

SUPPORT THE PREVENTION & WELLNESS TRUST FUND

Please Co-Sponsor SD1482/HD2638 by Senators Lewis, Chandler and Welch and Representatives Vega and Chan



The Prevention & Wellness Trust Fund (PWTF) has increased access to preventive services for nearly 1 million people across every region of the Commonwealth. PWTF invests in evidence-based community interventions that keep residents healthy and safe and is helping to transform the linkages between clinical care and community-based services. The first program of its kind in the country, PWTF has been recognized as a national model. Funding for PWTF will sunset in mid-2017 without action from the Legislature.

Independent Evaluation Finds Promising Results, Supports Further Investment

An independent evaluator found promising results on health impacts, cost effectiveness, potential for cost savings, and systems innovation – and concluded that the program warrants further investment. The Prevention & Wellness Advisory Board—which includes representatives of consumers, insurers, hospitals, municipalities, business, researchers, and others - recommends continued funding.



Community Interventions To Tackle Root Causes of Poor Health & Health Inequities

Preventable health conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and substance use disorders continue to rise, consuming 86% of national health care costs. The result is shorter lives, lower quality of life, reduced workplace productivity, and missed school days. Lower income communities and communities of color are impacted the most. Tackling these challenges requires robust investment in community prevention.

Essential Partner in Successful Health Care Transformation

PWTF brings evidence-based interventions to scale and evaluates their impact, providing crucial lessons for MassHealth and accountable care organizations as they seek to improve care at lower cost. PWTF also addresses community factors that lead to poor health – supporting ACOs to take on financial risk by tackling major cost drivers.



Small Investment, Major Impact

A small assessment on health care payers can impact millions of Massachusetts residents, with financial benefits for payers, businesses, government, and families. SD1482/HD2638 funds PWTF at \$33 million annually through an assessment of roughly one-seventh of one-percent of payers' health care costs.

Continued Funding Supported by Health Care, Municipal, Social Service, and Community Leaders

Hundreds of civic leaders have called for continued funding for PWTF, from large hospitals and health systems to small community based-organizations, from health policy leaders to labor leaders, and from business leaders to elder service providers. Mayors from Boston to Pittsfield also support future funding.

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PREVENTION TRUST COALITION

(as of January 20, 2017)

- Action for Boston Community Development
- Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs
- Berkshire County Boards of Health Association
- Berkshire Family YMCA
- Berkshire Health System
- Berkshire Public Health Alliance
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
- Berkshire South Regional Community Center
- Boston Public Health Commission
- Community Health Center of Cape Cod
- Community Nurse Home Care
- Duffy Health Center
- Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
- Elder Services of Berkshire County
- Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands
- Elder Services of Merrimack Valley
- Enhance Asian Community on Health
- Family Health Center of Worcester
- Greater Boston Interfaith Organization
- Greater Lowell Health Alliance
- Harbor Health Services, Inc. - Hyannis
- Health Care For All
- Health Resources in Action
- Healthy Living Center of Excellence
- Holyoke Health Center
- Holyoke Medical Center
- Holyoke Public Schools
- Holyoke YMCA
- Hudson Health Department
- Lynn Community Health Center
- Lynn Health Department
- Manet Community Health Center
- Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers
- Massachusetts Public Health Association
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council
- Metrowest YMCA
- New Bedford Health Department
- Northern Berkshire Community Coalition
- Partners for a Healthier Community
- Quincy Health Department
- South Shore Elder Services
- South Shore YMCA
- Springfield Food Policy Council
- Tri-Town Health Department
- UMass Memorial Health Care
- Volunteers in Medicine
- VNA of Cape Cod
- Western Massachusetts Physicians Associates
- Western Massachusetts Health Equity Network
- YMCA Cape Cod