

**2021-22 IN REVIEW**

OUR VISION: TO BE THE CATALYST FOR A HEALTHY, EMPOWERED, ENGAGED COMMUNITY.

SERVING NORTH BERKSHIRE FOR 36 YEARS...

OUR MISSION: EMPOWERING THE NORTHERN BERKSHIRE REGION TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH OUR EFFORTS AT CONNECTING, CONVENING, AND SUPPORTING ALL FACETS OF THE COMMUNITY.

**PEOPLE SERVED OR ENGAGED IN 2021-22 >>> 6,385**

<p><b>Leadership Training</b></p> <p>92 ADULTS AND YOUTH TRAINED TO LEAD THEIR COMMUNITY</p>	<p><b>Parent Education</b></p> <p>22 WORKSHOPS &amp; CLASSES HELD WITH A COMBINED ATTENDANCE OF 216</p>	<p><b>Health &amp; Wellness</b></p> <p>100 PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED IN THIS YEAR'S MAYORS FITNESS CHALLENGE</p>	<p><b>Community Dialogue</b></p> <p>773 RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED IN SOLVING LOCAL ISSUES</p>
<p><b>Family Support</b></p> <p>24 DISTINCT PROGRAMS WHICH SUPPORTED A COMBINED 540 FAMILY MEMBERS</p>	<p><b>Building Connections</b></p> <p>4,323 CONNECTIONS WERE MADE THROUGH NBCC EVENTS, OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTERS</p>	<p><b>Substance Use Prevention</b></p> <p>79% OF NORTH BERKSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH SURVEYED IN GRADES 8, 10, AND 12 HAVE NEVER TRIED MARIJUANA.</p>	<p><b>Youth Development</b></p> <p>85 YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO GROW AND REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL</p>

**TOTAL REVENUE\* - \$1,399,541**

- STATE CONTRACTS
- INDIVIDUAL DONORS LIKE YOU!
- MISC. INCOME
- LOCAL CHARITIES & FOUNDATIONS

**TOTAL EXPENSES\* - \$1,324,025**

\*Projected revenue and expenses through June 30, 2022

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**THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF CHANGING NORTH BERKSHIRE COMMUNITIES**

Since our inception 1986, The Northern Berkshire Community Coalition has affected our community in many positive ways and strives to strengthen and support community grassroots groups, led by caring people of our community. nbCC has also been a catalyst for the development or facilitation of many programs and events in our community that have improved the northern Berkshires for the past 36 years. These include:

- BERKSHIRE RIDES
- ECU-HEALTH CARE
- LOUISON HOUSE FAMILY LIFE SUPPORT CENTER
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE
- NORTHERN BERKSHIRE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
- SAFE HOMES
- MASS IN MOTION IN ADAMS, NORTH ADAMS, & CLARKSBURG
- THEAL NELSON FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOOD PANTRY
- THE ROOTS TEEN CENTER
- NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SPIRIT COUNCIL
- UNITY SKATEPARK
- NAMAZING ASHLAND STREET INITIATIVE
- VOICES FOR RECOVERY VIGIL
- CITY OF NORTH ADAMS TREE INITIATIVE

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE HUB**

**WHAT IS THE HUB?**

The Hub is a team of designated community and government agencies that meet weekly to address specific situations with those facing elevated levels of risk, and develop immediate, coordinated and integrated responses through the mobilization of resources.

The Hub does not perform case management. Its purpose is to mitigate risk within 24-48 hours and connect individuals and families to services. Case management functions remain with the most appropriate agencies as determined by the Hub Situation Table.

**WHO DOES THE HUB SERVE?**

The Hub works with families and individuals that are facing complex challenges and may need services from more than one community agency. We work together to ensure families and individuals are safe, healthy and have the opportunity to thrive.

**WHERE & WHEN DOES THE HUB TABLE MEET?**

The Hub Table meets weekly on Tuesdays in North Berkshire to update the Hub Table members on current situations & review potential new situations.

**EXAMPLES OF RISK FACTORS WE WORK TO REDUCE**

Mental Health	Self-Harm
Basic Needs	Domestic Violence
Antisocial/Negative Behavior	Criminal Involvement
Public Health & Safety Threat	Parent-Child Conflict
Elderly Abuse	Missing/Runaway
Sexual/Physical Violence	Substance Misuse/Addiction

Each partner at the table is able to present situations encountered in their work, or other providers or community members contact a Hub partner with a situation. Re: a situation they have encountered where an individual or family is at an acutely elevated risk with no connection to helping support or services to mitigate that risk.

**SINCE JANUARY 2022**

- 32 Situations presented
- 28 Situations opened
- 16 Successfully connected to services
- 3 Informed of services available
- 1 Relocated prior to "door knock"
- 4 Unable to locate
- 4 Currently open situations
- 4 Situations not opened because the individual was already connected services or not all services were being utilized to mitigate risk.

Situations opened are resolved on average within 2 weeks. Mental health challenges of individuals or family members are the most frequent risk factor presented at the Hub Table.

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE HUB TABLE MEMBERS**

18 Degrees, Adams Council on Aging, Adams Police Department, Berkshire County Adult & Juvenile Probation Departments, Berkshire County Sheriff's Department, Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority, Berkshire Health Systems, The Brien Center, Better Life Partners, City of North Adams, Department of Children & Families, Department of Mental Health, Department of Youth Services, Elizabeth Freeman Center, Hoosac Valley Regional School District, Lanesborough Fire Dept. & EMS, Lanesborough Police Department, The Louison House, Mass Rehabilitation Commission (MRC), Mt. Greylock Regional High School, North Adams Council on Aging, North Adams Police Department, North Adams Public Schools, North Berkshire District Court, Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, Northern Berkshire EMS, Pittsfield Community Justice Program, Town of Adams, Town of Williamstown, Williamstown Council on Aging, Williamstown Police Department



**THANKS FRIENDS! YOU'VE MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT RIGHT IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY!**

Since its inception, nbCC has been a crucial link between those in need and those who can help. With your assistance, we can continue to provide Northern Berkshire residents the tools needed to improve their lives and their neighborhoods. We understand that not everyone is able to make a financial contribution, but we also want you to know that no amount is too small to be helpful. Thanks for all you do to support nbCC!

**THE 2021-22 FRIENDS OF THE COALITION (AS OF JUNE 7, 2022)**

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**AREAS OF WORK**

**CONVENE & CONNECT**

NBCC REACHED 37,997 PEOPLE THROUGH THE VIEWS/LIKES/COMMENTS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS. STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

NBCC COLLABORATED WITH 151 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT BERKSHIRE COUNTY THIS PAST YEAR.

**FAMILY SUPPORT & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

96 RESIDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED BY THEIR PEERS AT THE ANNUAL NEIGHBORLY AWARDS CEREMONY

194 BACKPACKS WERE GIVEN TO LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN AT OUR ANNUAL BACKPACKED FOR SUCCESS

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

NBCC STAFF VOLUNTEERED 145 HOURS TO THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY, HELPING TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO OVER 225 HOUSEHOLDS.

133 RESIDENTS WERE ASSISTED AND 114 HRS WERE VOLUNTEERED OVER 38 BIKE COLLECTIVE SESSIONS.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

20 RESIDENTS VOLUNTEERED A COMBINED 594 HOURS OF SKILL BUILDING AND SERVICE TO HELP THEIR COMMUNITY

35 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THIS YEAR

**PREVENTION & RECOVERY**

104 COMMUNITY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY VIGIL IN SEPTEMBER

OVER 60 COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM 10 DIFFERENT SECTORS PROVIDED FEEDBACK ABOUT YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION FOR OUR REGION

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS CREATED OVER 100 ORIGINAL WORKS FOR ANNUAL YOUTH LITERARY JOURNAL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN

292 YOUTH ENGAGED IN TEEN FOCUSED PROGRAMMING AND SUPPORT THIS YEAR.

Thank You!

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