

## OVERVIEW

The mission of Healthier Together is focused on improving the health of children in West and Southwest Philadelphia by addressing the social drivers of health and building partnerships where they LIVE, LEARN, PLAY and HEAL.



**LIVE:** Promote healthy homes and assist families with stable housing while supporting a nurturing, safe and engaging environment.



**LEARN:** Support child socio-emotional skill development and create learning environments that are nurturing, inclusive and safe for children.



**PLAY:** Increase access to healthy, safe and engaging green and recreational spaces.



**HEAL:** Foster partnerships between CHOP and the community to promote trust and support holistic healing, addressing physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

## PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Healthier Together collaborates with local stakeholders — including schools, CHOP healthcare providers and community organizations — to create a holistic, integrated and child-centered strategy to promote health equity and improve health outcomes. Below is a list of our programs and the trusted partners who help make them possible.



### CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP) PARTNERSHIP

Provides funding and technical assistance to early childhood education centers to access federal CACFP funds or expand the number of CACFP meals served, which contributes to wellness, healthy growth and development of young children.

**Partners:** Reinvestment Fund

**Eligibility:** Select early childhood education centers in West and Southwest Philadelphia



### COMMUNITY ASTHMA PREVENTION PROGRAM PLUS (CAPP+)

Partners with nonprofit home repair agencies and minority- and women-owned contractors to repair homes of qualified CHOP patients to remove asthma triggers, such as mold, mildew and pests.

**Partners:** CHOP Center for Health Equity, Rebuilding Together Philadelphia

**Eligibility:** CHOP patient enrolled in CAPP who lives in West or Southwest Philadelphia

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## DEEPLY ROOTED

Creates safer spaces and improves neighborhood health by greening vacant lots, planting street trees and creating micro parks, as well as providing community activation grants and workforce development opportunities.

**Partners:** A joint initiative between Healthier Together and Penn Medicine’s Urban Health Lab with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society as greening intervention partner

**Eligibility:** Belmont, Carroll Park, Cobbs Creek, Elmwood, Haddington, Kingsessing, Mill Creek and Paschall neighborhoods of West and Southwest Philadelphia, where high rates of gun violence, cardiovascular health issues, lack of tree coverage and large numbers of vacant lots are prevalent



## EVICTION PREVENTION AND STABILIZATION PARTNERSHIP

Provides legal representation to West and Southwest Philadelphia families facing eviction at no cost to families.

**Partners:** Community Legal Services

**Eligibility:** West and Southwest Philadelphia households with children



## FAMILY ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Provides trauma-intensive case management support to youth and families who have exposure to trauma and/or violence and also have concrete social needs.

**Partners:** CHOP Center for Violence Prevention, CHOP Care Network

**Eligibility:** CHOP patient families that receive care at Karabots and Cobbs Creek with children ages 8-18



## FOOD PHARMACY

Offers home delivery of fresh produce boxes for families that screen positive for food insecurity at CHOP Primary Care, Cobbs Creek or the Karabots Pediatric Care Center or are referred by other CHOP Programs.

**Partners:** CHOP Care Network, Common Market, Food Connect, Ronald McDonald House

**Eligibility:** CHOP patient families that screen positive for food insecurity at Karabots and Cobbs Creek. Families may also be referred by other CHOP program.



## GRIEF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND CAREGIVERS

Provides peer-support groups for grief and loss to children and their caregivers. Families can be referred by CHOP providers or join on their own. Groups are held virtually or at the Karabots Pediatric Care Center in West Philadelphia.

**Partners:** CHOP Care Network, Uplift Center for Grieving Children

**Eligibility:** CHOP patient families that receive care at Karabots and Cobbs Creek with children ages 5-18

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS AT UNIVERSITY ASSISTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Provides Mental Health First Aid trainings and certifications, peer support groups for grief or secondary traumatic stress, and other wellness programming for students, staff and families at K-12 schools in West and Southwest Philadelphia.

**Partners:** CHOP Center for Violence Prevention, University of Pennsylvania’s Netter Center for Community Partnerships, Uplift Center for Grieving Children

**Eligibility:** Students, staff and families at schools included in the Netter Center’s University Assisted Community Schools program (Comegys School, Hamilton School, Lea School, Mastery Charter School – Shoemaker Campus, Sayre High School, West Philadelphia High School, and Paul Robeson High School)



## LIFEGUARD PIPELINE PROGRAM AT FAB YOUTH PHILLY

Builds a pathway for youth to become lifeguards in Philadelphia, beginning with learn to swim programs, and extending to lifeguard trainings and certifications. This is a paid workforce development program but also a fun, safe and healthy activity for youth. The program also addresses the lifeguard shortage in Philadelphia, which leaves many pools closed in the summer.

**Partners:** CHOP Sports Medicine and Performance Center, Fab Youth Philly, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, Drexel University, American Red Cross, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, YMCA West Philadelphia

**Eligibility:** Youth ages 15-19, with an emphasis on youth from West and Southwest Philadelphia



## MEDICAL FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP (MFP)

Supports families to build financial stability and prosperity with services such as financial empowerment counseling, tax preparation, benefits navigation and more.

**Partners:** CHOP Care Network, Campaign for Working Families, Clarifi

**Eligibility:** West and Southwest Philadelphia community members, with direct outreach to patient families that receive care at Karabots and Cobbs Creek



## MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP (MLP)

Provides pro bono legal services to patient families, partners with social work and clinical teams to navigate key support programs, and advocates to keep families in their homes.

**Partners:** CHOP Department of Social Work, CHOP Care Network, Community Legal Services

**Eligibility:** CHOP patient families who receive care at Karabots

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## SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) program provides clinical and behavioral health services to students at Add B. Anderson School as medically necessary. This program also offers universal trainings and education to the entire school community.

**Partner:** CHOP Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

**Eligibility:** All students and staff at Add B. Anderson Elementary School



## SCHOOLYARD GREENING AND IMPROVEMENT

Creates welcoming and safe schoolyard spaces to foster health, enhanced educational experiences and community bonding.

**Partners:** Trust for Public Land, School District of Philadelphia

**Eligibility:** Selected schools in West and Southwest Philadelphia identified by the School District of Philadelphia



## YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AT BARTRAM'S GARDEN

Employs youth in paid workforce development positions while actively supporting free farming, gardening, wellness and recreational programs for the Garden's 125,000+ annual visitors and the wider Southwest Philadelphia community.

**Partners:** Bartram's Garden

**Eligibility:** Youth ages 14+, with an emphasis on students and residents of the 19143 ZIP code

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