

# Franklin County & North Quabbin CHIP 2024-28 Priorities

**Expand access to health care**, including: mental health care, healthcare for the unhoused, and healthcare for rural residents.

**Improve digital equity:** both digital literacy and access to technology and broadband, with a focus on older adults, children, parents, and vulnerable populations.

**Increase access to affordable cars, driving education, and licenses.**

**Diversify housing stock** throughout our region, including rental apartments, long-term housing for those with history of SUD, accessory dwelling units, affordable townhomes.

**Build a more connected and resilient community** by implementing recommendations of Surgeon General's Report on Loneliness.

Increase institutional **diversity, equity, justice, and belonging** work.

**Increase access to and education on air quality:** Publicize and expand local air quality sensors and increase public education about how to interpret the data.

**Address critical shortage of home health aides, nurses, and early childhood educators.**

**Increase use of restorative practices in schools:** discipline reform built on improved school culture and climate.

Outreach to **close SNAP gap and expand Healthy Incentives Program (HIP)** vendors, products, and use.

Implementation of the five year **Age and Dementia Friendly Action Plan** for Franklin County and the North Quabbin.

## Determinants of Health

- Built Environment
- Health Care Quality & Access
- Social Environment
- Environmental Quality
- Employment and Income
- Multiple Categories

**Reduce childhood trauma** through regional policy and systems change campaign.

**Increase access to post-secondary education.** Support Mass Reconnect and other Fair Share -funded educational access programs

Reduce **CORI-related and eviction history barriers to housing** for people in the region.