

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 the 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.

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.

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