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Coalition Resource Directory Boston, Brookline, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop

The following is a list of coalitions (alphabetical) identified in Boston, Brookline, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. This list is continually changing as the Greater Boston Center for Healthy Communities receives information about the emergence of new coalitions and existing coalitions in the region. Please contact Kristine Acevedo - kacevedo@tmfnet.org for more listing information.

Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow

www.healthytomorrow.org

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The AHT is a coalition of citizens, scientists, health professionals, workers, and educators seeking preventive action on toxic hazards. Our goal is to correct fundamental flaws in government policies that allow harm to our health and environment. We will create proactive policies to prevent harm before the damage is done and to choose the safest alternatives. We believe the protection of our health must become the first priority of government policy. We support innovation to advance safer technologies, materials and solution. Any organization or individual in Massachusetts who agrees with the principles of the Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow.

Allston-Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition

www.abhealthyboston.org

Contact: Priscilla Golding

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The Allston-Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition is a collaborative of more than 600 residents, educators, service providers, religious groups, students and business people working to proactively and continuously improve the health, safety and cohesiveness of Allston-Brighton. The coalition is the CHNA for the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods.

Boston Area Tobacco Control Coalition

www.smokefreecommunity.org

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BATCC brings together concerned community members to work to protect people from secondhand smoke, prevent young people from starting to smoke & connect current smokers to resources to help them quit. BATCC & its youth component, BAYTAG (Boston Area Youth Tobacco Action Group) prepares & mobilizes young people & adults to advocate for environments that are free of tobacco use & marketing.

The Boston Teen Challenge Fund Coalition

Contact: Jenn Brandel, Coalition Coordinator

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Part of Massachusetts' only statewide teen pregnancy prevention initiative, the mission of the Boston Teen Challenge Fund Coalition is to promote the healthy sexual development of all youth in Boston. In order to accomplish this, we work with youth, parents, schools, organizations and community leaders to develop

innovative approaches to teen pregnancy prevention, comprehensive sexuality education and youth development. We support community-based programs and events that are designed to help young people lead healthy lives. The Coalition also works to link youth-serving organizations across the city in order to form a more comprehensive network of youth programming and health care. We recognize that all of the issues facing young people today intersect and affect developmental outcomes that impact individuals, as well as families and communities.

The Boston Teen Challenge Fund Coalition is a community-based coalition; therefore, without invested community members, it cannot function effectively. The Coalition welcomes the involvement of youth, parents, schools, community-based organizations and youth programs, hospitals and health centers, faith-based organizations, legislators and government officials and other concerned community leaders.

Boston Urban Asthma Coalition

www.buac.org

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The Boston Urban Asthma Coalition (BUAC) works with community residents and organizations to advocate for healthier communities, especially in neighborhoods of high asthma rates. In addition, BUAC conducts outreach educational dinners and leadership development for community members. BUAC focuses on healthy affordable housing, healthy public schools, and access to quality health care for all.

Chelsea Community Connections Coalition

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Residents and agencies working together to build community, encourage volunteerism, and create a broad range of formal and informal family supports with the view of decreasing the frequency of child abuse and neglect. Coalition is open to anyone (resident, agency or organization) willing to work toward these goals.

Chinatown Coalition

Contact: Douglas Ling

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A community based initiative involving residents, community members, organizations, churches, institutions, businesses and government agencies committed to improving the social, economic, environmental and spiritual life of the Chinatown and Boston Asian community. This commitment is realized primarily through information sharing, assessment and identification of community needs and concerns. The Chinatown Coalition facilitates and coordinates neighborhood based efforts and resources to address those concerns, and actively promotes advocacy and coordination with external agencies, institutions and public entities which have interest in and impact upon those concerns and our efforts to build a healthy Chinatown and Asian community. The Chinatown Coalition is the CHNA for this neighborhood.

Codman Square Neighborhood Alliance

Contact: Rev. Brilton Levy

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To seek needs of community residents and link with city, state or federal programs. To reduce crime and violence, increase affordable housing, improve transportation, communication to get more residents involved. Community residents or persons who work in community. Community election for Board is made up of 11 community residents.

Codman Square/Four Corners Alliance for Community Health

Contact: Ulric Johnson

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The Codman Square/Four Corners Alliance for Community Health is a group of residents and organizations committed to understanding the quality of community health and the environment in their community. The Alliance invites anyone to join their work as they seek to improve the quality of life in CS/FC. They encourage participation from every aspect of the community, including youth, senior citizens, and the various ethnic groups.

Community Partnership Resources Network

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The Community Partnership Resources Network that was establishing in 1999 by two community relations liaisons, interested in bringing together those individuals, organizations and institutions to share experiences, resources and action for best practices in establishing win-win community partnerships between public and private sector. The mission statement for the CPRN is: To network professionals in Public Relations, Community Relations, Public Affairs and/or related positions, in order to foster the sharing of resources and strategies for partnerships in the public and private sectors. Monthly meetings are hosted by membership to provide opportunity to learn about the hosting agency as well as to update and build upon opportunity for establishing linkages and partnerships between membership groups. In the last few months, each hosting agency is acting as host/facilitator and tackle different issues affecting youth, education, the arts, health and community development on urban, multicultural communities in the Greater Boston area.

Dorchester Environmental Health Coalition

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The Dorchester Environmental Health Coalition (DEHC) is a working network of community organizations, environmental leaders and individuals who are: concerned about the environment and health effects on Dorchester residents; and committed to identifying and addressing local environmental problems.

The mission of the Coalition is to tackle urban environmental concerns with community-based education and organizing, leading to measurable improvements and a healthy environment for people who live and work in Dorchester.

Dorchester CARES Coalition for Families & Children

www.dcares.org

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Dorchester CARES was established in 1989 with a mission to coordinate, develop and institutionalize comprehensive community-based programs, which will support families and prevent child abuse and neglect in target neighborhoods. To achieve this mission, we bring together all interested individuals and organizations in order to strengthen families and build more supportive communities.

Dorchester Community Services Collaborative

www.dorchesterdcsc.com

Contact: Janette Bataringaya

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DCSC organizations serve the Dorchester community. In partnership we promote our many programs and services, influence the political, social and economic forces affecting our neighborhoods and ensure a healthy and prosperous future for residents of our community. Members are encouraged to join working committees where they will develop action steps and strategies to advance the goals of the collaborative. At monthly meetings members learn about each other's resources and services, share valuable information, plan collaborative initiatives and network with people working toward common goals. The Collaborative is the CHNA for Dorchester.

East Boston Healthy Boston Coalition

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Primary prevention of poor health outcomes. Promotion of resilient youth in a resilient community

Franklin Field/Franklin Hill/Dorchester Healthy Boston Coalition

Contact: Jamiese Martin

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Services include: Drug, alcohol & tobacco prevention; gender/racial equality; violence prevention education; housing; food/hunger; environmental issues; transportation; HIV/AIDS prevention; health care access advocacy; assist with local issues problem solving; provide training workshops in various topics; provide conferences; coalition building; facilitation; networking/coordination; technical assistance; building youth leadership; family strengthening. This coalition is the CHNA for this neighborhood.

Friends of Brookline Public Health

Contact: Alan Balsam, Ph.D., Director, Brookline Department of Public Health,

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The principal goal of the Friends is to foster and support closer relationships among the Brookline Health Department, health professionals, health-related institutions and interested members of the Brookline community to address those issues that affect the health and well-being of Brookline residents and visitors.

Girls' Coalition of Greater Boston

www.girlscoalition.org

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The Girls' Coalition is a member-driven consortium of Greater Boston organizations and individuals committed to expanding and enhancing high-quality services, resources, and opportunities for girls that embody a research-based and practice-proven understanding of girls' unique strengths, needs, and perspectives. To support its members in pursuing these goals, the Girls' Coalition acts as a resource and clearinghouse for networking and convening opportunities, training and professional development, and public education and advocacy. Our activities include hosting networking/training events on a wide variety of topics related to girls; running a listserv that functions as a calendar of events regarding the local "girls' world;" maintaining a resource-rich web site; and production of a professional journal that explores a topic such as girls and juvenile justice or girls and science from the perspective of researchers, practitioners, funders, and girls to promote "best practices."

Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting girls' healthy development. At the moment, membership is free, but starting in summer 2003, we will be implementing a graduated member fee.

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization

Contact: Shari Andes

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Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) will coalesce, train and organize the communities of Greater Boston across all religious, racial, ethnic, class and neighborhood lines for the public good. Our primary goal is to develop local leadership. This will enable us to develop the power of organized numbers to hold other holders of power accountable for their public responsibilities, as well as initiate action and programs of our own to solve community and economic problems.

Greater Four Corners Action Coalition

Contact: Marvin Martin

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Empowers poor people and people of color in Dorchester's Four Corners neighborhood to create social change and participate in decisions affecting their community. To have the community organize to do economic development & empower community. Civic groups/street associations within Four Corners willing to actively work on issues.

Harbor Communities Health Alliance

www.tmfnet.org

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The Harbor Community Health Alliance, part of CHNA #19, is a local, volunteer network of providers and community leaders working together to improve the health status of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. Representatives from health and human service organizations, community-based agencies, city governments, public schools, local boards of health, and local coalitions come together to:

- Network and share information among programs and services in the area
- Collaborate on health improvement projects
- Organize regionally in support of community health initiatives

Anyone interested in working together to improve the health status of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

Healthy Roslindale

Contact: Cathy Slade

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Seeks to focus on community health including safety (vis-à-vis) crime watch and develop a network of people who are active in creating a healthy and safe community. All who work or live in Roslindale are welcome. The Healthy Roslindale Coalition is the CHNA for this neighborhood.

Massachusetts Chapter of The Million Woman March Movement

Contact: Shirlene Barnes

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We are a grass roots group of women of color dedicated to helping women of color in our community in the area of socializing, networking, community service projects, educational and selected business or educational opportunities with an eye towards the enrichment of their lives.

Multicultural Coalition on Aging

www.multiculturalcoalition.org

Contact: Shannon Downey

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The Multicultural Coalition on Aging (MCA) is an ad hoc coalition of agencies, institutions and individuals providing health care services to older people in the greater Boston, MA area, inclusive of many racial, ethnic, religious, lifestyle and linguistic groups.

Revere Cares

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The goal if Revere CARES is to reduce substance abuse among Revere children and adolescents. It is open to anyone who lives and/or works in this neighborhood.

Roxbury Community Alliance for Health

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The mission of the Roxbury Community Alliance for Health (RCAH) is to educate, advocate, empower and improve the health status of Roxbury residents. RCAH combines the expertise and resources of local non-profit

organizations, health centers, hospitals, city and state agencies, community programs and Roxbury residents to jointly undertake health initiatives. The Roxbury Community Alliance for Health is the CHNA for Roxbury.

South Boston Collaborative Advisory Network

Contact:

Phone:

South End/Lower Roxbury Healthy Boston Coalition

Contact: Ashley McCumber

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The South End/Lower Roxbury Boston Coalition is for all who live or work in the community, is dedicated to the social, cultural, physical, environmental and economic well being of the South End/Lower Roxbury. We promote active participation in our community, identify community assets and needs, network, advocate and coordinate assets. The coalition meets monthly and is the CHNA for this neighborhood.

Teens Against Tobacco

www.teens-against.tobacco.org

Contact: Bill Loesch

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To reduce use and abuse of tobacco in area among all ages. To educate all about tobacco industry marketing and to seek health commission, agencies and elected officials to reduce supply in community. Groups working on anti-tobacco that reach others, willing to do education and outreach, and willing to advocate and lobby for change; especially teen-oriented and teen run groups.

Tree of Life/Arbol de Vida Family Support

Contact: Margaret Noce

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The Jamaica Plain Coalition: Tree of Life/Arbol de Vida Family Support Initiative (JPC) is a comprehensive project to strengthen and promote strong families in a healthy and drug free Jamaica Plain/Lower Roxbury. This coalition is the CHNA for this neighborhood.