports to help support the youth and family
- Facilitate development of an Individual Care Plan (ICP) that guides the family and team in pursuing goals identified by the care planning team
- Make sure services and supports identified on the ICP are in place and coordinated (MSPCC, 2011).

### **Family Support and Training**

Your family will be assigned a *Family Partner* to provide support and training. A Family Partner has personal experience as a caregiver of a youth with special needs. The family partner works closely with the care

coordinator (for youth in ICC) to help the parent(s) or caregiver(s) of the youth by:

- Teaching the parent/caregiver how to navigate the child-serving systems
- Identifying available services and supports in the community
- Developing connections with self-help or support groups
- Supporting and coaching the parent/ caregiver in reaching goals identified on the ICP (MSPCC, 2011).

What do they offer? Programming; education support, arts, advocacy/action supports.

Connecting youth to other outlets in the agency. YARN, TASP, and other outreach programs

Stakeholders; who are they? Relationship to the community they serve; parents, teachers etc.

Government Funding Supports they offer in child's transitions when aging out of programs, what next steps do they have in line

The hope would be to help family build natural supports within their community and families to continue to be successful once they graduate out of the service.

### **Adolescents Parent & Children Center**

**144 McBride Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
(617) 635-6978**

#### **Organizational Mission**

to help adolescent parents finish high school and become nurturing, responsible parents for their children in the Boston area.

#### ***Services Offered***

Services provided are child care and counseling/support for students with children at English High school.

Skills Training  
Child care  
Clothing  
Domestic Violence  
Family Planning  
Family Violence Services  
Mentoring  
Case Management  
Children's Services  
Counseling Education  
Family Support Services  
Information/Referral

### **Adolescents Parent & Children Center**

**110 Claybourne Street  
Dorchester, MA 02124  
(617) 288-2700 Ext. 300  
(617) 288-2714, fax**

#### ***Organizational Mission***

To provide day care for infants and toddlers and support services to Boston's parents under age 19.

#### ***Services Offered***

Day care and meals program; case management for family; parenting and life skills classes; GED preparation; nurturing program.

- Case Management
- Childcare
- Education

### **(BPHC)Farther Friendly**

**774 Albany St  
Boston, MA 02118  
(617) 534-9525**

**Father Friendly Initiative (FFI)** is committed to providing opportunities to low to no income men living the Boston area to become responsible members of their families and community. Our core principles are based on the overwhelming evidence that “Dads Can Be The Difference” in the life of a child. It is a safe haven for men to get together.

**Men do not have to have children to participate in Father Friendly services.**

By supporting Boston fathers, FFI strives to help fathers become more involved with their families -- before, during, and after the birth of their children. FFI encourages its participants to become emotional, financial and nurturing resources for their children and a major source of strength to their families as well as their communities. FFI serves all fathers, but is committed to providing low-income-earning-potential fathers with opportunities necessary to change their economic situation and achieve their goal of *Responsible Fatherhood*.

Fathers play an important role in the lives of their children. By being active, supportive members of their children's lives, they contribute to their children's health and overall well-being.

FFI is a "one-stop" service designed to reintegrate the father into the family, specifically targeting men who have child support, custody/visitation, or court-involved issues. FFI uses a holistic approach and offers a comprehensive case management program designed to accommodate the psychological, physical, and social support needs of those men falling within the low to no-income range.

The FFI services are packaged in a

comprehensive program which includes: medical exams, application for medical insurance, substance abuse, anger management counseling, parenting skills, support groups or individual counseling.

