



South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

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South Shore Community Partners in Prevention Receives Common Good Award from the United Way

Plymouth, MA -- [South Shore Community Partners in Prevention](#) (SSCPP) was recently recognized by the United Way of Greater Plymouth County at its 92nd Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration, held at Bridgewater State University. SSCPP was honored with the “Common Good Award” for making a significant impact on their community in the field of health.

South Shore Community Partners in Prevention is a collaborative effort to improve the health of the eleven communities in its region. SSCPP is one of 27 [Community Health Network Areas](#) (CHNAs) across Massachusetts working to establish healthier communities, and it receives funding from Beth Israel Deaconess-Plymouth Hospital and South Shore Hospital, through the state Department of Public Health Determination of Need process.

SSCPP strives to provide up-to-date health information to the community in an effort to improve health outcomes for all residents. In 2014, SSCPP hosted discussions on such topics as [public health emergency preparedness](#), the [Affordable Care Act](#), the [role of Community Health Workers](#), and the [state of health literacy on the South Shore](#).

SSCPP has identified Health Literacy as a key issue for the region, and recently released a [Health Literacy Assessment](#) for the region it serves, identifying many of the obstacles perceived by both providers and consumers that prevent productive communication between the two. SSCPP plans to use the information from the Health Literacy Assessment to develop a plan to reduce these barriers and enhance the ability of health care consumers to advocate for their own health.

SSCPP meetings are open to any resident in our region, whether you are involved in the health care field or just a concerned citizen who wants to see an improvement in public health across Massachusetts. For more information, go to www.chna23.org.

About South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

SSCPP is a partnership between health care providers, hospitals, boards of health, schools, businesses, concerned citizens and elected officials to improve the health of our community. SSCPP is one of 27 Community Health Network Areas (CHNA) across Massachusetts working towards this same goal. SSCPP's specific community includes Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, and Rockland.

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