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HEALTH’s investment at the local level

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Community, Family Health & Equity

**Community**- because all health is local

**Family**- because families are our key partners in health

**Equity**- because our mission is to assure that all Rhode Islanders will achieve optimal health
Equity Pyramid

This pyramid is adapted from Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH, Health impact Pyramid presentation at the Weight of the Nation conference, Washington D.C., July 27, 2009

1. Education & Counseling
   e.g. Eat Right

2. Clinical Interventions
   e.g. diabetes control; pediatric weight management counseling

3. Long Lasting Protective Public Health Interventions
   e.g. immunizations; HIV testing; BMI screening?

4. Changing the Context-Healthy Choices as Default Options
   e.g. smoke free laws; healthy food in schools law

5. Social and Environmental Determinants of Health
   e.g. housing, education, inequalities; community garden

Collaboration, Integration, Partnerships
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- $100,000 grants to eight community-based organizations serving low-income neighborhoods in Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls.

- **Component 1: Healthy and Safe Sustainable Communities:** to support the advancement at the local level of the National Strategic direction “to create, sustain and recognize communities that promote health and wellness through prevention”.

- **Component 2: Implementation of evidence-based programs addressing chronic disease and its risk factors, and maternal and child health priorities:** these interventions will further advance at the local level, the National Prevention Strategy and RI Maternal and Child Health priorities.
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<td>City of Providence</td>
<td>To increase access to healthy foods by establishing the “Lots of Hope” program to turn unused city property into urban farms.</td>
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<td>Olneyville Housing Corporation</td>
<td>Healthier Olneyville Initiative: To (1) transform land and property to affordable, quality housing, (2) construct and/or maintain parks and other open spaces for recreation, and (3) encourage walking, biking, and use of RIPTA.</td>
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| West Elmwood Housing Development Corp. | Sankofa: To reduce diet related health disparities and improve eating behaviors of West End residents through the implementation of a multi-component neighborhood-wide intervention.  
WE CAN: To build environment, systems and policy changes through the development of pocket parks, formation and facilitation of a Neighborhood Policy Group, health and financial education and physical activities. |
| Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic        | A Place to be Healthy: To implement a self-management chronic disease education program at the community level tied to a clinical setting.                                                                          |
| Family Service of RI                 | To replicate the Harlem Children’s Zone’s Asthma Initiative in neighborhoods in Lower South Providence                                                                                                          |
| The Providence Center and The Providence Plan | To provide families in Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls with The Incredible Years parenting groups.                                                                                                          |