

## ABOUT US:

The Charlestown Coalition (formerly the Charlestown Substance Abuse Coalition) was formed in 2004 by residents and community partners in response to the devastating opioid epidemic and overdose related deaths among young people in our neighborhood.

As we adapt to meet the changing needs of our community, our work has expanded to go beyond substance use and focus additionally on stable housing, healthy food, racial equity, and access to mental health services—issues sometimes referred to as the social determinants of health.

The Coalition is made up of residents, parents, youth, and more than 75 organizations representing all \*12 sectors of the community.

### Our Community

Charlestown is the oldest neighborhood in the City of Boston. It is the second smallest of Boston's neighborhoods, occupying only 1.4 square miles with a population of 18,901. We are a widely varied community, home to some of the city's elite, but with a struggling middle class attempting to recover from the recent recession and the largest concentration of public housing residents in New England.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Our community partners are critical in tackling the most difficult issues that the Charlestown community faces. By enlisting multiple partners (residents, police, schools, healthcare, faith based organizations, and the business community), we use a collaborative approach to problem solving. Our ultimate goal is to effect change and improve the health and well-being of everyone in Charlestown.

To learn more about us...

**FIND US ONLINE:**

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# TRAUMA RESPONSE TEAM

*A Charlestown Coalition's  
Initiative in response to  
community trauma.*

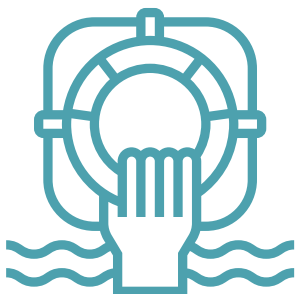


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The Charlestown Coalition's **Trauma Response Team** was formed in July 2016 through a grant from the Boston Alliance for Community Health (BACH). The Trauma Response Team initially started as a group of residents who were looking to learn more about trauma, its impact on the community and how they could best serve residents during traumatic situations.

Over the past several years, the Trauma Response Team has served as an important part of the Charlestown Coalition by supporting the community and connecting people to treatment concerning issues around loss, community violence and substance use disorders.

After the BACH grant concluded, the Massachusetts General Hospital's Center for Community Health Improvement (CCHI) began funding this initiative and continues to be the backbone for our trauma work in the community.



## WHO WE ARE:

Our team consists of local agencies, mental health providers, residents, youth workers, and recovery coaches who are dedicated and concerned about the needs of the Charlestown community, especially during times of tragedy and incidents of trauma.

## WHAT WE DO:

We provide awareness and education to Charlestown residents concerning trauma, its impact and how residents can cope after a traumatic situation. Additionally, we link residents to appropriate supports and services to meet their needs.

## OUR GOAL:

We believe by building trust, strong relationships, and outreaching to residents after a traumatic situation, we can increase access to care and connect residents to services that can help them heal and enhance resilience.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TRAUMA RESPONSE TEAM PARTICIPANTS:

Trauma Response Team participants have received several trauma trainings so that they are more than prepared to respond and support people in the community who have experienced a traumatic situation. Some noteworthy trainings our team has completed are Psychological First Aid, Stop the Bleed, Mental Health First Aid, Narcan trainings, and several self-care trainings. Trauma Response Team participants also receive group supervision and ongoing clinical support to address vicarious trauma.



## REFERRAL INFORMATION:

If you would like to refer someone to the Charlestown Coalition **Trauma Response Team**, please call our support line at **(617) 643-0449**. (Please allow up to 24-48 hours for a response back). **If you are in immediate risk please call 911 or go to your closest emergency room.** If you have additional questions please feel free to contact, Phenice Zawatsky at 617-726-0058.