

# 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.

# 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