

Pawtucket Central Falls Health Equity Zone

Year- End Review

A Health Equity Zone is...

Health Equity-centered: Our goal is to address health disparities and we strive to center equity in the process of our work as well as our outcomes.

Place-based: We are a collaborative of residents, orgs, institutions, and businesses in Pawtucket and Central Falls, focusing health equity in these communities.

Community-driven: Community members should be leading voices of the HEZ and guide everything we do.

Addresses Root Causes: We promote health equity by addressing the root causes- i.e. housing, food security, mental health, income etc.



Health Equity Zone

Upstream collaborative approach to improve health outcomes. This placebased strategy adopted by the Rhode Island Department of Health aims to address health disparities.

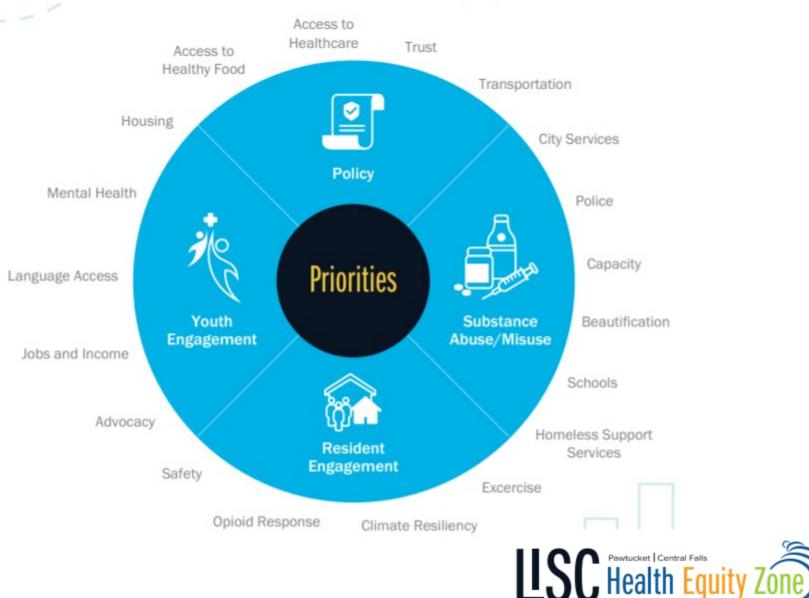
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By focusing on Policy, Youth Engagement, Resident Engagement, and Substance Abuse/Misuse, Pawtucket and Central Falls will have engaged residents and youth, working in collaboration with service providers, to improve health outcomes and be a driving force in a thriving community.

Pawtucket Central Falls Health Equity Zone Vision

Pawtucket and Central Falls will be thriving cities where all residents have full and equitable access to safe streets, parks, recreational areas, affordable housing, and healthy food. High-quality education is provided to both children and adults, and all residents are connected to high-quality preventative, medical, and behavioral health care services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.

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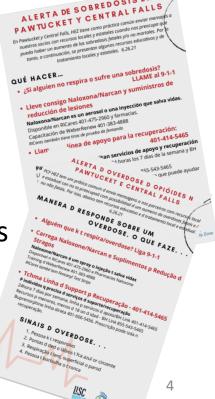


Resident Leadership Academy

- 6 week; online bilingual English and Spanish sessions
- On Building and Organizing Community and other topics
- 30 Graduates
- In-process: building Resident Advisory Council

Substance Use and Mental Health Task Force

- Over 260 doses of Narcan distributed
- Conducting Anti-stigma Trainings
- Responding to Suspected Overdose Spike Alerts



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COVID Response Efforts

- Ongoing Community Outreach—vaccinations, coordination of family support, meal delivery, mask distribution, education and events
- Flexible Outreach Team

Policy Task Force

- Community partners convene to strategize city level advocacy
- Focuses: Safe, Affordable Housing and Overdose Prevention/ Harm Reduction

Youth Engagement Task Force

- Over 20 agency partners engaged
- Working to build platforms for youth leadership
- Multi-agency collaboration to increase access to wraparound support
- Goal to increase youth access to employment/ programming



Visions and Goals for 2022

- Build Resident Advisory Roles and Increase Resident Participation in Task Forces, Events, and Full Collaborative
- Identify Steps for Youth Engagement
- Strengthen Work of Each Task Force
- Build Steering Committee