



South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

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SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN PREVENTION FUNDS TWO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANTS

Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth and the Old Colony YMCA receive \$25,000 grant

PLYMOUTH, MA -- South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (SSCPP) is pleased to fund two Behavioral Health Grants, \$25,000 each for one year, with the future opportunity to extend up to three years for a total of \$75,000 to Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Plymouth (BID-Plymouth) and the Old Colony YMCA.

“SSCPP is pleased to dedicate these financial resources towards the behavioral health needs of the residents of the Greater Plymouth region,” says SSCPP Chair Michael Jackman. “Historically these needs have not always been served by traditional health care models, and we are excited that these organizations are committed to a greater focus on the important issues of mental health and substance abuse in our communities.”

BID-Plymouth will use the funds to hire a part-time Plymouth County Outreach (PCO) Hub Social Worker who will serve as a community liaison to the PCO. BID-Plymouth has been an integral partner in the PCO program since 2015. The Hospital’s social workers work closely with substance use disorder (SUD) patients in helping them connect with treatment programs, behavioral health therapy and financial support for ride shares and child care. As a leading PCO partner and health care organization on the front lines of the opioid epidemic, BID-Plymouth is uniquely positioned to leverage the funds from this grant to have the greatest impact on behavioral health needs of the greater Plymouth area.

The Old Colony YMCA’s goal for the funding is to provide an environment in which children with behavioral and mental health challenges can safely engage in camp programming. The funds will be used to hire a Camp Clinician who will work closely with camp administrators to review and adjust behavior management procedures and increase the number of pro-active interventions and decrease reactive interventions. At the end of the camp, clinicians will ensure that campers in need of on-going services have the support they need to successfully transition to the school year.

To learn more about South Shore Community Partners in Prevention's grant opportunities, please visit 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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