

Community Outreach

- Provides resources for individuals and families in need
- Providing tangible and immediate support through welcomed donations of clothing and personal care items, transportation, and recreation opportunities for children
- Contact Life Together Fellow Elizabeth Malkin, United Neighbors of Fall River, at 508-324-7900

MyFallRiver.org

- A free and up-to-date website specifically set up for Fall River residents to help stay interconnected and updated on events in our community
- Information can be posted either as a community member or sponsor
- Contact Brittany Bertone, Outreach and Technology Coordinator at 508-324-7900



Task Forces

Access to Health Care

Coordinator: Paula Harrison (774-627-1204)
Meetings: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July) at HealthFirst Family Care Center, 387 Quarry Street, Fall River (call to verify meeting date and time)

Gr. Fall River Coalition for Health & Well Being

Coordinator: Wendy Garf-Lipp (508-324-7900)
Meetings: Contact Wendy for the date and time of the next meeting on the 2nd Floor, Veteran's Memorial Auditorium at 72 Bank Street, FR

Healthy City Fall River Design Team

Coordinator: Dr. David Weed (508-324-2411)
Meeting Time: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of January, March, June, and September (call to verify) at Stanley Street Treatment & Resources, 386 Stanley Street, FR

Substance Abuse

Coordinators: Mike Aguiar (508-324-3598) and Marilyn Edge (508-324-2423)
Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. (call to verify) at Stanley Street Treatment & Resources, 386 Stanley Street, FR

Youth CHOICES

Co-Coordinator: Christian McCloskey (508-982-4297) and Jamison Souza (508-679-0922)
Meetings: First Wednesday of the month, at 3:30 p.m. (call to verify) at Greater Fall River Re-Creation, 72 Bank Street, FR



Partners for a Healthier Community is the local Community Health Network Area (CHNA) organized by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to establish a working partnership between DPH and area residents to improve the health status of all those who live or work in the CHNA.

Partners for a Healthier Community
P.O. Box 1228
Fall River, MA 02722

Working to improve the quality of life in Fall River, Somerset, Swansea and Westport

www.gfrpartners.com



www.FallRiverFitnessChallenge.com

MyFallRiver.org
Connecting the Community of Fall River
www.MyFallRiver.org



www.HealthyCityFallRiver.org



www.SouthcoastWorksiteHealth.com

Who are we?

We're working to improve your health and the quality of your life! Whether it's better access to health care, or to reduce the harm from the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs, or to reduce the chances that you will develop heart disease, diabetes or any of a number health risks, Partners for a Healthier Community is the group that works for you.

What do we do?

Our projects include efforts to improve both school and worksite wellness as well as projects that support healthy dining, healthy neighborhood markets, violence prevention, access to health care, substance abuse support, and homelessness support.

When and where do we meet?

Our Steering Committee meets on the second Friday of every month, except July, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This is an open meeting though only elected members may vote on business matters. Members are elected every other year from among those who attend any of our four Task Forces during the preceding year.

How do I get involved?

Anyone can join our efforts by attending any of our Task Force meetings. Just contact Chairman Jamison Souza at 508-679-0922 to verify the time and location of the next meeting. Meetings focus on specific health concerns and help to develop strategies that can effectively address them. We welcome your expertise and your vision whether you are a health professional or resident of our community with an interest in making the Greater Fall River Area a healthier place to live and work.



Our Projects

Healthy City Fall River Initiative

- Collaboration between the Fall River Health and Human Service Department and Partners
- Working to improve the health status of all those who live, work or attend school in the City of Fall River.
- Contact Dr. David Weed, Healthy City Coordinator at 508-324-2411

School Wellness

- The School Wellness Coordinator works with the Fall River Public Schools to support wellness activities and policy changes
- Coordinates with a wide variety of community resources to promote access to a healthier lifestyle
- Contact Marcia Picard, School Wellness Coordinator at 774-319-0107

Worksite Wellness

- The Worksite Wellness Coordinator supports local employers throughout Greater Fall River by establishing and maintaining worksite wellness programs
- Holds monthly meetings for the SouthCoast Worksite Health & Wellness Collaborative
- Contact Angela Bras, Worksite Wellness Coordinator at 774-400-4466

Fitness Challenge

- Encouraging a healthy lifestyle
- Connecting residents to low-cost community health and wellness programs
- Contact Annemarie Sharkey, Health & Well Being Coordinator at 508-679-0922

Healthy Dining & Neighborhood Markets

- A voluntary designation for food establishments and neighborhood markets, offering choices of nutritious foods in a healthy environment
- Making the healthy choice the easy choice for consumers
- Contact Dr. David Weed, Healthy City Coordinator at 508-324-2411

Farmers' Markets

- Access to fresh, healthy and locally grown fruits and vegetables
- Market location varies by day and season and includes Ruggles Park, Sullivan Square Downtown, Kennedy Park, Re-Creation accepting SNAP benefits
- Contact Annemarie Sharkey, Health & Well Being Coordinator at 508-679-0922

Violence Prevention

- To build and support an alcohol, drug and violence-free healthy community for our youth
- Collaboration, empowerment and support to ensure success
- Contact Christian McCloskey, Fall River Youth Service Coordinator at 508-679-0922

