## Vital Village

Community Engagement Network

Beyond the safety net: Weaving a rich tapestry of support for our children.







Vital Village is a network of residents and organizations committed to maximizing child, family, and community wellbeing.

Vital Village promotes community wellness, prosperity and resilience by strengthening partnerships between local organizations and residents to build community capacity to protect children and improve their wellbeing.





#### Our Approach

Vital Village has partnered with over 30 community organizations and numerous residents in 3 Boston neighborhoods: Dudley, Codman Square, and Mattapan.

The Vital Village Network is supporting better collaboration among health care providers, educators, family service agencies, legal advocates and community residents to promote child and family wellbeing and safety. We strive to build protective factors and family strengths, into the context of existing systems of care.



#### Innovations in Early Childhood Education

Vital Village is collaborating with several Boston Public Schools and Countdown to Kindergarten and Thrive in Five. We aim to support engagement of families with elementary schools prior to having a school-age child, and support the schools and families in optimizing the socio-emotional development of young children.



#### Prenatal Opportunity

Vital Village is collaborating with the CenteringPregnancy and Fatherhood programs to build opportunities to extend social support, financial benefits, resources, and family strengths during the prenatal period.



#### Legal Advocacy

We aim to optimize the prosperity of Vital Village neighborhoods by addressing/preventing material hardships using coordinated economic assistance and preventive legal strategies



# <sup>+</sup>Our Theory of Change

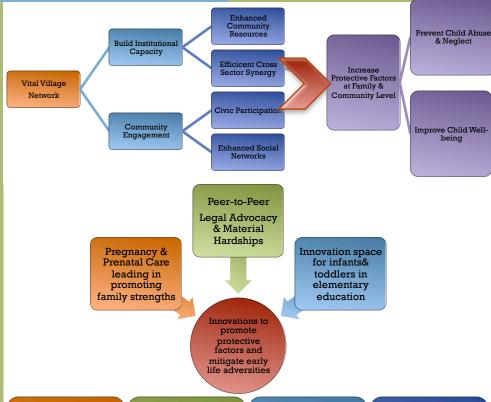
How a collaborative network can enhance synergy

### Network Innovation



Working Across Sectors

Community Partnership





Health Systems



Early Childhood Education



Community Initiatives & Advocacy Organizations



Legal Advocates

The Vital Village
Community Partnership
(VVCP) is a dedicated
group of community
residents advocating
for healthier and safer
neighborhoods for all
children. Join Us!



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