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Dear Mayor Jorge Elorza, Providence City Council members, Providence Residents, and Providence Partners,

On behalf of the City of Providence’s Healthy Communities Office, it is my pleasure to present our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016. The Healthy Communities Office serves as the coordinating body in the City of Providence for healthy living policies, activities and systems and environmental changes to improve public health outcomes for all residents. The Executive Order establishing the office requires that at the end of each fiscal year we issue an annual report on the previous year’s work; this report represents a summary of our recent activities and highlights our accomplishments and partnerships.

With over 80 percent of the US population living in urban areas, how cities like Providence address public health issues matters more than ever. The Healthy Communities Office believes that where people live, work, learn and play profoundly influence their health, well-being and behaviors. As such, we work on wide variety of population health-related initiatives such as substance abuse prevention, healthcare access, healthy food and urban agriculture, chronic disease management, active lifestyles and creative playspaces. This work cannot be done alone, and we are grateful for the many partnerships we have with community-based organizations and other city and state agencies.

I would personally like to thank Peter Asen who served as the first-ever Director of the Healthy Communities Office between 2012 and 2015. During this time, Peter was instrumental in helping build credibility and visibility of the office, while developing relationships with partners and stakeholders at the local and national level. His leadership has been invaluable and I am grateful for his continued insight and guidance.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report. Please do not hesitate to contact me at ecynar@providenceri.gov or 401-680-5733 with questions regarding our work or suggestions as to how we can work together for a healthier city.

Regards,

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WHO WE ARE

The City of Providence's Healthy Communities Office (HCO) serves as the coordinating body for the City's healthy living policies, activities and funding initiatives. The HCO designs and implements policy and systems changes to increase the health and safety of Providence's neighborhoods and empowers residents with public education and information to promote healthy environments in their communities and make healthy, positive, informed choices.

PRIMARY AREAS OF WORK

- City of Providence Health Equity Zone
- Substance Abuse Prevention & Mental Health
- Healthy Food Access & Food Systems
- Healthcare Access
- Healthy Urban Environment
- Physical Fitness

Two advisory boards support the work of the Healthy Communities Office.

The **Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council (MSAPC)** has operated as an effective coalition since 1987. The MSAPC is housed within the HCO, and remains the lead drug and alcohol prevention voice and policy making body for the City of Providence.



In January 2013, the HCO began to convene the **Healthy Communities Advisory Council**, made up of more than two dozen stakeholders from around the city that provide input and support to the City's healthy eating, active living and other public health initiatives.



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CITY OF PROVIDENCE HEALTH EQUITY ZONE

Providence Health Equity Zone

2015-16 was the HCO's first year as backbone of the City of Providence Health Equity Zone. Through this Rhode Island Department of Health funded, place-based work, the HCO and our partners are improving health equity throughout the City's neighborhoods by establishing the City's nine Recreation Centers as centers of comprehensive community health.



150

residents and service
providers informed our community
assessments

In Year 1, HCO and its partners completed a wide variety of surveys and assessments related to recreation services, healthy food and beverage options, and green infrastructure in the neighborhoods around the City's nine Recreation Centers. Additional to the interviews and focus groups, **surveys were also completed by hundreds of Providence residents.**

PROVIDENCE HEZ PARTNERS



Data was collected through partnerships with Community Health Innovations of RI, West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation, One Neighborhood Builders (in alignment with its Olneyville HEZ work) and Providence Housing Authority. These partners helped to facilitate focus groups, identify residents for the initial key informant interviews, and also administer surveys to their communities. We worked closely with Youth in Action to conduct

their own assessments with youth regarding recreation, resulting in **conversations with approximately 100 youth from across the city, ranging from ages 8-23.** GroundWork Providence, Clean Water Action and Brown University's TRI-Lab assessed green infrastructure around the Recreation Centers and planned projects to improve green infrastructure conditions in key areas.



Bailey Elementary School Bike Pilot

With the outcomes of these assessments, HCO and its partners developed action plans and were funded for Year 2 of the Health Equity Zone in April 2016.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH

Power of Parents

HCO makes this parent education program, created by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, available to all parents and parent groups. Funded by the RI Department of Behavioral Health,

Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, these one-hour presentations, in English or Spanish, support and encourage parents to talk to their children about alcohol and drug use. Presentations cover effects of alcohol on the developing brain, warning signs of drug and alcohol use, Rhode Island's Social

Hosting law, ways for parents to open communication and stay connected to their teens and deciding and consistently enforcing household rules around substance use.



Power of Parents education program has been held at various partner locations.

269

parents reached via

18

presentations

Above the Influence (ATI) Campaign

The HCO delivers this national curriculum to build youth awareness of the power of the influences around them. Current research shows that students exposed to ATI have stronger anti-drug beliefs and a predicted reduction in marijuana use. Students access ATI's multiple learning platforms via computers at Providence Public Schools. In 2015-16, **521 members of the Providence community were reached by Above the Influence, including 422 high schoolers, 26 middle schoolers, 50 members of community organizations, and 34 members of community focus groups.** This program was funded by RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.



521

community members reached through ATI

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH

Positive Action

This systematic educational program teaches and reinforces the intuitive philosophy that we feel good about ourselves when we act in positive ways—promoting an intrinsic interest in learning and encouraging cooperation among students. The HCO, in collaboration with Providence Children and Youth Cabinet (CYC) and funded by RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, implemented Positive Action in three middle schools in 2015-16: DelSesto, Gilbert Stuart and Roger Williams. **150 school Administrators and staff were trained in Positive Action’s strategies.** Grade level curriculum was provided for each classroom in the participating schools. **A total of 1,395 Providence middle school students were reached by Positive Action.**



Middle Schools	Class-rooms	Students
Roger Williams	25	425
Gilbert Stuart	32	512
Del Sesto	31	458

Tobacco Policy and Education

The HCO collaborated with Providence Police and the Board of Licensing to launch a new community- based initiative to **reduce sales of tobacco, including new and emerging tobacco products, to youth.** Funded by the Rhode Island Department of Health Tobacco Control Program, the HCO mentored five other Rhode Island municipalities in developing and passing local tobacco retail license policies, including local bans on flavored tobacco products, and in reducing youth initiation and access to tobacco products.



100 STAR SURVEYS	Conducted Standardized Tobacco Assessment for Retail Settings (STARS) surveys of a random sample of Providence retail stores to understand visibility, advertisement and display location of tobacco and nicotine products along with retail cost.
160+ SYNAR-PLUS CHECKS	Conducted Synar-Plus enforcement checks geared towards identifying tobacco retail vendors that violate city/state regulations by selling flavored tobacco flavor to underage youth in Providence.
4 FOCUS GROUPS	Held focus groups with 9th and 10th grade Providence boys and girls to better understand youth tobacco use.
300 VENDORS REACHED	Delivered mailings and conducted direct visits to tobacco retail vendors to provide education about City of Providence tobacco product regulations and licensing requirements.
3,200 POSTERS & POSTCARDS	Delivered educational materials through a media campaign to create awareness about tobacco product trends among youth and their harm.
65+ EVENTS	Provided outreach and community education through community fairs, wellness events, and presentations in schools and community organizations.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH

Tobacco Free Providence

The HCO continued to promote the **Tobacco Free Providence** campaign through the Health Equity Zone, in support of the City ordinance prohibiting the sale or use of tobacco products in all City-owned parks, playgrounds, and Recreation Centers (Providence Ordinance 18-22; Enacted December 11, 2014). **2,000 postcards** were distributed at outreach and community events to inform Providence residents about the ordinance and create awareness around enforcement and fines.



HCO staff and community members at the September 2015 Drug Take-Back Day.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Events

To prevent misuse of prescription medications and ensure proper disposal, the HCO held two **drug take-back days** and provided year-round promotion of the **MedReturn Bin** at the Providence Public Safety Complex. Providence residents may anonymously drop off unused and expired medicines at the bin 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

1,000 lbs
of prescription drugs collected for proper disposal by Drug Enforcement Administration



Many State and City representatives speak at the April 2016 Drug Take-Back Day.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH

Senior Health & Wellness Program

In 2015-16, the HCO partnered with Mayor Jorge Elorza and the City's Senior Services Department for the first time to provide education on tobacco and prescription drug misuse to senior residence high-rises and Senior Centers. Participants engaged in Zumba and physical activities as an overall wellness approach. This program is funded the RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals and other community partners.



Sponsorship of Alcohol Vendor Compliance Checks and Alcohol Purchase Surveys

The HCO sponsors and facilitates Providence Police alcohol vendor compliance checks and alcohol purchase surveys in support of state ordinances intended to reduce underage alcohol purchases. HCO staff maintained a spreadsheet of all underage sale violations across the city and tracked citations, Board of License adjudications and follow-through on any fines issued by City officials. This work is supported by the RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.



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TIPS Certifications awarded to Class A Liquor License holders

Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS)

TIPS is a skills-based training for Providence establishments with liquor licenses that seek to prevent drunk driving, underage drinking and alcohol-related tragedies. The HCO offered this free training to all liquor license holders in Providence. **12 Class A Liquor License establishments participated and 22 participants became TIPS certified.**



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH

School Assemblies About Substance Abuse

The HCO coordinated school-wide assemblies at Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School, Classical High School, Central High School, Providence Career and Technical High School, and Nathaniel Greene Middle School. Funded by the RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, City and State representatives presented on substance-related topics. Speakers included Mayor Jorge Elorza, Senator Juan Pichardo, David Neill and Peter Neronha of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Providence City Council President Luis Aponte and Detective Sean McGehearty and his canine of the RI State Police.

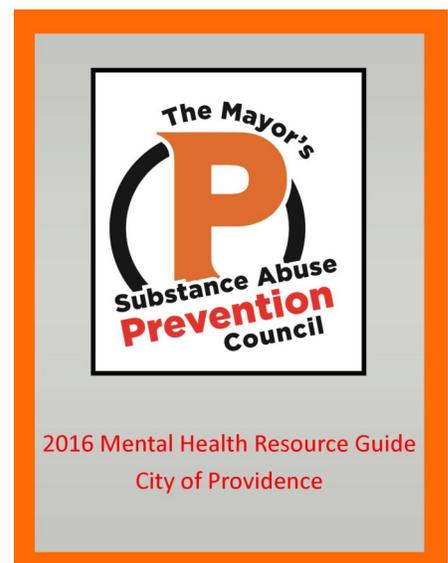


5
Middle and High School Assemblies
850+
Students Reached

Providence Mental Health Resource Guide

With support from the RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, HCO staff developed the **2016 Mental Health Resource Guide**, a listing of providers of key services connected to mental health. Topics include Basic Needs (emergency food, clothing, housing, utilities); Children, Youth and Families, including specialized services for Spanish-speaking and LGBTQ+; Mental Health and Recovery Services and Other services.

200
Mental Health Resource Guides
Printed and Distributed



HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

The HCO increases **access to healthy, affordable food for Providence residents**, including the 82% of Providence Public Schools who qualify for free or reduced price meals through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program.

19,500

CACFP after school meals served to youth and children by spring 2016

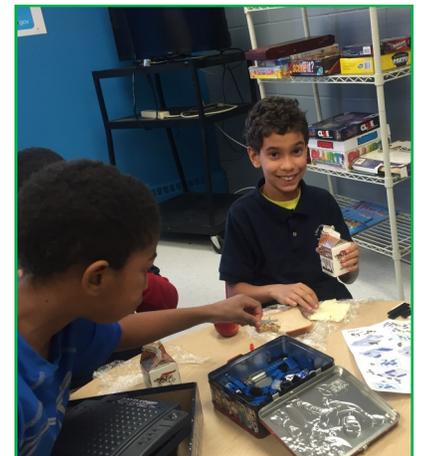
CACFP After School Meals Program

In 2015-16, funding from the National League of Cities (NLC), Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) enabled the HCO to bring **after school meals to youth at nine of the City's Recreation Centers**, support purchasing refrigeration and cleaning materials and coordinate and support this new program. Meals are now served at Davey Lopes, Sackett Street, Rollins, West End, Zuccolo, Selim Rogers, Vincent Brown, Joslin, and Neutakonkanut Recreation Centers.

Thanks to the support of Providence After School Alliance (PASA) and Sodexo, the City of Providence expanded CACFP to four local High Schools: Juanita Sanchez, Mount Pleasant, Academy for Career Exploration (ACE) and Hope. **Over 14,800 after school meals were served to students during the school year.**



The HCO mentored two fellow RI cities to increase access to after school and summer meals.



Mentoring Fellow Rhode Island Cities

In our role as a Faculty City for the NLC grant, **the HCO mentored two fellow Rhode Island cities in increasing access to after school and summer meals**, leading to 4,400 after school meals and 21,000 summer meals served in Central Falls and over 21,500 after school meals and over 24,000 summer meals served in Newport. This was a 251% increase in summer meals served in Central Falls and a 91% increase in Newport compared to 2015.

24,000+
more summer meals served in Newport and Central Falls through HCO mentoring

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS

Nutrition Education at Providence Recreation Centers

The HCO provided important **nutrition education** to children at Providence Recreation Centers through a Commit to Health Out-of-School Time Grant from the Walmart Foundation and the National Recreation and Park Association. These funds enabled the HCO to conduct a formal assessment of food availability at all City of Providence Recreation Centers. This was valuable in developing a conversation and culture around food and health with Recreation Center staff.

In 2015, the HCO implemented the Organ Wise Guys (OWG) curriculum in four Recreation Centers, at Summer Camps and at two PlayCorps park sites. Nutrition knowledge among participating children increased by an average of 14.6% in the summer and fall according to the "MyPlate OrganWise Guys Style" evaluation administered by the HCO.



Summer Meals Program Expansion

The HCO has **expanded the City's Summer Meals program** over the last two years with funding from the National League of Cities, Food Research & Action Center, and the National Recreation and Parks Association. The HCO identified barriers to participation and developed strategies to support the Parks and Recreation Department in administering the program. In 2015 the Providence Parks and Recreation Department administered **105 sites, serving over 177,000 meals in 34 days, an increase of 37% in Average Daily Participation from 2014.**



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177,000
 meals in
34 days

Summer Meals Category	2013	2014	2015
# of summer sites	98	107	105
# of operating days	44	43	34
Average daily participation	2,863	3,806	5,212
Total meals served	125,984	163,665	177,217
Breakfast	41,064	49,501	50,513
Lunch	85,920	114,164	126,704

HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS



Providence PlayCorps

The HCO co-sponsors **PlayCorps**, an innovative collaboration between the HCO, the Partnership for Providence Parks, Providence Department of Parks and Recreation and the Providence Children's Museum. **PlayCorps** attracts neighborhood children to summer meals sites by activating Providence parks with free play, art and creative exploration.

PlayCorps fills the gap when school

is out to ensure that Providence youth are active, safe and well fed during the summer. PlayCorps is made possible by Health Equity Zone funding from the Rhode Island Department of Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI.

Partner Support

Partner support has been key in the expansion of summer meals, including over \$28,000 in direct contributions to the Summer Meals Marketing and Communications Campaign and \$130,000 invested by the Rhode Island Food Bank in our statewide campaign, **leading to a 22.5% increase in meals served across Rhode Island in 2015.** In 2015, partner support included the New England Dairy and Food Council, Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), Sodexo, USDA, Partnership for Providence Parks, and the YMCA of Greater Providence.

From 2014 to 2015,

▲ **37%** Average Daily Meals Served

▲ **8%** Total Meals Served



HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEMS

HCO works with partners across the City to develop and support a **healthy Providence food system**. In 2015-16 this work included:



Supporting Local Market Growers

The HCO engaged a consultant to create the **Providence Farmstand Guide** that lays out policies, requirements and helpful information to assist local growers in selling Providence-grown produce on-site and directly to their neighbors. This guide was funded through a Local Agriculture and Seafood Act (LASA) grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in partnership with the Rhode Island Food Policy Council, and will be distributed to local growers by Fall 2016.

Improving Food Infrastructure

The HCO facilitated four awards of **City of Providence CDBG Food Access Grants** to local partners. African Alliance of Rhode Island, Southside Community Land Trust and West Elmwood Housing are building and revitalizing community gardens on formerly-blighted lots to provide youth, new immigrants, low-income housing residents and others with new skills and access to healthy foods that represent Providence's rich cultural landscape. Genesis Center is transforming their culinary job training kitchen into a Culinary Opportunity Center to provide Providence residents with a high-quality training facility and public-access commercial kitchen.



Culinary students at work in Genesis Center's kitchen.

Revitalizing Neighborhoods with Culture and Food



FRESHLO
Fresh, Local & Equitable

In 2016, the HCO and the City of Providence Department of Art, Culture + Tourism (AC+T) were among 26 awardees out of over 500 applicants to the Kresge Foundation's "Fresh, Local & Equitable: Food as a Creative Platform for Neighborhood Revitalization" (Fresh-Lo) grant. In 2016-17 HCO and AC+T will conduct **Sowing Place**, an artist-led, collaborative planning process to connect existing public and private food-oriented

and creative placemaking initiatives in the West End and Upper South Providence. Partners include West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation's Sankofa Initiative, Southside Cultural Center, Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island, the African Alliance of Rhode Island, residents and other organizations focused on youth and arts.

HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Enrolling in Health Coverage

From July 2014 through December of 2015, the HCO directly assisted **1,873** residents to enroll in health coverage, including **1,431** new enrollments or re-enrollments of those who had lost coverage and **442** renewals. During this period, the number of Providence youth aged 19 and under enrolled in Rite Care (Medicaid and CHIP) rose by more than 4,000—from 28,894 to 32,971—according to the state Medicaid agency.

1,873

residents assisted in health coverage enrollment



This was achieved despite the challenges

presented by the requirement that nearly all Rite Care enrollees enroll as if for the first time through the new HealthSource system. HCO worked to reduce the burden of this process for low-income families. Most enrollees either had no gap in coverage or had a gap of just one month.

Successful Strategies:

Spreading information about food and health care access at 34 parks through weekly Summer Fun Tour Healthy Kids Zone events held during Summer Meals service.

The “Are You Covered Contest” and “Healthy Heroes Gallery” of youth art about being healthy.

Providing seasonal assistance at free tax preparation Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Sites and Community Action Partnership for Providence (CAPP)’s Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assistance sites.



HEALTHY URBAN ENVIRONMENT

The HCO works with partners in Providence and beyond to **create an urban environment that supports physical, mental and emotional health for Providence children and families.** In 2015-16, this work included:



Connecting Children with Nature

The HCO is proud to represent Providence as one of seven pilot cities nationwide in the **Cities Connecting Children to Nature** initiative. Funded by the National League of Cities and The Children and Nature Network, this planning process includes extensive surveying of Providence children, youth and parents about access to nature and review of City policies and procedures that can increase equity. In 2016-17, implementation will include **increased opportunities for families to connect out-of-doors, for schools and nature-focused organizations to work together and development of the next generation of stewards for our parks and other natural spaces.** Partners in this work are the Appalachian Mountain Club Youth Opportunity Program, Department of Fish and Wildlife Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership, Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island, Groundwork

Providence, Mayor's Office, Partnership for Providence Parks, Providence Parks and Recreation Department, Providence Public Schools, Trust for Public Land and Youth in Action.

Creating Public Spaces that Support Health

The HCO, Providence Parks Department and the Partnership for Providence Parks work together to create vibrant, creative and safe places for residents and youth in City parks. In 2016, the City of Providence received a **2016 GRO1000 grant from Scotts Miracle-Gro and the US Conference of Mayors** in support of a multi-year effort to transform General Street Park in the City's Wanskuck neighborhood. Through this three-year, \$40,000 cash and in-kind award, the Park now includes a fruit tree grove, pollinator gardens, raised garden beds and art installations, with more improvements to come in future years.

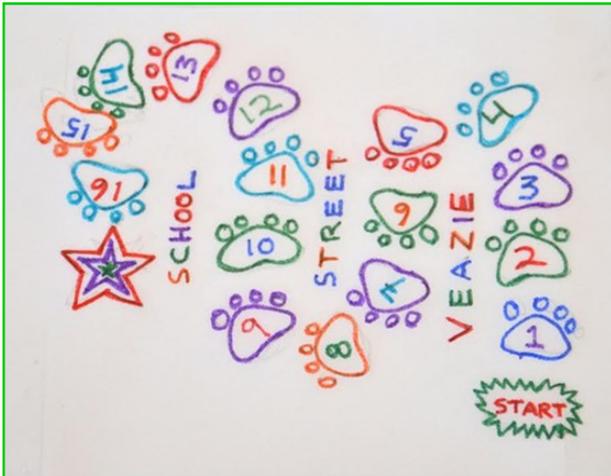


Young gardeners help care for General Street Park.

HEALTHY URBAN ENVIRONMENT

Creating and Improving Spaces for Play and Outdoor Education at Providence Public Schools

The HCO facilitated the design process, including engagement of school communities, in plans for new and improved play spaces at Veazie, Spaziano and Bailey Elementary schools. This work will create more opportunities for physical activity and active play, nutrition literacy through school gardens and outdoor classrooms for science and nature education in support of the Providence Public School's Next Generation Science Standards. These efforts were supported by Health Equity Zone funds from the Rhode Island Department of Health and City and federal funding sources.



Proposed Hopscotch design for Veazie Elementary School.

Improving the Built Environment to Increase Health Equity

The HCO is leading the effort to bring best practices to increase physical activity and community health into Upper and Lower South Providence, Elmwood and the West End. This process, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Reinvestment Fund's Invest Health grant, will continue into 2017. Team members are Brown University School of Public Health, ONE Neighborhood Builders, Lifespan Community Health Institute and the Rhode Island Department of Health.



Team Providence at the first national Invest Health convening held in Philadelphia, PA in June 2016.

Increasing Understanding of Health Data in Providence and Cities Nationwide

In 2016, Providence was chosen to be one of four pilot cities in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Municipal-level Health Data for American Cities project. This project is creating a common framework for understanding and benchmarking cities' standings in widely accepted indicators of health and creating guideposts to improve urban health nationwide. This project is led by the New York University School of Medicine's Department of Population Health and NYU's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, in partnership with the National Resource Network.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

Middle School Intramural Sports

The HCO sponsored middle school staff and volunteers in increasing options for intramural sports. **1,391 students participated in four different leagues and competitions** including Basketball, Soccer, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track.



Adult Aerobic Exercise

The HCO's Adult Aerobic Exercise program invited community members from all neighborhoods to increase their physical activity to achieve a healthy lifestyle. For 15 weeks, an average of 35 community members attended classes with Spanish instruction at the Elmwood Community Center in partnership with Community Action Partnership of Providence. In 2016-17, Rhode Island Department of Health Health Equity Zone funding will enable the HCO to offer regular adult exercise classes in Recreation Centers throughout Providence's neighborhoods.

Zumba Fest

Approximately 300 people attended this annual event at Roger Williams Park and connected with opportunities and resources for exercise and healthy living. Eight certified Zumba instructors volunteered and provided electrifying energy and workouts for attendees of all ages. The event included free food, face painting and games. HCO staff distributed information about the Providence Tobacco Free Parks ordinance and other information and resources about substance-related prevention.



First Fall Recreation Programming

2015 was the first year of coordinated Fall programming in Providence's Recreation Centers. There was a total of 18 programs, from wrestling to swimming, circus skills, arts and crafts, hula, capoeira, bike safety and jewelry making. Nearly 3,800 children and youth participated in these programs each week for nine weeks. The expansion in programming was made possible by Health Equity Zone funding from the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Running with the Mayor

Every Sunday morning, approximately 45 community members joined **Run, Walk, or Jog with the Mayor** at Roger Williams Park. This year-round program hosted frequent guests and helped to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SUPPORTERS

City of Providence:

The Healthy Communities Office thanks the following individuals that have directly worked with our team. These individuals have gone beyond their responsibilities to help promote and support health in Providence neighborhoods over the year.

Peter Asen
Director of Partnerships and Development

Asen held the HCO's Director position from 2012 to the end of 2015. He established many new HCO programs and partnerships within and outside of the City and continues to be source of support to HCO's work.

Michael Stephens
Director of Recreation

Stephens has been a key partner in coordinating efforts with the Recreation Department and is an important supporter and collaborator in the HCO's work.

Eddy Davis
Recreation Opportunities Coordinator
Davis has been instrumental in expanding Recreation Center programing by coordinating across the department and connecting Recreation Center staff with resources and support.

Wendy Nilsson
Superintendent of Parks
Nilsson has been an indispensable partner in connecting the HCO with the resources, staff and insights of the Parks Department.

Sue Robbio
Director of Senior Services
Robbio has led the Senior Services Department through many activities and events and has collaborated with HCO staff on several health-related programs for seniors in the last year.

Captain George Stamatakos
Providence Police Department
Stamatakos has been a key partner in coordinating efforts with the Police Department for the Prescription Drug Take-Back events and Medbin Return program since 2012.

The HCO would also like to thank the following City Departments that have impacted and influenced our work.

Art, Culture + Tourism
Board of Licenses
Innovations
Partnerships + Development
Planning + Development
Parks + Recreation
Policy
Providence Police
Providence Public School District
Sustainability Office

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Neighborhood Health Plan of RI
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RI Department of Health
RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
RI Department of Environment Management
Rhode Island Food Policy Council
Rhode Island Foundation
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & Reinvestment Fund
Sodexo
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Conference of Mayors
Walgreens

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Healthy Communities Office staff engage and participate in a variety of boards, groups, and committees, including:

Brown School of Public Health Community Advisory Board
Brown University & YMCA's Providence Childhood Obesity Community Planning Board
Clinica Esperanza Community Advisory Board
CODAC Behavioral Healthcare
Commission on Health Equity and Advocacy
Community Action Partnership of Providence
Drug Overdose Prevention and Rescue Coalition
Evidence2Success Leadership Committee
First Responder Workgroup
Food on the Move Community Advisory Board
Gateway Healthcare Government Committee
Ocean State Prevention Alliance
Providence Public School District—Health and Wellness Committee
Providence Food Sustainability Group
Rally4RecoveryRI
Rhode Island Blood Center
RI Community Food Bank—Women Ending Hunger
RI Department of Health 90-90-90 Steering Committee
RI Public Health Association
Sankofa Committee—West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation
Temas Familiares
U.S. Conference of Mayors—Food Policy Advisors Group

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