

Behavioral Health Network

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

CARE MODEL

Behavioral Health Network (BHN) developed Project FIT (Families In Transition), a care coordination initiative for families affected by homelessness and substance use disorder. BHN and their partners work together to ensure that families in Hampden County are provided whole-person and whole-family supportive services, with the ultimate goal of ensuring a stable and successful housing placement. Project FIT's multidisciplinary team includes community health workers and peer recovery coaches who represent the communities and languages of the families they serve. The program works with housing, shelter, school, primary care, and

specialty care partners to find, enroll, and care for eligible families. Once the family is enrolled, the Project FIT team assesses the needs of each family member to create a personalized and adaptive care plan incorporating behavioral health care, primary care, housing supports, social services, and vocational services within the community. The Project FIT team collaborates with their multi-sector partners to address each family's medical, behavioral, and health-related social needs, and to provide vital services and continuity of care.

IMPACT

\$750K
HPC AWARD

\$786K
TOTAL PROJECT COST

TARGET POPULATION
Homeless or housing insecure families impacted by a behavioral health condition

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIMS:



↓ 20%
ED visits and inpatient admissions

↑ 20%
improvement on the Protective Factors Survey scores

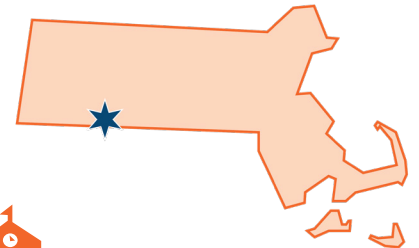
↑ 20%
improvement on childrens' attendance at school



Maintain families in stable housing

PARTNERS

- Baystate Health System
- Home City Housing
- Holyoke Health Center
- Springfield Office of Housing
- Springfield Housing Authority
- Way Finders
- Western MA Coalition to End Homelessness
- West Springfield Public Schools



HCII PATHWAY SUMMARY & HPC BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) launched its \$6.6 million Targeted Cost Challenge Investment (TCCI) pathway of the Health Care Innovation Investment (HCII) Program. The TCCI pathway aims to foster innovation in health care payment and service delivery by supporting promising innovations that address the Commonwealth's most complex health care cost challenges. The ten TCCI initiatives are partnering with more than 60 community organizations to demonstrate rapid cost savings within 18 months by addressing one of the following challenge areas: social determinants of health, behavioral health

integration, post-acute care, serious advancing illness and care at the end of life, and site and scope of care.

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC), established in 2012, is an independent state agency charged with monitoring health care spending growth in Massachusetts and providing data-driven policy recommendations regarding health care delivery and payment system reform. The HPC's mission is to advance a more transparent, accountable, and innovative health care system through independent policy leadership and investment programs. Visit us at Mass.gov/HPC. Tweet us @Mass_HPC.