



East Bay Community Action Program

THE BRIDGE to SELF-RELIANCE

QUARTERLY IMPACT REPORT

Keeping the community informed about our work, our impact, our engagement

Quarter 2: April 1 - June 30, 2026

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP) is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation that provides a wide array of health and human services to the residents of Rhode Island's East Bay, including the municipalities of Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren.

EBCAP's mission is to provide high-quality, comprehensive, and accessible health and human services to assist people to achieve their fullest potential.

During the 2nd Quarter of 2026

1,042 and 428

Numbers Served Volunteer Hours
at EBCAP food pantries

11,042

Meals served to seniors at east bay
Congregate Nutrition Program meal sites

\$22,122

The amount of assistance provided by
EBCAP's Basic Needs Fund that kept
16 households safely housed

47,344

Number of hours served YTD by
volunteers from EBCAP's AmeriCorps
Seniors Program

\$65,373

Net proceeds from EBCAP's
21st Annual Seaside Gala

PROJECT/ PROGRAM

DETAILS

OUTCOME

TuaPath: Reporting System for EBCAP's RIWorks Program

This new technology, from RI's Department of Human Services, provides RIWorks clients with a comprehensive set of online tools to help them achieve their employment, well-being, and self-sufficiency goals. Tua ('Your' in Latin) refers to a client's journey.

70 clients are being trained to use TuaPath and will soon be able to watch orientation videos, submit forms, upload and access documentation, and track Department of Human Services requirements.

School Based Community Health Worker (CHW) Project

A Bristol HEZ initiative that supports the Bristol Warren Regional School District. BHEZ's CHW meets families where they are -- assisting with the behavioral health, medical, and social service needs of both students and their families.

BHEZ's CHW has assisted (YTD) **223 students** at Mt. Hope High School and Kickemuit Middle School; and also established an on-site food pantry at the Kickemuit Middle School, which has fulfilled **400** food pantry orders.

Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) Training

Through BHEZ's Community Overdose Prevention Effort grant, staff took part in a 46-hour/multi day training to improve their skills as behavioral health advocates and recovery support specialists. Grant funding also allowed BHEZ to offer the CPRS training to community advocates and community members with mental health and/or substance use recovery lived experience.

Four HEZ staff members, plus **15** community members earned their Peer Recovery Specialist certifications, putting **19 more specialists** into the community who are highly skilled to advocate and support people in need of behavioral health and recovery services.

EBCAP's Integrated Health Services Quarter 2

Health Service	Individuals Served	Total Encounters
Behavioral Health	1,370	3,282
Dental	1,032	1,465
Medical	4,123	6,422
Total	6,525	11,169

Quarter 2 News and Achievements

Newport Family and Child Opportunity Zone's (NFCOZ) licensed **Champion Childcare Program**, at Newport's Pell Elementary School, has once again achieved and successfully renewed a **5-star rating from BrightStars**, Rhode Island's Quality Rating and Improvement System. This 5-star designation is the highest possible rating for licensed childcare programs in the state, signaling a high-quality learning environment and dedication to exceptional educational experiences.

Champion Childcare's journey to the 5-star level reached its first major milestone in March 2023. With its 2026 renewal, the program continues to maintain its top-tier status. At the time of its initial 5-star achievement, Champion Childcare was one of only five RI school-age programs to hold this rating. It was also one of only two RI school-age programs to operate within a public-school setting to achieve 5 stars.

BrightStars' recent evaluation cited Champion Childcare's exemplary practices based on six quality domains: child's daily experience; teaching and learning; staff-child ratio and group size; family communication and engagement; staff qualifications; and program management.

EBCAP collaborated with **Brown University's Warren Alpert School of Medicine** on a pediatric vaccine hesitancy quality improvement study. The study evaluated vaccine hesitancy among pediatric patients and identified opportunities to strengthen provider education and family outreach. The project found that families who decline vaccines continue to engage in well-child care and have high levels of trust in their providers, reinforcing the importance of using routine primary care visits to provide personalized education and informed decision-making.

The study's findings will help guide EBCAP's immunization and preventive care initiatives.

Two of EBCAP's health centers were among 12 primary-care practices selected to participate in the Rhode Island's **Care Transformation Collaborative's CONNECT-AUD** (Alcohol Use Disorder) grant program. This grant will help EBCAP's integrated health services strengthen evidence-based Alcohol Use Disorder care and improve fragmented transitions between primary care practices, emergency departments, and recovery services. EBCAP's East Bay Recovery Center is collaborating on this project.

EBCAP was officially approved as a **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)** Medicaid provider by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. Beginning October 1, EBCAP will launch CCBHC services and expand access to comprehensive, high-quality behavioral health care for individuals and families throughout Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, and Warren. As a CCBHC, EBCAP will provide integrated person-centered services that improve access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment while ensuring coordinated, evidence-based care for our patients.

EBCAP is accepting new patients for primary care and pediatric services. We have strengthened our primary care workforce by recruiting and onboarding nine new medical providers which has created the capacity to welcome over 3,000 new primary care patients in 2027. This expansion will enhance EBCAP's same-day CareNow services and improve access to timely, patient-centered care. CareNow services are available at East Bay Health Center, located in the historic Sweetland House in East Providence, and East Bay Family Health Care in Newport.

In May, our Weatherization Program successfully launched the **State of Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources' Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) Moderate-Income Pilot Program**. The program is designed to reduce home energy costs by providing rebates for upgrading to efficient electric alternatives. The Weatherization Program's initial efforts focused on onboarding workflows, coordinating vendor expectations, and aligning internal staffing to support program delivery. HEAR serves residents in Bristol County, Newport County, East Providence, and Pawtucket.

Community Recreation Center Partnerships were established between EBCAP and the City of East Providence and the Town of Barrington to provide community-based health monitoring and supportive services at local community recreation centers. Through these partnerships, EBCAP will deliver a comprehensive range of programs beginning this fall. Services are designed to promote health, wellness, education, and economic opportunity, including workforce development & employment readiness services; educational & enrichment programs; health monitoring/wellness services; and resource navigation and community outreach.

Impact in the Community

EBCAP was among the many award recipients honored at the East Providence Prevention Coalition's (EPPC) 3rd Annual Prevention Impact Awards celebration held in June at East Providence City Hall. Individuals and organizations were recognized for their meaningful impact on the City of East Providence.

EPPC Award Photos (left): Rachel Stancil, East Providence HEZ Project Coordinator, is pictured with Bethanie Rado, EPPC's Drug Free Communities Youth and Media Relations Coordinator. Rachel accepted a **Partners in Prevention Award** on behalf of East Providence HEZ for its work helping to promote East Providence's Community Connections series, its Summer Sports Clinics, and RI's statewide Community Overdose Engagement response plan. Pictured (center): Joe Nobile and Erica Federico, Certified Peer Recovery Specialists with East Bay Recovery Center (EBRC), accepted a **Partners in Prevention Award** on behalf of EBRC. As a member of a diverse network of stakeholders, EBRC has helped strengthen community resources to prevent substance misuse. Pictured (right): George O'Toole, Director of EBRC's Recovery Services, received both a **Prevention Impact Award** and a **Coalition Commitment Award** in recognition of his service as an active member of the EPPC. (Not pictured) Alyssa Gleason, EPHEZ Director, also received **Prevention Impact** and **Coalition Commitment Awards**. She was acknowledged for her advocacy and dedication to supporting EPPC's mission to encourage healthy behaviors and prevent substance use among youth.



East Providence HEZ's **East Bay Food Systems Working Group** welcomed two new agencies to the committee, FeedRI and RI Community Action Association. The workgroup completed a "Food Pantries and Meal Sites in RI's East Bay" guide -- a helpful resource packet that provides community members with information on how and where to access fresh produce, reduced-cost groceries, food for seniors, community meal sites, local food pantries, and more. The Food Pantries and Meal Sites guide is available online by visiting <https://ebcap.org/hezs/>. *HEZ is an initiative of the Rhode Island Department of Health. East Bay Community Action Program is the backbone agency for the East Providence, Bristol, and Warren HEZs.*



Warren HEZ coordinated its **5th Annual Week of the Young Child** celebration, an initiative of the National Association for the Education of Young Children that focuses on the needs of young children and highlights the critical importance of high-quality early childhood education. Held at La Piñata Mexican Grill in Warren with a Block Party and other events at Warren's George Hail Library, the celebration attracted 220 community members and more than 20 community partners who distributed resource materials, educational pamphlets, and fun giveaways to children and families. *Warren HEZ is an initiative of the Rhode Island Department of Health. East Bay Community Action Program is the backbone agency for the East Providence, Bristol, and Warren HEZs.*



EBCAP's 2026 Public Service and Vision Award Honorees



Feeling the *good vibes* from supporters and staff of EBCAP's HEZ Programs



Guest Emcee
Sam Read, WJAR Channel 10 News



Prize Winner
EBCAP Employee, Indhira Lora



Gala Premier Sponsor
Neighborhood Health Plan of RI
Peter Marino, CEO

On June 11, close to 200 guests joined East Bay Community Action Program for the **21st Annual Seaside Gala, *High Tides and Good Vibes*** at the Wyndham Newport Hotel. As EBCAP's foremost benefit of the year, the gala featured various fundraising activities, including an online auction. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Public Service and Vision Awards, honoring community members/partners for their incredible contributions in support of EBCAP's programs and services.

Funds raised at the gala will help support all of the agency's programs which serve 39,000 individuals annually. Many thanks to our sponsors, guests, and donors for their community spirit, generosity, and commitment to helping EBCAP transform lives and expand access to vital health and human services to all community members.