



Health Equity Zones (HEZs): Collaboratives of residents, educators, business leaders, health professionals, transportation experts, and people in many other fields who are coming together to address the most pressing health concerns in their neighborhoods.

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| <p>Central Providence <i>ONE Neighborhood Builders</i></p> <p>Laurie Moise Director of Community Health Integration moise@onenb.org</p> <p>Jen Hawkins Executive Director 401-351-8719 hawkins@onenb.org</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving economic opportunity in the neighborhood through the creation of sustainable, health-focused initiatives, such as a Community Health Worker Apprenticeship Program Helping seniors age healthily in place Working with clinical and community partners to reduce unnecessary healthcare spending Increasing access to healthy, affordable foods and farmers markets Redeveloping distressed and vacant properties Addressing public safety issues Improving public transportation Preventing and managing chronic diseases Promoting opportunities for resident financial stability Engaging community members through community pride events and initiatives in efforts to build a more collective and cohesive community | <p>Deb Golding 401-222-5954 Deb.Golding@health.ri.gov</p> |
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| <p>Newport <i>Women's Resource Center</i></p> <p>Sydney Ormerod Strategy Manager 401-856-4382 sormerod@wrcnbc.org</p> <p>Jazmine Wray Strategy Manager 401-846-5263 jwray@wrcnbc.org</p> <p>Jessica Walsh Director of Prevention 401-846-5263 jwalsh@wrcnbc.org</p> <p>newporthealthequity.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilizing residents and resources in the Broadway and North End neighborhoods • Improving transportation • Increasing healthy food access • Addressing racial health disparities through program and policy interventions • Securing open space, parks and, trails • Embracing arts and culture • Increasing civic engagement | <p>Deb Golding 401-222-5954 Deb.Golding@health.ri.gov</p> |
| <p>Pawtucket and Central Falls <i>Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)</i></p> <p>Robyn Hall Assistant Program Officer 401-519-5608 rhall@lisc.org</p> <p>rilisc.org/hez</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging residents • Increasing access to healthy, affordable food • Preventing and managing chronic diseases • Adopting nutrition guidelines where food is sold • Preventing opioid overdoses • Improving climate resilience • Supporting healthy housing, tenant empowerment, and landlord accountability • Improving transportation efficiency • Creating linkages to job training opportunities • Facilitating positive relationships across diverse neighborhood populations • Promoting resource advocacy and coalition building • Advocating for policies and practices that sustain and protect the work at the national, state and local levels | <p>Deb Golding 401-222-5954 Deb.Golding@health.ri.gov</p> |

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