

# TURN IT AROUND

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## This Month in Turn It Around

Turn It Around is in full-swing this summer with lots of exciting events and projects on the horizon. For the month of July, the youth will be creating new rules and agreements for our weekly meetings, as well as discussing potential topics of interest they'd like to learn more about. We will also be planning our resilience art project in the upcoming weeks too!

## Happenin' Around Town

Boston has so many wonderful events happening around town this summer.

The image contains two promotional posters. The left poster is purple and white, titled 'TADpole 10' with a small frog illustration. It lists 'THURSDAY MORNINGS' from 'JUNE 27-29' to 'AUGUST 27-29'. Below the title are illustrations of books: 'GOOD STEAK', 'MONSTER', 'Winter Joy', and 'SECRET BOOK'. The text says 'Enjoy storytelling, games and activities, and giveaways!' and lists: '• Boston Common TADpole Playground', '• Thursday mornings', and '• Every child receives a free book!'. The right poster is green and white, titled 'FREE FUN FRIDAYS' with a red backpack illustration. It lists 'EVERY FRIDAY' from 'JUNE 28-30' to 'AUGUST 28-30'. Below the title are illustrations of a giraffe, a top hat, and a ship. The text says 'Free admission to over 100 venues around Massachusetts!' and lists: '• 10 venues each Friday', '• 100% FREE admission', and '• Museums, cultural events, theater and more!'.

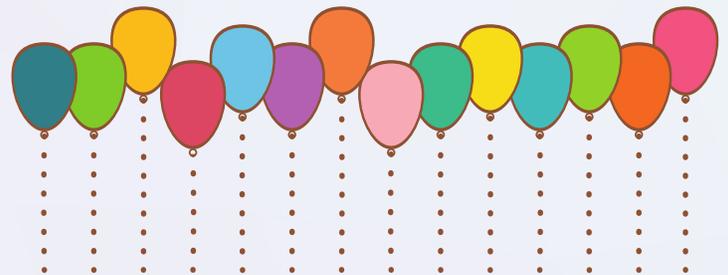
In the Charlestown Navy Yard, there will be a Music Concert series every Thursday night from 6-8pm. There will also be FREE fun Friday activities around Boston as well. Check out our social media pages for more info!

## Summer Jobs!

The Charlestown Coalition worked very hard ensuring all of our Turn It Around youth are employed for the summer. We have partnered with other youth-serving organizations including Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, YMCA, the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, the Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center and even MGH to provide paid skill-building opportunities for our young people.

One of the most exciting new ventures we've started this summer, is having Mswati, our Youth Prevention Coordinator, employ a handful of youth as well. His summer program will not only provide financial stability for those participating, but it will also be an enrichment program enhancing the skills of the youth employed.

The teens involved in his program will learn camping survival skills, acting and improv skills, writing, video editing, and more!



## Turn It Around Birthday's

The birthday we are celebrating for the month of July is for the one and only Sierra, born on the same day as America! Happy Birthday Sierra and America!!



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## Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month in June, Turn It Around had another amazing Take Back Day during the Bunker Hill Open Market. Removing more unused prescription drugs off the streets of Charlestown! We also planned a graduation party for our 2019 graduates. We are so very proud of our high school graduates, Jeremiah, Lataya and Rahsaan, and also want to congratulate our middle school graduates, Bernie, Aliyah and Brianna. Way to go everyone!!



## Ways to get Involved:

Want to join in on the fun during one of our meetings or events? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. Whether you help cook, serve, clean or participate in the activities, all are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Ginaya for more information.

## Prefer Email?

To receive our Family & Friends Newsletter email instead of a paper copy, please contact Ginaya Greene Murray at [Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org](mailto:Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org) or call her directly at 617-726-6684

## June's Youth of the Month:

Yanailyz is our June *Turn It Around* Youth of the Month! "Yanailyz has been a shining example of what it means to be part of Turn It Around. She has attended every event that we have done, and has been a big help whenever asked. She always has a positive attitude, and is loved and respected by all in our group."



-Mswati Hanks  
(Youth Prevention  
Coordinator)

## Have Questions?

If you need assistance with your youth regarding school, job placement, risky behaviors, or anything else, please contact the Charlestown Coalition. We will be happy to help with any questions regarding you and your child.

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