

Event Recap: Building One Community – HUSKY Program

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On Monday afternoon, several community leaders attended an event hosted by [Building One Community](#) at their newest location on Shippan Avenue to raise awareness about Connecticut's new state-funded [HUSKY program](#) which aims to provide quality and affordable health care to undocumented children ages 0-12.

The event began with a welcoming statement from **Anka Badurina, Executive Director of [Building One Community](#)**, recognizing each guest as they spoke about the anticipated positive impacts this new program will have on different aspects of our community. "B1C is thrilled to host this important event alongside partners and key community groups to raise awareness about the new HUSKY eligibility for undocumented children 12 and younger," added Badurina. "B1C has long and hard advocated for the expansion of the HUSKY program to cover all children, regardless of immigration status. While we're grateful for the expansion of the eligibility for HUSKY to undocumented children from age 8 through age 12, it is clear that we still have a lot of work ahead of us."

[Krishnan Narasimhan](#), Chair of Family Medicine at [Stamford Health](#) spoke about the program's importance as it relates to closing health coverage gaps among parents and their children. "This program's ability to close some of those gaps goes a long way towards being able to support our communities," stated Narasimhan. At Stamford Health, we're very committed to getting the best health outcomes for all our patients in our communities, whether it be obstetrics or behavioral health."

Gui Woolston, Director of [Connecticut's Medicaid and Division of Health Services](#) reflected on Governor Lamont's comments in his 'State of the State' [address] who shared that part of Connecticut's values are being welcoming to immigrants and migrants. Woolston remarked he is proud to share those values and thinks this policy is an important demonstration of that commitment.

Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of [Stamford Public Schools](#) added that when she thinks about what this bill has done for the students in the Stamford Public Schools and beyond, the fact that we have access for all our elementary school students to have access to healthcare, it's a game changer.

Ellyn Laramie, Outreach Coordinator at [Access Health CT](#), provided additional background on the program's accessibility for families across the state and addressed several questions about enrollment in the HUSKY Program and health equity.

To learn more about these community organizations, please visit the links in each of the above sections. To learn more about the HUSKY Program, please visit:

<https://www.huskyhealthct.org/members.html>

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