

Engage with OCHE

BSAS Office of Community Health + Equity

Situated within the Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS), the **Office of Community Health & Equity** (OCHE) cultivates meaningful connections with Massachusetts residents and the organizations that serve them, empowering individuals and communities to make informed decisions about substances while prioritizing equity and wellbeing.

In strengthening partnerships and promoting public health approaches, OCHE seeks to ensure that all Massachusetts residents have access to the unique resources they need to thrive.

Join our community network

Relationship building is the foundation of our work. Partnering with individuals, organizations, and other public officials, OCHE builds community capacity to meet the substance-related needs of Massachusetts residents. Our team is excited to learn more about you, your work, and how we can support you.

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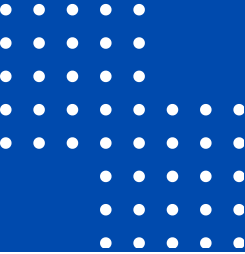
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Ways to Engage

Virtual meeting or site visit

Tell us about your goals and barriers you're encountering, ask any questions you have, or make suggestions for how we can best serve the public. We often offer technical assistance, information, and introductions in response to what you share. We may also be able to visit organizations or attend events to learn more, participate in programming, or present to community members.

Join our distribution list

Complete our [Community Partner Contact + Feedback Form](#) once or as many times as you'd like. All questions are optional and you can respond anonymously, as an individual community member, or as part of an organization. If you add an email address you'll receive our **This week from OCHE + partners** emails with information about events and opportunities that may be of interest.

Join the Living Expertise Advisory Pool (LEAP)

LEAP is an open and rolling advisory body of Massachusetts residents holding lived, living, and professional expertise with substance use and related topics who want to shape the work that happens at BSAS through short-term compensated community consulting projects. [Join LEAP](#) and dive in!

Attend or present at Community Office Hours

OCHE Community Office Hours meet virtually each month and offer a space for community partners to share information and resources that others can access or bring back to their communities, followed by a facilitated dialogue and relationship building.

Attend Community Academies

These virtual learning sessions aim to demystify and increase access to governmental processes, build relationships between BSAS staff and community partners, and prepare LEAP members for community consulting projects. Topics include procurement, contracting, and Supplier Diversity Office certification with new topics in development.

Connect with others at BSAS

Have a question about a specific topic, but you're not sure where to start? Consider us your "door into BSAS." We may be able to help directly, but if not we often serve as resource brokers connecting you with tools, trainings, and subject matter experts who can point you in the right direction.

We look forward to working with you!

