



Boston CHNA-CHIP Collaborative

The **Boston CHNA-CHIP Collaborative** is a new initiative launched by a group of Boston hospitals, health centers, the Boston Public

Health Commission and community organizations that will work to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) which will serve as the foundation for a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for the city of Boston.

Nonprofit hospitals are required to conduct a CHNA every three years under provisions of the Affordable Care Act as well as the Massachusetts Attorney General's Guidelines. The City's public health department is also required to complete a CHNA to qualify for Public Health Accreditation Board certification, while health centers are required to conduct a CHNA by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Until now, these assessments have occurred separately, often at different times. By joining forces, members of the Collaborative will better leverage their resources and experience leading to greater alignment of efforts in addressing the health needs of the residents of Boston.

The **mission** of the Collaborative is "**to achieve sustainable positive change in the health of Boston by collaborating with communities, sharing knowledge, aligning resources, and addressing root causes of inequity.**" The Collaborative will achieve its mission by:

- Conducting a joint CHNA for Boston every 3 years identifying the social, economic, and health needs and assets in the community;
- Developing a CHIP for Boston to address issues identified as top priorities and identifying opportunities for shared programming and investment;
- Monitoring and evaluating CHIP strategies for progress and impact to continuously inform implementation; and,
- Communicating about the process and results to organizational leadership, stakeholders, and the public throughout the assessment, planning, and implementation time periods.

The work of the Collaborative will be guided by a **Steering Committee** comprised of representatives from hospitals, health centers, public health and community organizations with several workgroups including Data and Community Engagement workgroups.

The Collaborative is launching the CHNA process with a kickoff event on September 17th and over the next several months will begin the process of data collection and engaging the community in identifying and prioritizing needs.

Collaborative Engagement & CHNA Timeline

