

Considering Housing

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Children's
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Until every child is well™

Office of
Community Health

Boston Children's Hospital

- 404 bed, Pediatric specialty care (regional, national, international) but also the local “community” hospital for children in Boston
 - 35-40% Medicaid
- Large primary care practices (Longwood and Martha Eliot) serving ~20,000 children/45,000 visits per year
 - 65-75% Medicaid



Community Mission

Boston Children's Hospital's community mission is to improve the health and well-being of children and families in our local community.

The Office of Community Health brings together hospital and community resources to address health disparities, improve health outcomes and enhance the quality of life for children and families.



Drivers for engagement in housing

- Community Asthma Initiative
 - Home visiting, environmental remediation
- Community Advisory Board
 - Concerns about displacement, affordability
- Homelessness and Primary Care
 - Health Starts at Home



Community Investment Opportunity

- Determination of Need Community Health Initiative
 - \$53 Million over 7-10 years
 - Final allocations are close to being finalized
 - ~\$5 million to be directed towards housing stabilization
 - Building on local initiatives/leveraging funds



Approaches

- Family stabilization
 - Support services/economic stability
- Eviction prevention
- Preventing displacement/neighborhood turnover
- Support permanently affordable housing (land trusts, affordability contracts)
- Small gap funding for timely development projects

