

Worcester Education Equity Roundtable

# Briefing Book on Community Resources

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# **ACE** African Community Education



*The mission of African Community Education is to assist African refugee and immigrant youth and families in achieving educational and social stability through access to academic support, leadership development, cultural expression, and community outreach. Our vision is a community where African refugees and immigrant youth and families are empowered, self-sufficient, and secure.*

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Office: 355 Denholm Building, 484 Main Street, Worcester 01608 (508-459-2284)

Program sites: After School Program, ESL: All Saints Church, 10 Irving St.

Saturday Program, Family Education Program: Claremont Academy, 15 Claremont St.

**Coming January 2023: "The ACE Center" 51 Gage Street, new home for ACE's programs and offices**

Web: <https://www.africancommunityeducation.org/>; FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram: @aceworcester

ACE currently enrolls over 340 children and parents in our programs each year, coming from more than 15 African countries throughout the continent, including Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, and Tanzania.

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: New Citizen Center Schools, Chandler Elementary, Belmont Street Community, Elm Park Community, West Tatnuck, Woodland Academy, Canterbury Magnet Street, Gates Lane, Thorndyke Road, Claremont Academy, Sullivan Middle, Forest Grove Middle, Burncoat Middle, Worcester East Middle, University Park, Burncoat High, North High, Worcester Technical High, Doherty High, South High

**Programs:**

After School Program, Sylvester Dwyer, Coordinator

Saturday Program, John Yormie, Coordinator

Mentoring, Ayman Abdelgadir, Coordinator

Family Education Program, ESOL, Timon Dhego, Coordinator

Outreach, Benjamin Kagigi, Manager

Career Development Program, Saint Cyr Dimanche, Coordinator

WPS Liaison, Winnie Doe, Liaison

Post-Secondary Liaison, Melvin Kaska, Liaison

**Partnerships:** WPS: Multilingual Education Department; WEC: Woo-Labs, Worcester Educational Equity Roundtable; WPI



Name of Organization: ArtReach

Organization's Mission:

**MISSION STATEMENT**

ArtReach is a creative based non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable, equitable, and accessible opportunities for ALL Worcester area community members to experience the Arts, with a focus on youth and communities who may be at-risk or underserved. It is our belief that by connecting artists with students from all sectors of our community, we are providing a platform for observation, discovery, self expression, a greater understanding of who we are as a diverse collective of people, and how we communicate... all through art and culture.

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info: Darcy , Executive Director, ArtReach

[darcyschwartz65@gmail.com](mailto:darcyschwartz65@gmail.com) 774.262.3953

Address of Headquarters: 6 Hadwen Lane, Worcester, MA 01602

Address of Additional Sites:

Website: [www.artreachstudioafs.com](http://www.artreachstudioafs.com)

Social Media Pages: Facebook, Instagram

Population and Community Served: All populations in Worcester and Worcester County. We serve a diverse population of youth, adults, and artists.

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): 300 + students per week. Close to 4,000 members of the community served each year.

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: We serve students in our Creative Arts Afterschool Immersion Program. We teach art programming in our studio, in the Worcester Public Schools, and in spaces with our community partners, We have students participating from all schools.

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info: We are an art based program. Programs are scheduled through Darcy Schwartz, 774.262.3953.

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: We are partners with Worcester Public Schools through our ArtReach Programming and through the 21st Century Schools Program.

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Same.

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain: We teach onsite in Worcester Public Schools as an after school program.

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Yes. We begun the 21st Century Program in October, and are submitting proposals for Lanuary.

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas: ArtReach would like to continue it's partnership with Worcester Public Schools, and looks for support with letters for grant writing purposes, and with promoting our programs in the schools.



**Organization's Mission:**

To create professionally supported mentoring relationships, empowering youth to realize their potential and build brighter futures.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:**

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Worcester, MA 01608

**Address of Additional Sites:** 233 Cochituate Rd.  
Framingham, MA 01701



**Website:** [www.bbbscm.org](http://www.bbbscm.org)

**Social Media Pages:**

Facebook: @bbbscm  
Instagram: @bbbscmmw  
Twitter: @bbbs\_cmmw  
LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/big-brothers-big-sisters-of-central-mass-metrowest](https://www.linkedin.com/company/big-brothers-big-sisters-of-central-mass-metrowest)

**Population and Community Served:**

Our service area covers 87 towns and cities throughout Central Mass & Metrowest. We serve at-risk youth from 8-25 years. In Fiscal Year 2020, 78% of the youth served receive free/reduced lunch.

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):**

525 youth served in 2021-2022

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** These are current program numbers as of September 2022. These numbers will increase as new matches are made for the school year.

Canterbury Street – 27; Elm Park – 3; Gates Lane – 6; Jacob Hiatt Magnet – 1; Vernon Hill Elementary – 1; Woodland Academy -12; Worcester Arts Magnet - 4

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

BBBS provides professionally supported 1:1 mentoring programs through our community and site-based mentoring programs. The community program matches volunteer mentors (Bigs) to youth (Littles) in the community. They do all sorts of activities from hiking, attending a sporting event, doing arts & crafts or whatever interests them! Our site-based program matches volunteers from a college or corporate site with local students referred to us by teachers at the school. The matches work on homework together, read, play games, or simply talk.

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** We have existing partnerships with Canterbury Street Magnet Computer-Based School, Vernon Hill Elementary School, Belmont Street Community School, Elm Park Community School, Woodland Academy, Jacob Hiatt Magnet School, and Gate Lane Elementary School.



**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Previous partnerships were with Flagg Street School and Quinsigamond Elementary School.

**Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:**

All our programs partnering with Worcester Public Schools are onsite at the elementary schools either after school or incorporated within school hours.

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Expanding BBBS program to more elementary schools but also to middle and high schools in Worcester Public Schools. We are hoping to launch our high school program, Mazie Mentoring, in Worcester in 2023. Mazie Mentoring is a goal-oriented program for high school students, preparing them for the future. It currently operates in Framingham, Waltham, and Marlborough.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

- Promoting and support in expanding BBBS programs to other Worcester Public Schools.
- Support in being able to incorporate BBBS program within the school day or preferably as an after-school program with a dedicated WPS staff.
- The recruitment of mentors is always on-going. Engaging the WPS resources and partners to promote/recruit more community mentors for our growing wait-list of youth.

Name of Organization: **Black Excellence Academy**

Organization's Mission: **To sustain community, foster excellence and positive self-esteem in a culturally relevant learning environment, in order to accelerate academic performance in ELA, Math, and Science, while enriching knowledge and appreciation of Black History and Culture.**

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info: **Stacey Luster, 508-929-8022  
sluster@worchester.edu**

Address of Headquarters: 46 Chandler St, Worcester MA 01602 - May Street Building

Address of Additional Sites: **N/A**

Website: <https://sites.google.com/worcester.edu/black-excellence-academy/home>

Social Media Pages: **N/A**

Population and Community Served: **Students in Grade 1-6**

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): **50**

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:

- **Belmont Street**
- **Chandler Magnet School**
- **Elm Park Elementary**
- **Heard St Elementary**
- **Heard Street Discovery Academy**
- **La Familia Dual Language**
- **May St School**
- **Paxton Center**
- **Tatnuck Magnet School**
- **Worcester Arts Magnet**

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info: ***Math , ELA, Culture and Arts Program Coordinator, Cherisa Hernandez***

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: **School Nutrition**

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: **N/A**

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain: **N/A**

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: **TBD**

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas: **Transportation**



**Name of Organization:** [Boys & Girls Club of Worcester](#)

**Organization's Mission:** Our Mission is to help youth, especially those who need us most, develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and community leaders, through caring professional staff who forge relationships with our youth members and influence their ability to succeed in life.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:**

Liz Hamilton, MSW • [lhamilton@bgcworchester.org](mailto:lhamilton@bgcworchester.org) • 508-754-2686

**Address of Headquarters:**

[Francis A. & Jacquelyn H. Harrington Clubhouse](#)

65 Boys & Girls Club Way  
Worcester, MA 01610

**Address of Additional Sites:**

[Kids Club at Great Brook Valley](#)

180 Constitution Avenue  
Worcester, MA 01605

[Plumley Village Clubhouse](#)

16 Laurel Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

**Website:** [www.bgcworchester.org](http://www.bgcworchester.org)

**Social Media Pages:**

[www.facebook.com/BoysandGirlsClubofWorcester](http://www.facebook.com/BoysandGirlsClubofWorcester)  
[www.instagram.com/bgcworchester/](http://www.instagram.com/bgcworchester/)  
[www.twitter.com/BGCWorcester1](http://www.twitter.com/BGCWorcester1)  
[www.linkedin.com/company/boys-&-girls-club-of-worcester](http://www.linkedin.com/company/boys-&-girls-club-of-worcester)

**Population and Community Served:**

Serving youth ages five—eighteen, our organization runs three sites, all in the most disadvantaged/under-resourced areas of Worcester. All three Clubhouse neighborhoods have a Community Disadvantage Index rating of 10 out of 10, according to the SMART System. Our Club kids reflect their neighborhood demographics: Sixty-four percent of them live in single-parent homes, more than 80% are at or below the federal poverty level, and 88% are youth of color. The kids of these neighborhoods rely on subsidized school meals during normal times, and many have parents or care givers who work multiple low-wage jobs to make ends meet.

**Number of Members:** 1300 Members (serving 8,000 youth)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF WORCESTER**

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:**

- Burncoat Middle
- Burncoat Street Preparatory
- Canterbury Street School
- Chandler Elementary Community
- Chandler Magnet
- City View Discovery
- Claremont Academy
- Columbus Park Preparatory
- Doherty High School
- East Middle School
- Elm Park Community
- Flagg Street
- Forest Grove Middle School
- Francis McGrath Elementary
- Gates Lane School
- Goddard School
- Grafton Street
- Heard Street Discovery Academy
- Jacob Hiatt Magnet
- Lake View
- Lincoln Street
- Norrback Avenue
- North High School
- Quinsigamond School
- Rice Square
- Roosevelt Elementary School
- South High School
- Sullivan Middle School
- Thorndyke Road
- Union Hill
- Vernon Hill School
- West Tatnuck School
- Woodland Academy
- Woodward Day School
- Worcester Arts Magnet
- Worcester East Middle School
- Worcester Technical High School

### **Programs & Services Offered:**

Cost of school year membership: \$25

We offer award-winning arts programs; sports and games; swimming; homework help; project based and high yield learning activities; tutoring and college prep; social emotional supports; leadership opportunities; mentors; and job readiness and employment. We also provide a free, nutritious dinner to 300 kids every weeknight (with free breakfast, lunch, and snacks all summer). Our professional staff represent our diverse community and youth we serve as we believe representation matters.

Contact: Shauree Allotey • [sallotey@bgcworcester.org](mailto:sallotey@bgcworcester.org) • 508-754-2686

### **Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- BGCW collaborates with WPS Athletics and provides the swimming pool and coaching for the WPS Intra-High School Swim Team. We also host competitive swim meets on WPS' behalf.
- BGCW provides free drivers education to WPS students referred to us by principals (when slots are available).
- BGCW with the WPS SEL Department and provides free swim lessons to immigrant children attending WPS.
- WPS provides Adjustment Counselors to work at our Club sites in the summer and school year.
- BGCW provides free "Spree Days" to local schools for their end-of-the-year celebration, including Woodland Academy, Claremont Academy, Goddard School and Canterbury School.
- BGCW provides free meeting space for WPS Admin and Depts., when appropriate and available.

### **Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- BGCW has contracted with WPS to provide babysitting certification, healthy habits and dance programs through 21st Century grant funding.
- During the pandemic, BGCW served as a learning hub for WPS students to attend our Club and participate in the WPS remote learning. We provided WiFi, computers, technical and academic support and served as a liaison for the students/families and schools.
- BGCW and WPS previously contracted for after school transportation from schools to our Clubs. Since the pandemic, WPS has not had the capacity to provide transportation.

### **Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:**

Not at this time. We are open to the possibility of providing onsite WPS programs.

### **Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- Creating a pipeline for job readiness - BGCW offers babysitting certification, drivers ed, lifeguard certification and other employment preparedness programs
- Creating a pipeline for academic success – BGCW offers homework help, SAT prep classes, STEM programs and more.
- Providing wrap around services – BGCW has a case management department that includes a food pantry and gang prevention initiatives. In addition, we have social workers who provide group and family counseling in our Social Emotional Learning Lab.
- We are here to be a partner as we want all of our kids/scholars to be successful in life. We want to hear your ideas on ways we can collaborate!

### **Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

- Resolving the transportation issue that impacts our WPS students from attending youth-serving and childcare agencies.
- Improving communication between WPS and the youth-serving and childcare agencies to ensure we can share resources, address challenges and strengthen relationships.
- Establishing protocol for schools and youth-serving agencies to share data/info to better support students requiring extra support.

**GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF WORCESTER**





*Equitable Arts programs*

*in accessible spaces.*

Name of Organization: Creative Hub Worcester

Organization's Mission:

Through a shared love of art and community, Creative Hub Worcester provides equitable programs for creative expression in accessible spaces.

We work alongside historically underserved youth and communities to achieve collective healing and happiness.

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info: Laura Marotta, [Laura@creativehubworcester.org](mailto:Laura@creativehubworcester.org), 978-273-1422

Address of Headquarters: 653 Main Street., Worcester, MA, 01610

Website: [www.creativehubworcester.org](http://www.creativehubworcester.org)

Social Media Pages: [www.facebook.com/creativehubworcester](https://www.facebook.com/creativehubworcester), @creativehubwoo

Population and Community Served: Main South neighborhood, DCF vouchers, financial assistance, immigrant populations, students who learn differently, trauma-informed

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): 30 students

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: All WPS schools ages 5-14

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info: EEC licensed after school programming, ages 5-14, Mon-Fri 1:30pm-5:30pm, Arts-based and trauma informed/healing activities, homework, snack, outdoor play, art/creative activities, special guests, on-site LICSW

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas: Transportation, please allow Creative Hub to be a bus stop, many families are unable to transport their students to our program

[Info@creativehubworcester.org](mailto:Info@creativehubworcester.org)

978-273-1422

653 Main Street., Worcester, MA, 01610

[www.creativehubworcester.org](http://www.creativehubworcester.org)



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# CROCODILE RIVER MUSIC

Global Music for All



**Name of Organization:** Crocodile River Music

**Organization's Mission:** To connect audiences with African artists and cultures through performance and education.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:** Zach Combs,  
[zach@crocodilerivermusic.org](mailto:zach@crocodilerivermusic.org), 508-792-2787

**Address of Headquarters:** 44 Portland Street, 7th Floor, Worcester, MA 01608

**Website:** [www.crocodilerivermusic.org](http://www.crocodilerivermusic.org)

**Social Media Pages:** [www.facebook.com/CrocodileRiverMusic](https://www.facebook.com/CrocodileRiverMusic),  
[www.instagram.com/crocodilerivermusic/](https://www.instagram.com/crocodilerivermusic/)

**Population and Community Served:**

We serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and capabilities. Our target audiences include schools, universities, museums, and other community institutions. We are based in Worcester, and a large part of our work is within one hour drive of our downtown headquarters. We serve approximately 20,000 people per year. We estimate that approximately 50% of our audiences are from low to moderate income families.



**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):** 8 Board members, around 50 institutions a year

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** The entire 9th grade is exposed to Crocodile River Music during the City's LEAP Program

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

School Residencies, Interactive Assemblies.

Email: [Info@crocodilerivermusic.org](mailto:Info@crocodilerivermusic.org)

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

Annually we present the LEAP program for all 9th graders in WPS. Not annual/not an existing partnership, however, we usually work with several WPS schools through our African Arts in Education residency programs.

**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

In 2019 Woodland Academy had CRM in with funding from a STARS grant, in SY 21/22 we visited 6 public schools outside of the LEAP Program.



**Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools:**



Since 2018 we've held programs at 16 different Worcester Public Schools. This ranges from one-off workshops to a full African Arts in Residency program, which consists of West African dance or drum classes in their school, a full band interactive assembly and an African art installation.

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

One of our goals is to serve every student in Worcester Public Schools annually. An ideal scenario would be to fund our program at a district level (like Newton has done) so that each student is provided an opportunity to work with our team of African artists and educators every year.

In the past 10 years we have visited 41% of the Worcester Public Schools, we would love to make that 100%!

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas :**

Helping spread the word about our programs we offer.



**Name of Organization:** EcoTarium

**Organization's Mission:** Our mission is "to inspire a passion for science and nature." EcoTarium is New England's leading museum of science and nature, an indoor-outdoor experience dedicated to inspiring a passion for science and nature in visitors of all ages. Founded in 1825, it has been a leader in informal science and nature education for nearly 200 years. Highlights of the 45-acre campus include a museum building with three floors of interactive exhibits, Science Discovery programs, planetarium, live animal habitats, nature trails, seasonal narrow-gauge railroad Explorer Express Train, and its expansive interactive outdoor exhibit, Nature Explore ®.

**CEO Name/Contact Info:** Noreen Johnson Smith, (508) 929-2722 NSmith@EcoTarium.org

**Address of Headquarters:** 222 Harrington Way, Worcester, MA 01604

**Website:** [www.ecotarium.org](http://www.ecotarium.org)

**Social Media Pages:** FB: <https://www.facebook.com/EcoTarium> IG: @ecotarium LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/company/eco-tarium](http://www.linkedin.com/company/eco-tarium) Twitter: @ecotarium

**Population and Community Served:** A majority of visitors reside in Worcester, with additional visitors from throughout Central Massachusetts and approximately 28% of visitors traveling from a distance of greater than 50 miles. The organization serves all ages through interactive, hands-on exhibits, special evening events geared towards adults, preschool public programming, and more. The Museum offers 18 different discount admission programs in partnership with public libraries, school and community groups, military families, EBT-card holder discounts, free admission passes, and other initiatives to overcome financial barriers to participation.

**Number of Members/Constituents:** The museum has approximately 2,300 active annual members. We welcomed 180,000 visitors each year pre-COVID, and expect approximately 100,000 visitors in 2022 as we recover from 15-months of closure during the pandemic.

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** All schools are served.

The EcoTarium partners with the Worcester Education Collaborative LEAP program to serve every Worcester Public Schools student in one selected grade level with no-cost-to-the-student admission each year, funded by museum donors and the WEC. During 2021-22, all 1,600 first grade students from 34 schools attended the EcoTarium through the LEAP program. The Museum offers the after-school Naturalist Program which serves high school students from the 4 Worcester High Schools and the Vocational High School at no cost to students; and supports the North High Garden in partnership with REC.

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

In addition to admissions and group reservations, the EcoTarium offers special programs. To book programs: 508-929.2700 [reservations@ecotarium.org](mailto:reservations@ecotarium.org)

Katie Chappell, Director of Education & Exhibits [kchappell@ecotarium.org](mailto:kchappell@ecotarium.org) 508-929-2740

The Naturalist Program is a free, year-long, in-depth exploration of science and nature for 9-10th grade students offered after-school at the museum to reinforce classroom learning through Citizen Science capstone projects, hands-on science exercises, outdoor exploration, field trips, and volunteering opportunities. Participants observe and learn about the variety of plant and animal communities, astronomy, landscape, and more. Participants develop their ability to observe nature, actively engage in science through data collection, and hone related skills supporting their career development, civic engagement, and STEM knowledge.

EcoTarium educators offer a selection of educational programs that may be booked privately and presented onsite, virtually, or in the community for organizations such as schools, recreation centers, libraries, and camps. Between September, 2021, and September, 2022, EcoTarium educators taught 297 sessions of School and Group Programs divided between 170 separate reservations, serving approximately 9,000 total participants. School-age groups are the primary audience for these programs. As such, all programs are aligned to specific Massachusetts science standards, which largely overlap with both the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) used in Connecticut and New Hampshire and the NGSS-aligned curriculum used in Rhode Island. However, education programs can also be reserved by non-school audiences, and our expert educators can adapt to meet the needs and background of any audience!

Programs include:

- Onsite Programs Offered (with topic):
  - Animal Adaptations (live animal, evolution)
  - Build Your World (engineering)
  - Invisible Forces: Electricity & Magnetism (physics)
  - Making Waves: Sound & Light (physics)
  - Pond Ecosystems (ecosystems)
  - Rocket Launch! (engineering)
  - Turtle Travels (live animal, ecosystems)
  - Understanding Weather (climate science)
  - Wide World of Insects (ecosystems)
- Onsite Planetarium Programs Offered (with topic):
  - Grand Tour of the Solar System (planetarium, planetary science)
  - Stars and Constellations (planetarium, astronomy)
- Global Soundscapes: Mission to Record the Earth (planetarium, ecology, physics)
- Traveling Programs Offered (with topic):
  - Animal Adaptations (live animal, evolution)
  - Build Your World (engineering)
  - Rocket Launch! (engineering)
  - Turtle Travels (live animal, ecosystems)
  - Understanding Weather (climate science)
- Virtual Programs Offered (with topic):
  - Animal Adaptations (live animal, evolution)
  - Understanding Weather (climate science)
  - Grand Tour of the Solar System (planetary science)
  - Stars and Constellations (astronomy)
  - The Sky Tonight (astronomy)



Name of Organization: **Edward Street**

**Organization's Mission:** Edward Street collaborates to improve the quality and impact of early education and care, enhancing the development of young children and strengthening families in Central MA.

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:

Eve Gilmore, Executive Director  
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508.792.0220

Address of Headquarters: 50 Portland Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Address of Additional Sites: N/A

Website: [www.edwardstreet.org](http://www.edwardstreet.org) ; [www.worcesterdayofplay.org](http://www.worcesterdayofplay.org); [www.worcesterreads.org](http://www.worcesterreads.org)

Social Media Pages: Linked IN and FaceBook – Edward Street and Day of Play

Population and Community Served: We work across the community to support young children, families and educators working with children from birth through school age.

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): There are more than 10,000 children under the age of 5 in Worcester. There is another est. 3, 600 K-3<sup>rd</sup> students in WPS.

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: Serve the community and WPS district

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:

Birth – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Alignment – Kim Davenport – [kdavenport@edwardstreet.org](mailto:kdavenport@edwardstreet.org)

Master Teacher Coaching Program (0-5) – Jo Ann Borinski – [jborinski@edwardstreet.org](mailto:jborinski@edwardstreet.org)

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

**Ready4K** – Text-based family engagement program; through grant via Edward Street, WPS was able to enroll preschool and kindergarten families last year. Evidenced-based, age-specific home learning support in multiple home languages. Three short text messages a week. WPS has access to data on usage.

**OST Leadership Learning Network** – Weekly meeting with leaders from OST programs (centers and youth-serving programs) to check in on COVID-related issues, staffing/workforce, collaboration opportunities, funding, transportation, mental health & school adjustment counselor support, summer learning, etc. Began to support Remote Learning Hubs during school shutdown. Maura Mahoney current WPS attendee.

**Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative Planning Grant** for Community-based collaboration in SPED services and support.

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

**Preschool Expansion Planning Grants** – several grants over past 7 years to identify needs and develop strategic plan to expand high quality preschool programming to families through a school-community partnership.

**Worcester Reads** – WPS leadership and principal participation in community-wide campaign to support reading with your child(ren) 20 minutes a day.

**Campaign for Grade Level Reading All-American City Application** – Collaboration, via Worcester Reads, led to the submission of an application to national competition. Worcester was one of 10 finalists and Pacesetter Award Recipient (2017). [Article](#)

**Kindergarten Readiness Definition** – Taskforce via Alignment Partnership Council to identify key benchmarks for kindergarten readiness and some family-friendly tools to help families understand and strengthen early skills.

**Countdown to Kindergarten** – Partners in helping to support WPS kindergarten celebrations – Collaboration with Worcester Family Partnership’s countdown event at WPL. Partner in promoting and supporting kindergarten family event at EcoTarium.

**Kindergarten Data Project** – With WPS PIC, identify entering K’s preschool experiences.

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain: N/A

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

- Upcoming CPPI RFR from Department of Early Education & Care – Multi-year implementation grant to put SPED-Support Strategic Plan into operation.
- Worcester ARPA Grant for Community-Based Programs – Edward Street applied to start implementation of supportive services for children with emerging/identified needs.
- Continue Preschool Experience Tracking Project – WPS data team tracks groups of children with preschool experiences to understand impact.

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:

1. Data Warehouse/Data Requests – How can we collaborate to learn more about the impact of preschool experiences on student achievement; identify gaps in student’s not able to access preschool, and track impact of experience of students with OST experiences with CBOs.
2. Continue Ready4K enrollment & future funding.
3. Collaborate on funding application for early learning; preschool – WPS as LEA



**Name of Organization:** EPIC (Empowering People for Inclusive Communities)

**Organization's Mission:** Empowering People for Inclusive Communities (EPIC) prepares young people with disabilities to be actively engaged community leaders while eliminating ableism to equip the world for today's disabled leaders.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:** Jeff Lafata-Hernandez, he/him, jlafata@epicleaders.org, 617-917-5184

**Address of Headquarters:** 89 South Street, Suite 406, Boston, MA 02111

**Address of Additional Sites:** Worcester Site: Packachoag Center, 203 Pakachoag St, Auburn, MA 01501

**Website:** www.epicleaders.org

**Social Media Pages:**  @epicleaders  @epicleaders  @epic\_leaders

**Population and Community Served:** Transition-aged youth (16 - 23) with disabilities and provides training for professionals.

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents:** EPIC Serves over 700 people a year across all programs

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** South High School, North High School, Worcester Tech, Fanning Program



**[EPIC Service Warrior Program](#)**, Service Warriors, is a team of transition-aged youth with disabilities, ages 16 - 23, who spend one year serving their communities to learn practical skills to help them reach their future goals while also showing Worcester what young leaders with disabilities are capable of. Contact: Krystal Linn, they/them/she/her, Worcester Youth Programs Specialist, klinn@epicleaders.org, Cell/Text Number - 617-917-5183,

**[EPIC Training & Consulting](#)**, EPIC provides training and consulting for employers across sectors to educate themselves about ableism and learn how to successfully include individuals with disabilities in their workplaces. EPIC's programs are customizable and suitable for all. Whether a team of executives, managers, recruiters, educators, or diversity professionals, EPIC can help you create a solid foundation for disability inclusion. Jeff Lafata-Hernandez, he/him, jlafata@epicleaders.org, 617-917-5184

**[EPIC Youth Self-Advocacy Training](#)**, EPIC provides training series for students with disabilities in middle and high school to learn the skills to be a self-advocate in their schools and communities. EPIC offers different series with different topics to meet the needs of the students. Some topics include self-advocacy, leadership, goal setting, work styles, identity, and disability. Jeff Lafata-Hernandez, he/him, jlafata@epicleaders.org, 617-917-5184

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

South High School, North High School, Worcester Tech, Fanning Program: EPIC Service Warriors

**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** South High School: provided school supplies

**Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools?**

Not currently, but EPIC can provide training for students and staff if desired.

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

**City Serve:** EPIC Service Warriors provide schools with new coats of paint, painted murals, school supply kits, and assembling small furniture. This yearly event is open to any Worcester Public School, Community Center, or other public buildings.

**EPIC Self Advocacy Trainings,** EPIC provides multi-session training for middle school and high school students with disabilities to educate them about self-advocacy, disability, and leadership.

**EPIC Service Warriors** is a one-year service learning and leadership development program for transition-aged youth with disabilities, ages 16 - 23, who spend one year serving their communities to learn practical skills to help them reach their future goals while also showing Worcester what young leaders with disabilities are capable of.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

**Recruitment to the EPIC Service Warrior Program:** Recruitment will open in September 2022 and conclude in February 2023 with a program start date of May 2023.

**Student Training:** EPIC has been providing students with disabilities in the Greater Boston area with training in Self-Advocacy, including in 36 Boston Public School special education classrooms each year. EPIC hopes to offer this vital youth training to the Worcester schools and is eager to talk to someone within the Worcester Public School district.

People think that because I have a disability, I can't do things. I like being an EPIC Service Warrior because It shows others that I am a leader and I can create change.



"We do not tremble In the face of adversity; instead we embrace our abilities, build community, and change other's perceptions of people with disabilities"  
-EPIC Service Warrior



"The most important thing that I learned as an EPIC Service Warrior Is that I don't need to be afraid to speak up. I have found my voice."

# Friendly House, Inc

*Friendly House was founded in 1920 “for the educational, and family betterment of residents of the City of Worcester.” We have grown into a \$6m multi-service center providing a continuum of services to inner-city families focused on those under-served and under-resourced. Programs are organized into four major service areas; Social Services, Child Meals Program, Family Shelter & Transitional Housing, and Youth Programs.*



CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info: **Trish Appert | [tappert@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:tappert@friendlyhousema.org)**

Address of Headquarters: **36 Wall Street, Worcester, MA 01604**

Website: **[www.friendlyhousema.org](http://www.friendlyhousema.org)** facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendlyHouseMa>

linkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/friendly-house-worcester>

Population and Community Served: **families/youth/adults/elders/disabled**

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): 10,000

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: **Grafton Street School, East Middle School, La Familia dual language school, North High School**

## **Social Services & Case Management - Josefina Velez, Director** **[jvelez@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:jvelez@friendlyhousema.org) | 508-755-4362**

- fresh, frozen and shelf stable food,
- Housing Information & referral,
- Basic Immigration and Naturalization services,
- Translation,
- Form preparation,
- Shelter Services,
- Notary Public,
- Diaper & Formula Pantries

Food Pantry locations in Worcester:

**Friendly House:** 36 Wall Street | **South Worcester Neighborhood Center:** 47 Camp Street  
**Green Island Neighborhood Center:** 50 Canton Street. | **Plumley Village:** 16 Laurel Street  
**Quinsigamond Village Community Center:** 16 Greenwood Street

## **Youth Programs - Meredith Marum, Director** **[mmarum@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:mmarum@friendlyhousema.org) | 508-755-4362**

- **After-and out of-School programs** (pick up from La Familia and Grafton Street schools) Snack and dinner included.
- **Summer Camp (Wall Street and WHA’s Lakeside Apartments sites) ages 6 – 12 years. Teen Drop In – 50 teens ages 13-17 participate in education support, leadership programs, service learning projects, mentorship, and career exploration.**
- **Youth Hoops - Youth in grades 2-9 engage in a skill-based co-ed basketball program.**
- **YouthConnect Summer Nights – ages 11-16. Recreational, educational, and cultural activities free of charge to isolated and underserved Worcester youth.**

### **Child Meals Program - Darlene Layton, Director**

[dlayton@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:dlayton@friendlyhousema.org) | 508-755-4362

Delivering nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks to Worcester children at over 40 sites (youth programs, housing authorities, schools and Free feeding sites) throughout the school year and over the summer months. Funded through the USDA, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, and Project Bread.

### **Family Emergency Shelter - Maria DeJesus, Shelter Director**

[mdejesus@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:mdejesus@friendlyhousema.org) | (508) 792-1799 ext 202

13-family congregate shelter with 37 additional multi-bedroom 'shelter' apartments scattered across the city for families with children and expectant parents. Families must be referred directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

### **Transitional Family Housing - Ivonne Suarez, Director**

[isuarez@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:isuarez@friendlyhousema.org) | (508) 757-7506

Transitional family housing and Permanent housing to families emerging from homelessness with a member in the household is disabled.

#### **Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

Friendly House family shelter residents and staff participate in the WPS' Spree day for homeless families every year.

#### **Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

Friendly House partners with the neighboring Grafton Street Elementary School, hosting their graduation, spring musical, books for bingo program, and Holiday assemblies in our gymnasium. We also have provided special breakfasts through our child feeding program to Grafton Street Elementary School on MCAS days.

#### **Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:**

Our child feeding program had delivered breakfast and lunches to many Worcester Public Schools and HeadStart programs over the years. Breakfast has continued to be delivered in the past to Grafton Street Elementary on MCAS days.

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** We would welcome the opportunity to deliver meals to WPS sites again during the school year. Transportation from Worcester schools to our after-school programs would be a relief to families and help us serve more students and families.





**Organization:** Global Innovation Management Institute – GIMI  
**Organization’s Mission:** Democratizing Innovation Worldwide  
**CEO:** Hitendra Patel  
**Email:** hitendra.patel@giminstitute.org  
**Address:** 110 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139 USA  
**Website:** www.giminstitute.org  
 Global Innovation Management Institute

**Population and Community Served:** Anyone seeking to make impact. Our population is wide ranging, from young people starting their innovation journey, to teachers, leaders and all types of professionals. We serve an equally broad range of communities, including:

- Schools and universities
- Governments, non-profits and associations
- Enterprises from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents:** 15,000 professionals certified, including:

- 400 pre-college students
- 9 governments
- +1200 companies

**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** New



## Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:



### EMPOWERING YOUTH TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Partnering with school districts over a **project-based** course/afterschool program:

- **GIMI IMPACT** is developed to specifically build capacity by supporting educators and empowering High School Youth to build a more Compassionate and more Innovative Society.
- This is the world's first globally recognized professional certification for Community and Social Innovation designed to equip high school students with the 21st century skills such as **problem solving, innovation, empathy and compassion**.
- The purpose is to **empower** them as they become next generation of leaders to tackle the biggest social challenges the world is facing. Through experiential team learning, the program **inspires** students to become changemakers solving pressing social challenges by learning innovative processes and tools.
- The program **fosters healthy competition** by culminating in a citywide competition where the best solution concepts get awarded and funded.



*These active global citizens will turn the world into a better place*

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:** Introductions to explore employing GIMI Impact course in WPS schools. If accepted, funding support to run program.

**GIMI responsibilities:** GIMI will train, certify and support the teachers. Students can be certified in GIMI level 1.

**WPS responsibilities:** WPS will deliver the course to the students, with GIMI support

**GIMI IMPACT Website:** [https://bit.ly/GIMI\\_Impact](https://bit.ly/GIMI_Impact)

**GIMI IMPACT Brochure:** [https://bit.ly/GIMI\\_Impact\\_Brochure](https://bit.ly/GIMI_Impact_Brochure)

**GIMI IMPACT** is equivalent to the GIMI Level 1 Innovation Associate designation and based on the globally-recognized GIMI training curriculum, focusing on teaching social innovation to young adult

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## of Worcester

*Girls Inc. of Worcester inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. We put our mission into practice through The Girls Inc. Experience, which equips girls to navigate gender, economic and social barriers and grow into healthy, educated, and independent adults.*

### CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:

Victoria Waterman  
[VWaterman@Girlsincworcester.org](mailto:VWaterman@Girlsincworcester.org)  
508-755-6455 ext. 111

### Addresses

Main Facility: 125 Providence St.  
Worcester, MA 01602  
Camp Facility: 50 Stone House Hill Rd.  
Holden, MA 01520

Girls Inc. of Worcester was established in 1916. For nearly 106 years, Girls Inc. of Worcester’s programs provide critical skills, knowledge, and life-changing experiences in the areas of health/wellness, academic enrichment, and life skills development. In a typical year, Girls Inc. of Worcester serves nearly **1000 girls**, 65% of which come from low-income households and 74% identify as girls of color. The majority of the girls we serve come from Worcester and attend Worcester Public Schools.

### Girls Inc. of Worcester currently serves Girls who attend the following Worcester Public Schools

#### Elementary

Vernon Hill  
Union Hill  
Grafton Street  
Rice Square  
Quinsigamond  
Jacob Hiatt  
City View  
Roosevelt  
Chandler Elementary

#### Middle School

Worcester East  
Sullivan  
Burncoat  
Forest Grove

#### High School

North  
Doherty  
South  
Worcester Technical

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### Social Media Handles

- TWITTER: GIRLSINCWORC
- FACBEOOK: GIRLSINCWORCESTER
- INSTAGRAM: GIRLSINCWORCESTER
- LINKEDIN: GIRLS-INC-WORCESTER

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

Allison James, COO oversees programs for Girls Inc. of Worcester and can be the primary point of contact. [AJames@Girlsincworchester.org](mailto:AJames@Girlsincworchester.org), 508-755-6455 ext 108

Elementary	Middle	High School
Drop in Afterschool	Drop In AfterSchool	CIT Program (9th)
Swim Lessons	Girls Promoting Safety	YouthWorks Summer Jobs
Girls On the Run	Camp Counselor in Training Program (8th)	Eureka!
Mentoring with Big Brothers Big Sisters	Eureka (8th) (5 Year STEM and Leadership)	Teen Advisory Council
Camp	Eureka JV (6th and 7th)	Period Education Program
Birthday Parties	Birthday Parties	
	Youth Connect Nights	
	Teen Advisory Council	
	Period Education Program	

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- Girls Inc. of Worcester works closely with Vernon Hill and Union Hill School. They have worked on referring girls to programs, and we have worked to provide additional scholarship opportunities.
- Partnership with the school nurses through our GirlPAD program, providing period products.

**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- February-June 2022 Girls Inc. partnered with Vernon Hill and Union Hill to provide swim lessons for all third graders. This happened once a week for 8-10 weeks per school and the students came during their physical education period. Swimming is a critical skill for all youth and we hope to continue.
- Partnered with Maura Mahoney, and we had a school adjustment counselor at our summer camp in 2021.
- Worcester Public Schools employees participated in planning committees related to our renovation and build out of a Technology Center.

**Girls Inc. of Worcester Programs Onsite at Worcester Public Schools**

- The Girls Promoting Safety (GPS) program is a partnership between the YWCA and Girls Inc to provide place-based violence prevention education to girls ages 10-14 enrolled in Worcester Public Schools. GPS staff work with school administrators to identify and recruit girls at each of the five middle school sites. GPS is a place-based, proven, violence prevention program that takes place over 25-28 weeks during the academic year.

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- Girls Inc. of Worcester is open to additional collaborations around Mental Health, program services, period equity and education etc.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

- Transportation has been an ongoing barrier. Prior to the 2021-2022 school year, Girls Inc. was a bus stop for many of the school busses. Since the pandemic and the change in transportation services it has changed and only a few of the busses are stopping. We would like to work with WPS to be part of a transportation solution.



**Name of Organization:** Guild of St. Agnes of Worcester, INC.

**Organization's Mission:** *To provide families with quality, affordable early childhood education and school age programs in a safe, nurturing environment for children four weeks to twelve years.*

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:**

Sharon F. MacDonald

*Executive Director*

(508) 755-2238 ext 15

[sfmacdonald@guildofstagnes.org](mailto:sfmacdonald@guildofstagnes.org)

**Address of Headquarters:** 19 Harvard Street | Worcester, MA 01609

**Address of Additional Sites:**

Charlton Center (88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton MA)

Devens Center (172 Jackson Road, Devens MA)

Fitchburg Center (62 Dover Street, Fitchburg MA)

Gardner Center (155 Green Street, Gardner MA)

Granite Street Center (129 Granite Street, Worcester MA)

Grove Street Center (353 Grove Street, Worcester MA)

Salem Covenant Center (215 E Mountain Street, Worcester MA)

Webster Center (58 Bigelow Road, Webster MA)

**\* School Age Programs \***

Hamilton Street (336 Hamilton Street, Worcester MA)

Tatnuck Magnet School (1083 Pleasant Street, Worcester MA)

Union Hill School (1 Chapin Street, Worcester MA)

Woodland Academy (93 Woodland Street, Worcester MA)

Quinsigamond Elementary School (14 Blackstone River Road, Worcester MA)

Worcester Arts Magnet School (315 St. Nicholas Ave., Worcester MA)

Rice Square School (76 Massasoit Road, Worcester MA)

Burncoat (54 Croydon Street, Worcester MA)

Mercy Centre (25 W. Chester Street, Worcester MA)

**Website:** [www.guildofstagnes.org](http://www.guildofstagnes.org)

**Social Media Pages:** [www.facebook.com/guildofstagnes](https://www.facebook.com/guildofstagnes)

[www.linkedin.com/company/guildofstagnes/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/guildofstagnes/)

**Population and Community Served:** We provide early childhood education and care to children ages 4 weeks to 12 years throughout Worcester County. We have 40% of our children are involved with the Department of Children & Families (DCF), 49% of our children are utilizing low-income based state subsidy vouchers, and 11% of our children are full fee.

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):** We have 1800 children in our care

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:**

Belmont, Columbus Park, May St., McGrath, Lincoln St., Forest Grove, Chandler Magnet, Chandler Elementary, Norrback, Tatnuck Magnet, Quinsigamond, Lakeview, Vernon Hill, Cityview, Roosevelt, La Familia, Worcester Arts Magnet, Clark St., Burncoat Prep, Grafton St., Heard St., Union Hill, Rice Square, & Woodland Academy

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

We provide early childhood education and care to children ages 4 weeks to 12 years throughout Worcester County. We provide care for 1800 children, who receive three nutritious meals each day (breakfast, lunch, and snack). We offer transportation to our subsidized children which is roughly 700 children throughout Worcester County. We have 135 contracted home-based family child care providers who provide care for children ages 4 weeks to 12 years as well.

**Contacts:**

<p><b>School Age Programs:</b> Nicole Martin <i>Director of School Age Programs</i> <a href="mailto:nmartin@guildofstagnes.org">nmartin@guildofstagnes.org</a> (508) 755-2238 ext. 35</p> <p><b>Early Childhood Education &amp; Care Programs:</b> Diane Robinson <i>Director of Programs</i> <a href="mailto:drobinson@guildofstagnes.org">drobinson@guildofstagnes.org</a> (508) 755-2238 ext. 39</p> <p>Cheryl Clark <i>Director of Programs</i> <a href="mailto:cclark@guildofstagnes.org">cclark@guildofstagnes.org</a> (508) 755-2238 ext. 34</p>	<p><b>Emergencies/Executive/Management:</b> Sharon F. MacDonald <i>Executive Director</i> <a href="mailto:sfmacdonald@guildofstagnes.org">sfmacdonald@guildofstagnes.org</a> (508) 755-2238 ext. 15</p> <p><b>Employment:</b> Jenn Moore <i>Director of Human Resources</i> <a href="mailto:jmoore@guildofstagnes.org">jmoore@guildofstagnes.org</a> (508) 755-2238 ext. 22</p> <p><b>Outreach/Press/Communications:</b> Katie Ferreira <i>Director of Communications &amp; Development</i> <a href="mailto:kferreira@guildofstagnes.org">kferreira@guildofstagnes.org</a> (508) 755-2238 ext. 12</p>
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# Joy of Music

Worcester's Community Music School

~ Celebrating 36 years ~

**Mission:** To enrich lives and foster community through accessible music education and performance.

**Web Site:** [www.jomp.org](http://www.jomp.org)

**Social Media:** Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/people/Joy-of-Music-Program/100063744452015/>

**Population and Community Served:** Anyone who desires to study music is welcome, regardless of income, age or ability. Students range in age from infants with a parent to senior citizens. Most students are school-aged children.

We serve the City of Worcester and Central Massachusetts. The student body is minority majority. About 1/3 of our students receive partial to full financial aid based on need.

**Number of Students:** 463 (taught by a faculty of 40)

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** Although we do not have a formal relationship with specific schools, we typically serve students from about 20 WPS schools as part of our student body.

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

Private voice and instrumental lessons in strings, winds, brass, piano and percussion

Music & Movement classes for birth through age 6

Children's Chorus for 7 to 11-year-olds

World Drumming for 9 to 18 year-olds

Intergenerational Chorus for ages 9 to adult

Joy of Music Youth Orchestra

Sinfonietta (prep string orchestra)

String and wind ensembles

Chamber Music

Jazz ensembles

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

Joy of Music provides a robust Financial Aid Program (\$135,000 to \$155,000) that enables students whose families can't afford it to study at the school.

- \* Typically, over \$50,000 of this fund supports students from the Worcester Public Schools each year.
- \* We give priority to students who are referred to Joy of Music by their WPS music teachers.
- \* Burncoat Initiative: Burncoat Middle & High School students are referred by Burncoat music teachers to Joy of Music for private lessons and the JOMP Youth Orchestra.

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**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

For twenty years, Joy of Music provided Faculty String, Brass and Woodwind Trios to perform in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades in WPS. This program, Music to Go, was funded by Music Worcester’s now dissolved Music Guild, who provided it to the WPS for over 40 years.

**Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:**

Not currently

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- \* We are interested in building on the Music to Go experience if reliable funding can be secured.
- \* We are very interested in finding new ways to support the Music Programs in the WPS and will be delighted to engage with Lisa Leach and anyone else interested in pursuing deeper collaborations.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

- \* We would love to get more WPS students involved in private lessons and ensembles at Joy of Music and are wondering of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund might be appropriate for this purpose.



**Name of Organization:** Latino Education Institute (LEI)

**Organization's Mission:** The LEI mission is to improve the academic achievement and well-being of Latino students (grades K-16) and their families from the City of Worcester.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:** Maria A. Juncos-Gautier,  
[mjuncosgautier@worchester.edu](mailto:mjuncosgautier@worchester.edu), 508-798-6507

**Address of Headquarters:**

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**Website:** <https://www.worcester.edu/latino-education-institute/>

**Social Media Pages:**

<https://www.facebook.com/LEIworchester/>

<https://twitter.com/LEIWorchester>

<https://www.instagram.com/leiworchester/>

**Population and Community Served:** [Latinxs students, grades K-16 in Worcester and their families...](#)

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):**

- 250+ enrolled in LEI youth programs (21-22 year)
- 400 youth mentored by LEI staff (21-22 year)
- 180+ youth enrolled in LEI summer programs (22-23 year)

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:**

- Burncoat High School
- Burncoat Middle School
- Chandler Magnet School
- Claremont Academy
- Doherty High School
- Forest Grove Middle School
- Goddard School of Science & Technology
- Jacob Hiatt Magnet School
- La Familia Dual Language School
- North High School
- South High School
- Sullivan Middle School
- Woodland Academy
- Worcester East Middle School
- Worcester Technical High School

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

- Encouraging Latinos to AChieve Excellence (ENLACE) - Moises Chauca, [mchauca@worchester.edu](mailto:mchauca@worchester.edu)
- Innovative Services for Latino Achievers in Search of Success (ISLA) Reader's Theater - Carla Orellana, [corellano@worchester.edu](mailto:corellano@worchester.edu)
- Latina Achievers in Search of Success (LASOS) and One Circle - Jaminnette Marquez, [jmarquez@worchester.edu](mailto:jmarquez@worchester.edu)
- Youth Civics Union (YCU) - Alexandra Pizarro, [apizarro@worchester.edu](mailto:apizarro@worchester.edu)

#### **Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- **Early College Summer 2022.** A collaboration between LEI and WPS to work directly with schools and the district to serve students, inject innovative project-based learning alongside K-12 educators, and bridge K-12/community organizations/higher education institutions in the curation and delivery of exceptional learning and engagement strategies.
- **One America, Many Language Campaign.** A media campaign to promote the importance of multilingualism, recognize multilingualism as an asset, and develop parent and student leadership to advance the campaign's messages across Worcester.

#### **Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- WPS Early College Summer 2021 worked with WPS to implement a 4 week summer program
- WPS Early College worked with WPS to implement a full-school Early College model at Claremont Academy by developing its First Year Experience (FYE) through course planning, as well as through family support and community engagement for the program.

#### **Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:**

- The Encouraging Latinos to AChieve Excellence (ENLACE) program occurs during the school day in Claremont Academy and Forest Grove Middle School.

#### **Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

We currently participate/support in Know Your School Night and similar events.

Invite collaborating school staff to our End of the Year Celebrations and special events.

#### **Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

**Help facilitate the recruitment efforts for their schools.** For example, give us a student list with phone numbers and parents' names of students most in need of our programming. Help us email the flyer to all prospective students and provide a contact person at the schools.

**Transportation.** The schools get a subsidized rate, and we don't even though we are transporting WPS students. This eats up a considerable portion of our grant funding.

**Access to progress/report cards.** In the past, we've had a point person dedicated to accessing this information for us (via the data sharing form).

**Dedicated space at school sites and contact person.** Frequently we go into the schools, and there is no dedicated space for us to hold our programs. We have to carry out our programs in areas of the school that are not conducive to learning/enrichment opportunities. For example, cafeterias (dismissals are taking place), gymnasiums (terrible acoustics and sports) library rooms with no boards or desks for students to write on. Also, when we have situations we need to resolve, there is no contact person to help us take care of challenges.

**Better communication.** For example, students with challenges. We often don't find out about students struggling with specific issues or disabilities until it's too late. If we are provided with this information ahead of time, we could try and offer more support to the students.

MCAS week, how can we be supportive to teachers during those weeks when we can't run programs.





**Main IDEA Youth & Arts**

9 Irving Street (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), Worcester, MA 01609

Mission: Main IDEA empowers youth by providing quality accessible arts programs to under-resourced communities.

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info: **Joy Murrieta**, 508-769-2634, joy@mainidea.org

Address of Additional Sites: Woodland Academy, Claremont Academy, Goddard Elementary; various programming and pop-up workshops located throughout the city of Worcester

Website: [www.mainidea.org](http://www.mainidea.org) - Social Media Pages: @mainideama

Population/Community Served: youth ages 8-17; majority Latino/a/e/x and residents of Main South

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): 1,500/year

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: Woodland Academy, Claremont Academy, Goddard Elementary

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info: free after-school arts clubs offered on-site at the schools listed above

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: (see above)

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: UPCS, South High

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools?: (see above)







Mass Audubon - Our mission is to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife

David O'Neill – President, [doneill@massaudubon.org](mailto:doneill@massaudubon.org)

Local contact at Broad Meadow Brook

Lisa Carlin – Assistant Sanctuary Director, [lcarlin@massaudubon.org](mailto:lcarlin@massaudubon.org); 508-753-6087

Address of Headquarters: 208 S. Great Rd., Lincoln, MA 01774

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary  
414 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, MA 01604

Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary  
113 Goodnow Rd., Princeton, MA 01541

Website: [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org), Facebook - Mass Audubon, Broad Meadow Brook, Wachusett Meadow

Instagram: @Massaudubon; @wachusettmeadow

Population and Community Served: All of Worcester County.

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents: 18,000 visitors annually. 7,000 students for field trips

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:

LEAP – 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Louise Clarke with WEDF (Worcester Educational Development Fund) for partial funding. Lisa Carlin ([lcarlin@massaudubon.org](mailto:lcarlin@massaudubon.org)) works with Christine Lloyd (WPS Science Liaison) to coordinate with schools.

Let's Go! – Worcester East Middle School. After-school program. Sarah Bertrand ([sbertrand@massaudubon.org](mailto:sbertrand@massaudubon.org)) is coordinating this program with Maria Ciavola (assistant principal) at WEMS.

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

- WooLabs after-school program at Rice Square School. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Doherty High Envirothon – support for the team
- Worcester Tech High School – internship location in the past, advisory for BioTech and Environmental.

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century partner. Various schools
- WPS Preschool and Head Start programs

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:

The Rice Square after-school program takes place at Rice Square school.

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

Broad Meadow Brook is always seeking additional ways to support the students and teachers of the Worcester Public Schools. We are familiar with all grade levels (pre-k-12) as well as teacher professional development.



Nature Center



Fargo Education Center

# Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center & Wildlife Sanctuary



Mass Audubon



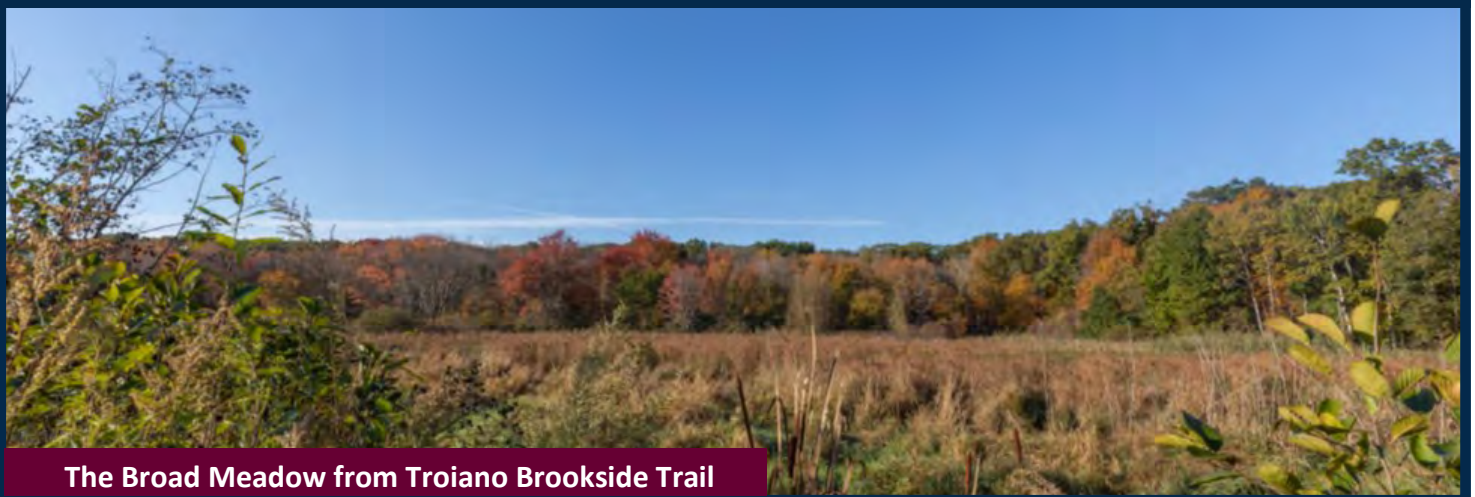
Pavilion and Gardens



All Persons Sensory Trail



Tiger Swallowtail



The Broad Meadow from Troiano Brookside Trail



# NO EVIL PROJECT

Show that people aren't defined by their labels.

**Organization's Mission:** The No Evil Project is a nonprofit organization that uses art, humour, and conversation to encourage a greater sense of commonality and understanding among people despite differences. These include but are not limited to cultural, socio-economic, religious, racial, gender, physical and mental health, occupational, political and ethnic differences. Leveraging photography and self-identified labels, the No Evil project challenges social polarization and stereotypes through education, individual reflection, shared experience, and a myriad of vehicles for civil discourse including: displays, exhibitions, interactive activities, and convenings.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:** Troy B. Thompson, [troy@noevilproject.org](mailto:troy@noevilproject.org), 774-701-0564

**Address of Headquarters:** 203 Pakachoag St., Auburn MA 01501

**Website:** [www.noevilproject.org](http://www.noevilproject.org)

**Social Media Pages:** [www.facebook.com/noevilproject](https://www.facebook.com/noevilproject), [twitter.com/noevilproject](https://twitter.com/noevilproject), [www.instagram.com/noevilproject/](https://www.instagram.com/noevilproject/), [noevilproject.tumblr.com](https://noevilproject.tumblr.com), [www.pinterest.com/noevilproject/](https://www.pinterest.com/noevilproject/), [www.youtube.com/noevilproject](https://www.youtube.com/noevilproject), [www.flickr.com/photos/noevilproject/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/noevilproject/), [www.linkedin.com/company/no-evil-project](https://www.linkedin.com/company/no-evil-project)

**Population and Community Served:** NEP photo shoots and programs seek to include all people. Current participants range from ages 3-100, a variety of genders, races roughly proportionate to the country, socioeconomic status from homeless to wealthy, a wide political spectrum, and various mental and health conditions. Effort is made to include underrepresented voices through their participation in the art, through public exhibits of artwork in a gallery that attracts a variety of passersby, and through photo shoots at public and focused events such as senior centers, mosques, pride festivals, refugee organizations, and nonprofits that advocate for the disabled. All NEP attended or hosted events are accessible as is our website, which will soon be multilingual.

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):** Over 10,000 people have been photographed for the project. Social media and websites reach around 40k visitors per year.

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** Over 500 directly at schools, many more served at public events and at youth organizations such as Girls Inc, Friendly House, Girl Scouts, etc.

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

- [Community Photo Shoots & Exhibits](#) - Troy B. Thompson, [troy@noevilproject.org](mailto:troy@noevilproject.org) - Participants pose as the Three Wise Monkeys: See No Evil, Hear No Evil, and Speak No Evil; pick three labels that describe themselves; and write a good deed to show they're "not evil" and aren't defined by their labels. Participating encourages exploring our own labels, biases, and stereotypes, without the defensiveness these topics traditionally cause; while seeing the photos and stories of others online and in physical exhibits humanizes the labels we may not relate to, helps us find similarities with others that seem so different, challenges our assumptions, and starts constructive conversations.
- [Facilitated Activities and Resources](#) - Tamisha S. Thompson, [tamisha@noevilproject.org](mailto:tamisha@noevilproject.org) - Facilitated curriculum activities developed by a team of educators that incorporate social-emotional learning to be utilized in schools and youth group programs seeking to promote and/or maintain positive climate and culture as well as social change. The resources and activities include themes of identity exploration and

anti-bullying that educators can bring back to their groups, and encourage new conversations with both colleagues and students.

- [Conversation Series](#) - Troy B. Thompson, troy@noevilproject.org - A program that assembles small diverse groups of people to meet others socially as well as share their personal experiences around age, mental and physical conditions, race, religion, and politics to build community, understanding, challenge stereotypes, and increase social capital.

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: No formal partnerships. Several current and former teachers and staff have participated in the project and are part of our curriculum team and board.

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: North High Photo Shoot and exhibit, Woodland Academy Photo Shoot

Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain: Not currently

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: School community exhibits with members of the school (e.g., all ninth graders to get to know new classmates, staff and teachers, art classes, student clubs, etc.), after school workshops, student-run conversation groups, and working with teachers to help integrate activities into their existing curriculum.

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas: None.

Photo shoot examples of WPS students:

CHRISTINA



I was a volunteer at Friendly House to help the after school programs and help our youth.

MILANNA



Always making everyone smile around me even when my day has been bad.

ENRIQUE



From track to basketball to even the classroom I always push others and myself to do better than they once believed, motivating them to push past their limits even when they believe they can't do it.

PETER



Raised funds for and participated in the Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!



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Fax: (617) 542-7832

**Central MA Office**  
21 Cedar Street, Floor 1  
Worcester MA, 01608  
Tel: (508) 767-9725  
Fax: (508) 767-9727



PPAL + YMM Youth Advocates accept 2022 Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation from Worcester Mayor Joseph Petty



PPAL table at a community event

Parent/ Professional Advocacy League (PPAL)  
Executive Director: Pam Sager, [PSager@PPAL.net](mailto:PSager@PPAL.net)

Mission:

The Parent/Professional Advocacy League (PPAL) is a statewide family organization dedicated to improving the mental health and well being of children, youth and families through education, advocacy and partnership.

Address of Headquarters:

77 Rumford Ave  
Waltham, MA 02453

Address of Additional Sites:

21 Cedar Street , Floor 1  
Worcester MA, 01608

Website: <https://ppal.net/>

Social Media Pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PPAL.net>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOhlOOJ8sBSYBBS5mOgxKUA>

Youth Move Massachusetts: <https://www.facebook.com/youthmovemassachusetts/>

Population and Community Served:

Parents of youth with mental health needs– Statewide, with a focus on specific locations throughout MA including Worcester + Central Massachusetts

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): 10k+

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:

PPAL serves any student who is experiencing mental health needs and their families

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:

(we speak Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole)

- Worcester Area Program Manager:
  - Emily Roos



**Email:** [info@ppal.net](mailto:info@ppal.net)  
**Web:** <https://ppal.net/>

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Tel: (508) 767-9725  
Fax: (508) 767-9727

- [ERoos@PPAL.net](mailto:ERoos@PPAL.net)
- *Parent Support- Individual 1:1*
  - Tel: (508)767-9725
  - Email: [info@ppal.net](mailto:info@ppal.net)

#### *Parent Support Groups:*

- Worcester Parent Support Group: Parent Peer Support & Information Sharing
  - Mondays, 1 - 3 PM
  - [Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net](mailto:Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net)
- Grupo de Apoyo Hispano/ Hispanic Support Group: Apoyo de Padres e Intercambio de Información/ Parent Peer Support & Information Sharing
  - martes/Tuesdays, 10AM - 12PM
  - Email Irelsa at [Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net](mailto:Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net)
- Worcester Ask the Advocate
  - 2nd Tuesdays from 1 - 3 PM, 4th Tuesdays from 3 - 5 PM
  - [Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net](mailto:Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net)
- Worcester Parents of Transition-Age Youth Support Group: Parent Peer Support and Information Sharing
  - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
  - [Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net](mailto:Parentsupportgroup@ppal.net)
- School Problem-Solving Clinic: FREE and CONFIDENTIAL 1:1 support
  - Tuesdays 1-3PM by appointment.
  - [juvenilejustice@ppal.net](mailto:juvenilejustice@ppal.net)

*Workshops:* available in English and Spanish, soon to come in Portuguese and Haitian Creole  
[training@PPAL.net](mailto:training@PPAL.net) or <https://ppal.net/events/>

- Pre-Planning for a Mental Health Crisis: The Road to Readiness
- Moving Forward Together: Building a Foundation of Support
- Juvenile Justice 101: Juvenile Justice Basics
- Juvenile Justice 102: What to Know, What to Expect
- Family Partner Community Health Worker Panel
- The Ripple Effect: Using Family Experience to Inform and Influence Policy Change

#### *Information + Advocacy Meetings:*

- The Inside Track: A PPAL Briefing– Parent Advocacy and Networking Meeting,
  - 4th Tuesday every other month,
  - [PBows@PPAL.net](mailto:PBows@PPAL.net) or <https://ppal.net/events/>
- Monthly Statewide Meeting– guest speaker cover topics important to parents in the community,
  - 2nd Tuesday every month,
  - [Statewide@PPAL.net](mailto:Statewide@PPAL.net) or <https://ppal.net/events/>

#### Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

Support, education, and advocacy for youth with mental health needs and their families





Name of Organization: Preservation Worcester

Organization's Mission: To maintain for future generations the sites and structures which are significant to the culture, history, and architecture of the city and to encourage excellence in future design.

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info: Deborah Packard, Executive Director  
[deborah.packard@preservationworchester.org](mailto:deborah.packard@preservationworchester.org) 508-754-8760

Address of Headquarters: 61 Harvard Street, Worcester, MA 01609

Address of Additional Sites:

Website: [www.preservationworchester.org](http://www.preservationworchester.org)

Social Media Pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/preservation.worcester.5/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/preservationworchester/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/presworc>

Population and Community Served:

Preservation Worcester is an advocacy and education organization founded in 1969. We have a demonstrated history of programming, providing a variety of education programs, including adult education, lectures, school programs, and tours. In non-pandemic times, we reach over 10,000 through our adult and youth programming, attracting regional, statewide, and national attendees. We serve the entire Worcester community; our targeted reach fluxes to accommodate the specific project, including low-income, Worcester Public School students, persons with disabilities, and seniors.

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):

Members: 700

Volunteers: 100

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:

Leaps – all 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades from WPS

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade program which has a 20-year history with WPS has serviced all schools over its history.

Our Seeing Worcester Architecture program serves Worcester Arts Magnet School.

During the 2019-2020 school year we ran a pilot program with Head Start which we would love to continue.

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:

All America City

The All America City program is Preservation Worcester's premier education program. Designed to fit the Massachusetts third grade curriculum requirements for History and Social Science, the program uses the city's architecture as a key to unlock students' understanding of Worcester history. Enriching everyday history and social science classes with site-based learning, the program includes an initial, illustrated classroom presentation followed by a field trip. On the trip students experience Worcester's architecture and built environment "first hand" with what they have learned about the city's growth over time. Their visit to City Hall includes a role-playing session in the City Council Chamber, providing them with hands-on experience in the operation of city government.

Seeing Worcester Architecture

Tailored to the third, fourth, and fifth grades, the Seeing Worcester Architecture Program is an expanded version of the Third Grade All America City Program. A collaborative effort between Preservation Worcester and school staff, this program gives students a solid grounding in Worcester history and architecture – building from year to year on the lessons learned the year before.

Meeting the Massachusetts Curriculum Guidelines, the two-phase program includes an initial learning phase followed by a creative phase. The initial phase consists of two preparatory classroom visits and a field trip presented by Preservation Worcester docents with emphasis on architectural styles and on the relationship of the built environment to the history of Worcester. In the second phase, students carry out a creative project designed by school staff in collaboration with Preservation Worcester. The creative component culminates in art exhibits and dramatic vignettes presented to the entire school, students' families, and friends – enhancing study units at each grade level and highlighting what students have learned in the initial phase of the program.

Tailored Programs created by request.

Megan Blomgren Burgess, Director of Education and Community Engagement  
[m.blomgrenburgess@preservationworchester.org](mailto:m.blomgrenburgess@preservationworchester.org) 508-754-8760

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

Our long-standing education programs Seeing Worcester Architecture and All America City

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

During the 2018-2019 and 2020 school year we ran a LEAP program.

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:

The classroom component of our All America City program and our Seeing Worcester Architecture program are held onsite at Worcester Public Schools.

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

We would love to continue our pilot program with Worcester Head Start.

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:

Areas WPS teacher want curriculum outreach/supporting material.



Head Start tour of City Hall



Mock City Council Meeting



*Making a difference academically, socially and emotionally*

**Name of Organization:** Rainbow Child Development Center

**Organization's Mission:** Rainbow Child Development Center transforms the lives of children and their families by providing educational and therapeutic programs and services.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:** Paula Perrier, [pperrier@rainbowcdc.com](mailto:pperrier@rainbowcdc.com)

508.791.6849

**Address of Headquarters:** 10 Edward Street, Worcester, MA 01605

**Additional Sites Address of:** Belmont Community School, Belmont St. Worcester, MA 01605  
Learning First Public Charter School, 51 Gage St. Worcester, MA, Summer Camp Marshall  
McCormick St. Spencer, MA.

**Website:** [www.rainbowcdc.com](http://www.rainbowcdc.com)

**Social Media Pages:** FB [rainbowcdc.com](http://rainbowcdc.com)

**Population and Community Served:** Worcester students and families (Belmont St. area) 100% low income, highly diverse and underserved.

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents** (Can be estimated): 300

Rainbow Child Dev. Ctr. serves close to 300 children between the ages of 6 months up to 13 years of age daily, 52 weeks per year from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. (all school vacations and summer). WPS Students served from the following schools: Belmont Community School, Union Hill School, Lakeview School, Grafton Street School, City View School, Abby Kelly Foster Charter School and Learning First Public Charter School.

**Programs and Services Offered,** with Contact Name and Info: Rainbow's Programs:

Family Child Care- Administrator of the Program – Micaella Smith [msmith@rainbowcdc.com](mailto:msmith@rainbowcdc.com)

Preschool - Preschool Coordinator, Satya Rameshwar, [srameshwar@rainbowcdc.com](mailto:srameshwar@rainbowcdc.com)

Extended Learning Afterschool Program – Gene Sims, Coordinator - [gsims@rainbowcdc.com](mailto:gsims@rainbowcdc.com)

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Rainbow serves students from Union Hill, Lakeview School, Grafton Street School, and City View School attend Rainbow's afterschool program at Belmont Street School in its afterschool program. Approximately 40 preschool students transition to kindergarten to WPS yearly.

Rainbow rents space for our Extended Learning afterschool program at Belmont Street School and Learning First Charter School. Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Rainbow rented space at City View School for the past ten years.

Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:

Rainbow Child Development Center's Extended Learning Afterschool Programs that take place at Belmont Street Community School

- UMass Food and Nutrition Education Program - Provides a 4-week training series to all OST students focused on the importance of healthy food choices, physical activity.
- Worcester Reads Program - 20 Minutes a Day - All Worcester Public Schools participate in this literacy program. RCDC's OST students read 20 minutes a day
- DCU for Kids - Financially supports OST Contracted Fine Art Programs. More Than A Brush - Art - Contracted Artist provides Art Lessons to all OST students year round
- United Way of Central MA Rebound Grants – Supports Art and Music therapy during the school year and during the summer. In addition
- United Way of Central MA under a 3 C's community grant funds OST literacy and academic programs
- Reliant Foundation – Funds Art and Music Therapy to afterschool students during the academic year.
- Osterman Family Foundation – Funds year round weekly tutoring sessions for afterschool students to assist in students catching up from "Unfinished Learning" due to COVID
- Crocodile River Music – Provided lessons and presentation to afterschool students from a new United Way of Central MA funding stream
- Cornerstone Bank – collaborates with Rainbow afterschool programs during the school year and provides hands on financial literacy lessons.
- Catch the Science Bug - Facilitator science, technology and social emotional programs. STEAM programs to afterschool students
- Community Health Link, Worcester – Provides counseling services to targeted OST students and families as required throughout the year.
- Worcester Eyes Program and Mass College of Health – Forsythe Dental Program – Provide OST a series of lessons focused on dental health and during February vacation, OST students have comprehensive dental and eye exams. Students who require glasses receive free eyeglasses.
- Chickees Dance Studio – Provides student hip-hop classes during the academic year.
- Worcester Expressive Therapies - Contracted Music and Art Therapist provide year round art and music therapy to students between the ages of 5 years through 12 years old.
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Program - WPI students provide STEM workshops to Rainbow's OST students monthly.

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Corresponding with teachers electronically in order to receive information on students' academic needs, homework and projects.

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:

The ability to meet/email WPS kindergarten teachers when children from Rainbow Child Development Center transition to WPS kindergarten.



## The Research Bureau

### Worcester Regional Research Bureau

The Research Bureau serves the public interest of Greater Worcester by conducting independent, non-partisan research and analysis of public policy issues to promote informed public debate and decision-making.

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The Worcester Regional Research Bureau's Board of Directors is made up of approximately 100 business, civic, non-profit and community leaders. The WRRB serves the general population of Greater Worcester, roughly 340,000 by educating both public officials and citizens about issues to ensure informed, fact-based decisions on governmental policies of note. Since 1985, The Research Bureau has issued 263 reports covering a wide range of topics. Many of the Bureau's reports contain recommendations adopted by public officials. As part of our public engagement effort, The Research Bureau also sponsors a series of public forums to highlight particular issues of current concern to a community or the region. Since 1985, we have organized more than 250 free programs open to interested citizens and public officials. Some of our noteworthy publications and initiatives during the past year include:

- Expanded on our broadband work with [\*\*Boosting Broadband: Access, Performance, Improvements, and Funding\*\*](#) centered on four core questions around trends in the last three years, current infrastructure, potential options, and federal and state government support for internet accessibility. An interactive data dashboard was incorporated for maximum impact.
- Built on the prominence of our work on internet access through our report [\*\*Broadening Broadband\*\*](#) and corresponding event, the Worcester Regional Research Bureau moderated and participated in a national-scale panel discussion, [\*\*Broadband and the Digital Divide\*\*](#), at the Governmental Research Association's annual conference. In addition to our national work, the Bureau has continued to work on this issue locally with the City and the Worcester Public Schools, and was appointed to the City's Municipal Broadband Taskforce.
- Explored the changing demographics and economics of Worcester through the seventh edition of the [\*\*Worcester Almanac\*\*](#), a compendium of information about Worcester and the region and a critical resource for businesses, municipalities, institutions of higher education, non-profit and civic organizations, the media, and the general public.

- Worked with the Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester in an ongoing effort to quantify the success of the [Community Health Improvement Plan](#) to identify areas of strength and weakness and help coordinate regional resources to accomplish the vision of a healthy city and region. Additionally, the Bureau has worked closely with the Coalition in establishing stronger data partnerships including dashboards such as our work with the [Food Insecurity Taskforce](#).
- Partnered with the Worcester Education Collaborative to co-host a virtual forum [Learning from the Pandemic](#) which highlighted lessons learned over the first year of virtual learning from opportunities for improvement to strategies that could be incorporated into future curriculum.
- Published [a series of Bureau Briefs on the return to school](#) for the Worcester Public Schools, laying out who is choosing to go back to hybrid or in-person learning for grades K-12 and who is staying virtual, identifying the demographic trends by school.
- Continued to offer insights into the municipal and public education budgets with a specific focus on the implications of COVID through [Breaking Down the Budget & COVID's Impacts: Questions to Consider, City of Worcester & Worcester Public Schools FY2022](#).
- Analyzed Central Massachusetts cities in [Achieving the American Dream](#) through the lens of homeownership, to provide insights on homeownership and renting disparities by race, income, geography with the Worcester Business Journal. This report was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Social Issues Feature category from the New England Newspaper & Press Association.
- Responded to a lawsuit filed against the City of Worcester around the School Committee election process by issuing a [School Committee Districts Brief](#) explaining the lawsuit, context from other cities and Worcester's history, and providing an overview of the next steps including the options for the City to accommodate district representation for the Worcester School Committee.
- Co-hosted a forum with the Worcester Education Collaborative on the Superintendent Search process, [Searching for Excellence](#), with state, regional and national experts to offer their insights and expertise on an executive search process with particular attention paid to elements that Worcester should consider in their process. The Worcester Education Collaborative assembled a summary document with The Research Bureau contributing data.

The Worcester Regional Research Bureau has long history of working on education issues with the Worcester Public Schools. Recent examples include the series of Bureau Briefs on the return to school, the Administration crucially shared data with the WRRB to perform demographic, analysis by school and quadrant. **Continued data-sharing can be a valuable tool for both entities to ensure that the public and policy-makers are informed on the issues facing our students.**

Another example is the 2018 Strategic Plan, [Defining our Path](#), which was developed by the WRRB and the Worcester Education Collaborative in collaboration with the Worcester Public Schools and the Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy. We have continued to work with the School Committee's Standing Committee on Governance & Employee Issues as they assess data reporting on the Plan's implementation. **Continued partnership on the WPS Strategic Plan implementation by sharing data to evaluate its effectiveness. The WRRB is committed to working with the WPS on updating the plan for the future.**

Beyond our research publications, the Worcester Public Schools often submits its exceptional employees for the [Thomas S. Green Public Service Awards](#) which honors the unsung heroes of public service. Dozens of WPS employees have been recognized with this prestigious award. **We hope the Worcester Public Schools will continue to submit exceptional employees as it's a fantastic opportunity to publicly recognize the tireless efforts of WPS employees.**



# **Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts**

**484 Main St. Suite 400 Worcester, MA 01608**

**Phone: (508) 791- 4373 Fax: (508) 459 - 5284**

***www.seacma.org***

**Name of Organization:** Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Mass

**Organization's Mission:** To help Southeast Asians in Central Massachusetts thrive and become advocates and contributing citizens to the greater community while preserving their unique cultural heritage.

**CEO/ Executive Director Name and Contact Info:**

Martina Koziak, Interim Executive Director

Tracy Nguyen, Deputy Executive Director

Boa Newgate, Deputy Executive Director

**Address of Headquarters:** 484 Main St; Suite 400 Worcester MA 01608

**Address of Additional Sites:** Same

**Website:** [www.seacma.org](http://www.seacma.org)

**Social Media Pages:** @SEACWorcesterMA, Facebook Southeast Asian Coalition,

**Population and Community Served:** Southeast Asian community, global immigrants and refugees

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):** 2000

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: South High, Worcester Tech, Doherty High, Burn Coat High, North High, East Middle School, University School, Chandler Middle School.

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info: Direct and Referral Services, Elder Program, Lead Abatement Program, Small Business Program, ESL, Boxing class, Girls Program, Youth Program, Early Childhood Development, Children Program, Culture Dance, Lion Dance, Break Dancing, Mentorship; College Application Assistance; Volunteer, Community and Civic Engagement

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Multilingual Learner Welcome Center, Translation and Interpretation, Office of Multilingual Education.

Hai Nguyen, Steven Truong, Thea Ray, Aisha Yusuf, Boa Newgate, Saw Reh, Tracy Nguyen

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Multilingual Learner Welcome Center, Translation and Interpretation, Office of Multilingual Education

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain: No currently program Onsite at WPS except Asian cultural performances such as Lion Dance.

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: With culturally competent staff who has been serving annually more than 200 WPS's Asian and English Language Learner students and their families since 2001, SEACMA is poised to support any WPS students who are immigrants and refugees from Asia and other parts of the world. SEACMA will serve as a bridge for ELL students' family to meaningfully connect to their children's schools and teachers. SEACMA will continue to offer culturally relevant consultation to WPS teachers, counselors and administrators.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:** Please contact SEACMA for any questions.





www.unitedwaycm.org

**Name of Organization:** United Way of Central Massachusetts

**Organization's Mission:** Connecting people and resources to improve the community

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:** Tim Garvin, President and CEO

(508) 757 – 5631 ext. 227; tim.garvin@unitedwaycm.org

**Address of Headquarters:** 484 Main Street Suite 300 Worcester, MA 01608

**Website:** <https://unitedwaycm.org/> | [volunteer.unitedwaycm.org](https://volunteer.unitedwaycm.org)

**Social Media Pages:**

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/unitedwayofcentralma/>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/UnitedWayofCM>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedWayCentralMA/>

**Population and Community Served:** United Way of Central Massachusetts, helps families from 30 area towns:

Auburn, Barre, Boylston, Brookfield, Douglas, East Brookfield, East Douglas, Grafton, Holden, Hubbardston, Leicester, Millbury, New Braintree, Northborough, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, West Boylston, West Brookfield, and Worcester.

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):** 70,000 Annually

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** UWCM has served students from all WPS schools K-12

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

**WooServes:** WooServes is a 6-week youth development program that connects youth ages 13-17 with volunteer opportunities in Greater Worcester. Teens participate in volunteer projects which help address community issues around health, food access, education, outdoor recreation, and emergency response. WooServes is a fun, part-time summer program that can fit well in students' summer schedules. There are many benefits to participating, including skills development, networking, and a great experience to include on college and job applications. Applications are available in the Spring.

**Dollar Scholar:** Dollar Scholar is a financial literacy program, offered by the Women's Initiative of the United Way, that helps middle school girls understand basic money management skills and provides valuable knowledge for their futures. Women mentors lead middle school girls through engaging activities, games, and role-plays around the concepts of budgeting, credit, saving, and effective decision-making. The program exposes girls to women leaders and supports their college, career, and life plans. Women's Initiative partners with local middle schools to provide programming at no-cost.



www.unitedwaycm.org

**Monthly Reading Events:** People from local employers volunteer their time to read books and do activities with Kindergartners which correspond to the story. The reading events focus on key topics during the year including Black History Month, Earth Day, and Women’s History Month.

For more information please contact: Idaliana Medina, Community Engagement and Women’s Initiative Manager at [Idaliana.medina@unitedwaycm.org](mailto:Idaliana.medina@unitedwaycm.org)

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Women’s Initiative Dollar Scholar program offered in partnership with WPS middle schools. United Way reading events offered to WPS Kindergarten classes. In-kind donations offered to various schools throughout the year.

**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** n/a

**Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:** Women’s Initiative Dollar Scholar programming can be offered in-school for groups of 15-30 girls, or youth identifying as girls. Monthly Reading Events occur in the classroom in partnership with Kindergarten teachers.

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Sharing opportunities to students and families for programming and leadership opportunities.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:** Sharing opportunities to students and families for programming and leadership opportunities.





The **Worcester Area Mission Society** (WAMS), is the mission arm of United Church of Christ churches in central Massachusetts. All our community programming is entirely secular.

Our mission is *to work with individuals and community partners to inspire economic and educational equity through social change.*

Our vision is *to fuel inclusion, voice, and opportunity for all.*

Contact Information for WAMS:

Karen E. Ludington, M.Ed., J.D., Executive Director  
Worcester Area Mission Society, United Church of Christ  
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Office phone: (508) 755-2329, ext. 4  
Cell phone: (978) 660-4915  
[kludington@wamsworks.org](mailto:kludington@wamsworks.org)

Julio Zayas, M.S., Director of Programs  
Office phone: (508) 755-2329, ext. 2  
Cell phone: (774) 670-8601  
[jzayas@wamsworks.org](mailto:jzayas@wamsworks.org)

Website: [www.wamsworks.org](http://www.wamsworks.org)

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/WamsWorks>  
<https://www.instagram.com/wamsworks/>

WAMS is a small not-for-profit with a long history of contributions to the Worcester community. Founded in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to provide services to immigrants, WAMS later became very active in housing-related programs. While the WAMS focus is now primarily on education, we recognize that education must be understood in the context of the whole child, with all of their social, emotional, and physical needs, including warmth, health, food, and housing. WAMS runs special drives to meet needs such as support for COVID-19 vaccine clinics in schools and youth serving agencies and winter clothing for children. WAMS has joined UMass Memorial Medical Center in an Anchor Mission project to devote one percent of our investments to a low interest loan to a community agency for building affordable housing.

WAMS has a special commitment to students in Worcester Public Schools.

- Our largest program is Summer CUBS, a summer learning program that we run annually at Woodland Academy in collaboration with Woodland and Clark University. It is funded

by WAMS, using our own funds and grants that we apply for from foundations and businesses. In 2022, we received grants for CUBS from United Way of Central Massachusetts, the Carpenter Foundation, Webster Five Foundation, Berkshire Bank Foundation, and Cornerstone Bank. Fifty students from first through sixth grades registered for the program; forty-two ended up participating. They took creative and stimulating classes in math, science, literacy, and art from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM for four weeks, plus engaging in indoor learning games and outdoor and gym physical activities. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks were provided, and students could choose books to take home. The CUBS program is directed by Dr. Holly Dolan, chair of the Department of Education at Clark University. The Associate Director is Dr. Annie Cohn, of Worcester Public Schools and Clark University. Teachers are from Worcester elementary schools, but are paid by WAMS in the summer. The program includes paid interns who are Worcester public high school students.



- In 2022, WAMS provided underwear and pants for Woodland Academy, so young children who need to can change into clean clothing.
- WAMS is part of the Dr. Martin Luther King Day Breakfast Committee and does separate fundraising for new books for students in multiple WPS elementary schools.
- WAMS runs Play Group Plus, a small pre-K program for children in the Main South area of Worcester on Thursdays. It is a collaboration with Worcester Family Partnership and the Main South CDC. WAMS applies for grants to fund the program, which includes lunch, a new book for every child each week, and grocery gift cards for parents. The program was created at the suggestion of a Principal in a Worcester elementary school.
- WAMS is an active member of the Worcester Education Collaborative and the Worcester Education Equity Roundtable.

WAMS would like to expand Summer CUBS to another elementary school and hopes it will be a model for others.

We are open to collaborating with WPS and community organizations in new ways to support students and promote excellence and equity in our public schools.

Name of Organization: Worcester Art Museum

Organization's Mission: To connect people, communities, and cultures through the experience of art.

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:  
Matthias Waschek, Jean and Myles McDonough Director  
[MatthiasWaschek@worchesterart.org](mailto:MatthiasWaschek@worchesterart.org), 508.793.4303

Address of Headquarters:  
55 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609

Website: [worchesterart.org](http://worchesterart.org)



Social Media Pages: @WorcesterArtMuseum on Instagram, Facebook.com/WorcesterArtMuseum

Population and Community Served: Individuals and groups from Central MA and beyond.

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): 100,000+ per year.

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:

The Museum offers tours and public programs to all WPS schools, but works most closely with WPS elementary students through the 4th-grade Culture LEAP program. While the Museum's studio class offerings do not track specific school participation, they do serve students from across the City, including those from WPS.

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:

Elizabeth Buck, Manager of Studio Art Classes – [ElizabethBuck@worchesterart.org](mailto:ElizabethBuck@worchesterart.org) / 508.793.4462  
Aileen Novick, Manager of Public & Education Programs – [AileenNovick@worchesterart.org](mailto:AileenNovick@worchesterart.org) / 508.793.4341

- Educational tours, gallery-student workshops, and arms & armor presentations by historical re-enactors – *Aileen Novick*
- Studio art classes, with scholarships for WPS students – *Elizabeth Buck*
- Community Days and “Free First Sundays” – *Aileen Novick*
- Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) Training Sessions – *Aileen Novick*
- Teen Internships – *Elizabeth Buck*
- Teen Council – sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, students aged 13-18 apply to be part of a self-driven effort to create teen programs, offerings, and exhibitions at the Museum – *Aileen Novick & Elizabeth Buck*

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

- The Museum has nearly a century-long partnership with the Worcester Public School system—every 4th or 5th grade student in the City has visited it annually since the 1930s.
- Culture LEAP – For 4th graders, this tour introduces students to art museums utilizing Visual Thinking Strategies and conversations around selected artworks.
- Advanced Placement (AP) Art History – Hosted in collaboration with Timmary Leary (WPS Visual Arts Liaison) and Ann Rokowsky (WPS AP Art History instructor)
- 21st-Century Learning – Art-making activities and explorations are offered at elementary schools (and some middle schools) in this after-school program.

- Head Start – children and their families explore art more deeply through museum visits and hands-on art activities, in support of Head Start’s use of the Reggio Emilia Approach.
- WPS Summer Programs – Students in the Arts and Bilingual Programs gained curricular support at the Museum through gallery tours, conversations with staff, and art making.

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

- Elm Park Community School Partnership – students from every grade visited multiple times each year for tours and art-making experiences; participants were given a lifetime membership to WAM.
- Docents-in-the-Schools – volunteers from the Museum’s education program, trained in educational strategies and art history, would visit upper elementary grades to engage students in pieces from the Museum’s collection.
- Resource Center – This lending library – made up of books, materials kits, reproduction artworks and artifacts, and other resources focusing on cultures and time periods from throughout history – could be taken out by WPS teachers and staff.

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:

- 21st-Century Learning Program – Art-making activities and explorations are offered at elementary schools (and some middle schools) in this after-school program.

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

- Community Days – WAM is excited to involve WPS artists and performers in sharing their talents with hundreds of members of the public at events throughout the year.
- Arts Career Night – geared toward high school students, WAM is eager to host this event, meant to showcase the variety of careers that intersect with the arts.
- Teacher Open House – for educators and administrators in WPS, this event is designed to share opportunities for curricular support in the arts, social studies, language, and STEAM.
- Woo-Labs – a network of community-based partners committed to advancing educational and racial equity and closing opportunity and achievement gaps



Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:

- Additional opportunities to work with WPS onsite (i.e., 21st-Century Learning Programs)
- Stronger connections between the school system itself and Worcester cultural organizations offering curriculum support.
- Transportation assistance for field trips. Classrooms are hobbled by the opportunity to take advantage of the Museum’s free field trips for Worcester Public Schools.
- Bus drop-off at the Museum. This would support students participating in after-school programs at the Museum.





# Worcester Public Library



Main Library  
3 Salem Sq.  
Worcester, MA

Burncoat Branch  
526 Burncoat St.  
Worcester, MA

Frances Perkins  
Branch  
470 West Boylston St.  
Worcester, MA

Goddard Branch  
14 Richards St.  
Worcester, MA

Great Brook  
Valley Branch  
89 Tacoma St.  
Worcester, MA

Roosevelt Branch  
1006 Grafton St.  
Worcester, MA

Tatnuck Magnet  
Branch  
1083 Pleasant St.  
Worcester, MA

## MISSION

The Worcester Public Library serves as a gathering place that actively promotes the free exchange of ideas in our democratic society. The Library makes information and services available to all people while fostering intellectual freedom, protecting privacy, encouraging personal growth and enrichment, and celebrating our diverse community heritage.

### CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:

Jason Homer  
Executive Director,  
jhomer@mywpl.org

### Address of Headquarters:

3 Salem Square  
Worcester, MA 01608

Website: [mywpl.org](http://mywpl.org)



## WPS STUDENTS SERVED FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

All students from all WPS schools are served by the Worcester Public Library. In addition, 1,505 students are directly served in the One City, One Library Branches of WPL that exist in the following elementary schools: Burncoat Prep, Goddard, Roosevelt and Tatnuck Magnet.



## EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS/COLLABORATIONS WITH WPS:

One City, One Library program, and Libby and Lilly Mobile Express bookmobiles, which visit WPL locations on a regular schedule.

## PREVIOUS PARTNERSHIPS/COLLABORATIONS WITH WPS:

Worcester Family Partnership collaborations through Family storytimes at Library sites, Ready for Kindergarten annual events.



# COMMUNITY SERVED

The Worcester Public Library serves all residents of Worcester, MA, as well as members in the Worcester County area.

## ANY PROGRAMS/SERVICES PROVIDED ONSITE AT WPS:

**One City, One Library initiative:** Between 2013 and 2016, Worcester Public Library opened four branches in public elementary schools in partnership with the City of Worcester, Worcester Public Schools, and private community partners. The Roosevelt Branch, Tatnuck Magnet Branch, Goddard Branch, and Burncoat Branch provide students, teachers, and the public with a wealth of resources, including books, magazines, electronic databases, audio material and much more. The initiative was created in response to an overwhelming need to help our city's students achieve grade-level reading proficiency.

**Mobile Libraries:** In addition to these branches, Libby and Lilly, the WPL's Mobile Libraries, make an impact in our community by delivering public library resources across the city, including visiting some Worcester Public Schools. These services play an important outreach role, connecting new users and raising awareness of library services.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL COLLABORATIONS WITH WPS:

WPL would love to explore more opportunities to collaborate through the One City, One Library initiative in areas of our city that have a demonstrated need for literacy services.

## REQUEST FOR WPS SUPPORT/ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Getting library cards in the hands of all WPS students.





## WORCESTER REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Name of Organization: *Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP)*

Organization's Mission: *WRAP is a network of individuals committed to assisting refugees and resettled migrants achieve sustainable self-reliance through mentoring, advocacy, and educational assistance.*

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:

*Meme Tran, 1-774-239-3719, [meme@worcesterrefugees.org](mailto:meme@worcesterrefugees.org)*

*Address of Headquarters: 11 Shattuck Street, Worcester, MA 01605*

Address of Additional Sites:

Website: *<https://www.worcesterrefugees.org/>*

Social Media Pages: *<https://www.facebook.com/WRAPworcesterrefugees/>*

*<https://www.instagram.com/worcesterrefugees/>*

Population and Community Served: *We actively serve Burmese refugees of Karenni, Karen, Chin descent as well as parolees from Afghanistan. This includes approximately 22 Burmese refugee families (109 individuals) and approximately 30 Afghan families (80-90 individuals) and a very small number of Ukrainian refugees.*

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): *~200 Refugees*

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: *Chandler, Rice Square, Lincoln Street, North High, Belmont, Union Hill, Woodland Academy, Worcester East Middle, Technical High, Sullivan Middle, South High, Claremont Academy, Woodland Academy*

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:

*Contact: Millie Rao, Ph: 508-320-5819. [Millie@worcesterrefugees.org](mailto:Millie@worcesterrefugees.org)*

*WRAP focuses on 4 key areas to aid in the refugee resettlement process:*

- *Children and youth groups: The children's and youth programs are centered around weekly programming as well as field trips to area destinations. WRAP works with high school, college, and UMass Chan medical students to provide STEM programming, ESL lessons, school tutoring and homework help.*
- *Mentoring programs: UMass medical school and other graduate students provide assistance with college and scholarship applications and SAT prep mentoring. Both teens and adults who had to terminate their college education abruptly and flee their home country can use our mentor services.*
- *Community resource connectors: UMass Chan students trained in case management assist WRAP community members in filling out green card applications, insurance and social security forms, finding employment opportunities, career advancement, housing, and many other resettlements needs.*

# WORCESTER REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT

- *Healthcare advocacy initiative: WRAP works with UMass medical students and physicians to educate community members about COVID-19, wellness, schedule vaccinations, run testing clinics and advocate for interpreter services at clinics.*

## Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

- *Participant on the WPS Information Session for Community Partners.*
- *Assisted the PIC on school registrations for the Afghan children this past spring.*
- *Have reached out to parents to remind them about parent teacher conferences*
- *Got donations of books from the PIC for our summer program.*
- *Receive and review quarterly report cards for the children*

## Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

*WRAP has worked on a couple of IEP's for children in our community; we have reached out and talked with the guidance counselor about potential bullying issues; we have also received funding support*

Any Programs/Services Provided **Onsite** at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:

## Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:

*We are open to all collaborations with WPS*

## Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:

- *Funding is always welcome*
- *Possible help with transportation*
- *Would love to have guest speakers come in and talk*
- *If there are training sessions for the parents to use technology, we would like to be invited*
- *Can we get a guest account to view progress reports for children for whom we have permission slips?*
- *If WPS has Chromebooks that are not being used, we can use them!*



Name of Organization: Worcester Youth Center, Inc.

*Worcester Youth Center is an educational, recreational and social facility for youth between ages of 14 - 24. Our drop-in hours are from 2pm to 7pm Monday through Friday. We offer Basketball, Video & Board Games, Work Readiness, Summer Jobs, Recording Studio, Dance Studio, Art Program, Media Arts, Computer Lab, Class/Meeting Rooms, Counseling, Healthy Snack & Meals, Pool Tables, Lounge Area & recreational activities. Membership is free!*

Organization's Mission: To provide a place where young people can build lasting, positive change in their lives.

CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:

Samuel Martin, Executive Director 508-791-4702; [Smartin@worcesteryouthcenter.org](mailto:Smartin@worcesteryouthcenter.org) .

Address of Headquarters: 326 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA 01602

Address of Additional Sites: None.

Website: [www.worcesteryouthcenter.org](http://www.worcesteryouthcenter.org)

Social Media Pages:

Facebook, Snap Chat, Instagram, Twitter

Population and Community Served: City of Worcester, Ages 14 – 24 (2 pm – 6pm younger; 6 to 10pm older)

Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated): 300

WPS Students Served from the Following Schools: South, Doherty, North, Sullivan Middle, Forrest Grove Middle.

Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:

Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Sullivan Middle School, South High.

Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Same.

Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:

Program activity can be onsite as requested. Violence Is Not Normal (ViNN) Campaign information distribution @ South High (time limited) June 2022, provides handouts, information collect anti-violence pledges and provide ViNN T-shirts to students.

Staff support other anti-violence efforts through attendance at high profile football games through the Worcester Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.

Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools: Would like to expand the Violence Is Not Normal campaign and information tables to all high schools. Also available to provide evidenced based curriculum:

- Valuing Our Insight for Civic Engagement –VOICES- Curriculum (6 sessions/ 12hrs)
- Teen Out Reach Program -TOP- (12 sessions 25hr)
- Peace Circles (anti-violence) in middle and high schools

Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas: Need referrals to our afterschool programs, we have ability to bring programming into schools during the day time.



**Mission:** *YouthConnect Worcester* has served the community continuously for over 30 years. The consortium, provides high quality neighborhood-based recreational, educational, gender responsive and culturally sensitive activities to isolated and underserved Worcester youth aged 5 – 24 with a focus on the middle school years. The goal of *YouthConnect Worcester* is to establish a seamless, inclusive youth-serving system; a consortium modeled on best practice and built on a framework that delivers positive outcomes for education, health and family stability to youth and their supporting families in Worcester’s highest need neighborhoods.

Our consortium members include 9 Executive Partners: Boys & Girls Club of Worcester, Friendly House, Inc., Girls Incorporated of Worcester, HOPE Coalition (*Fiscal Sponsor: UMass Memorial Health Care*), United Way of Central MA, Worcester Youth Center, YMCA of Central MA, YWCA Central MA, and Y.O.U., Inc. with over 30 additional Supporting Partners that share a commitment to provide and share year round developmental opportunities for youth and their families residing in Worcester’s highest risk environments.

UWCM, our fiscal sponsor, works to support *YouthConnect Worcester* resource development, marketing, and fiscal management while consortium staff build capacity to collect & manage data, facilitate agency and community relationships while tracking established indicators and outcomes for and across Executive Partner agencies in the Consortium and with our Supporting Partners in the community. One of the positive features of this consortium is the ability of each of our partners, Executive and Supporting, to focus on the programming that they do best while enabling and assisting their participants and members to take full advantage of other resources available to them across their communities and neighborhoods.

<b>Name of the Organization:</b>	<b>YouthConnect Worcester</b> <i>A Program of UWCM</i>
<b>Address of Headquarters:</b>	484 Main Street, Suite 300 Worcester, MA 01608
<b>Contact Person for this Consortium:</b>	Judith L. Kirk
Title:	Dir. Community Impact & Assessment
Work Email:	<a href="mailto:jkirk@bgcworchester.org">jkirk@bgcworchester.org</a>
Phone (and extension, if any):	508-754-2686 x 200
Website:	<a href="http://www.youthconnectworchester.org">www.youthconnectworchester.org</a>

**Population and Community Served:** Over 6000 isolated and underserved Worcester youth annually aged 5 – 24 with a focus on the middle school years.

**WPS Students Were Served from the Following Schools:**

YouthConnect served students from over 44 different schools local to our Worcester Community. WPS sites include: Belmont Street, Burncoat High, Burncoat Middle, Canterbury Street School, Chandler Magnet, City View Discovery, Claremont Academy, Columbus Park Preparatory, Doherty High School, Dr Arthur Sullivan Middle, Flagg Street, Forest Grove Middle School, Goddard School of Science and Technology, Grafton Street, Jacob Hiatt Magnet, Lake View, May Street, Nelson Place, North High School, Roosevelt Elementary School, Quinsigamond School, South High School, Sullivan Middle School, Tatnuck Magnet, Union Hill, University Park Campus, Woodward Day School, Woodland Academy, Worcester East Middle School, Worcester Technical High School.

**Programs and Services Offered, with contact Name and Info:**

*YouthConnect Worcester* offers programs for middle school youth (Ages 11 – 15) during summer months with transportation from home to programs and back providing dinner and snack daily. Programs include:

**Boys & Girls Club of Worcester**, 65 Boys & Girls Club Way, 508-753-3377; [sallotey@bgcworchester.org](mailto:sallotey@bgcworchester.org)  
M-F (Coed); 5:30 – 9:30 PM Basketball, Indoor and Outdoor Sports, Social Recreation, Visual Arts & Dance, College & Career Prep, Swimming, Prevention and Gender Specific Programs.

**Friendly House**, 36 Wall Street, 774-317-0426; [mmarum@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:mmarum@friendlyhousema.org)  
M, T, & Th (Coed) 5:00 – 9:00 PM; Basketball Skills and Drills, Cooking and Baking, Visual Arts.

**Girls Inc. of Worcester**, 125 Providence Street, 508-755-6455; [TYoung@GirlsIncworchester.org](mailto:TYoung@GirlsIncworchester.org)  
M/W/F (Girls Only) 5:30 – 9:00 PM; Swim and Gym, Dance and Performing, Self-Care, Cooking, Arts and Crafts, and Fitness Classes. Basketball, Technology Center.

**Worcester Youth Center**, 326 Chandler St, (508) 791-4702; [kmarshall@worcesteryouthcenter.org](mailto:kmarshall@worcesteryouthcenter.org)  
W, F (Coed) 4:00 – 8:00 PM; Activities will include a Cookout and Dance Party (Fridays only), Board games, Skills competitions, Free Play, Recording Studio, Aerobics

**YMCA**, 766 Main Street, 508-755-6101 x1230; [acox@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:acox@ymcaofcm.org)  
Monday - Friday (Coed) 5:30 – 8:30 PM; Social Recreation, Basketball, Fitness Center, Painting/Arts & Crafts, Summer Reading, Computer Lab, Swimming. Special Events.

**YWCA**, 1 Salem Square, 508-767-2505 x3020; [colson@ywcacm.org](mailto:colson@ywcacm.org)  
M – TH (Coed) 6:00 – 9:00 PM; Gym Activities, Sports, Workout Room, Basketball Clinics with the Worcester Majors, Fitness Classes, Arts and Crafts, and Gender Specific Programs.

**Previous Partnerships with the Worcester Public Schools:**

21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Site at Sullivan Middle School and also at Claremont Academy. Transported to YouthConnect Agency sites during after school hours for swim programs as well as providing programs on school sites with agency staff for specialty programs.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

Active support to recruit and refer youth for summer program participation. Support access to our agency sites during the school year via youth friendly transportation services available to youth with permission to ride direct from their school sites to community programs.



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**Name of Organization:** [YMCA of Central Massachusetts](#)

**Organization's Mission:** The YMCA of Central Massachusetts is an association united in a common goal to strengthen our communities and to develop the spirit, mind and body of all persons, regardless of means, through activities guided by and based upon our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:**

David Connell, 508-755-6101 (ext. 9223), [dconnell@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:dconnell@ymcaofcm.org)

**YMCA Point of Contact:** Pam Suprenant,  
Vice President, Youth Development & Community Services  
508-755-6101 (ext. 1224), [psuprenant@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:psuprenant@ymcaofcm.org)

**Address of Headquarters:** [Central Community Branch](#), 766 Main Street

**Address of Additional Sites:** [Greendale Family Branch](#), 75 Shore Drive

**Website:** [www.ymcaofcm.org](http://www.ymcaofcm.org)

**Social Media Pages:** (@ymcaofcm)

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LINKS PAGE](#)

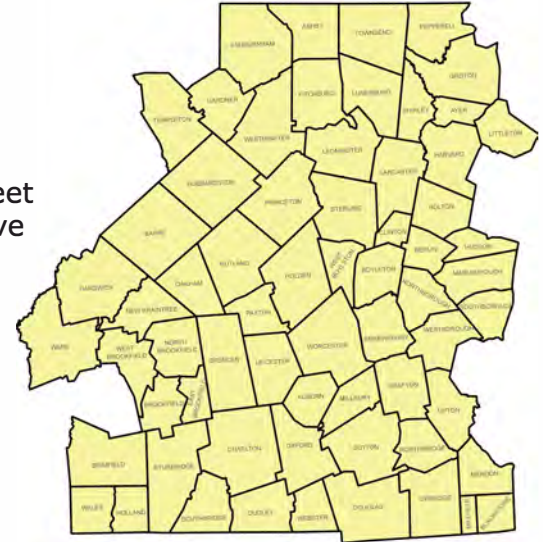
**Population and Community Served:**

Nearly 70 communities in Worcester County

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents:**

Total Membership in 2021: 34,913

Worcester Youth: 4,293



**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:**

**At the Central Community Branch:**

- Canterbury
- Chandler Elementary
- Chandler Magnet
- Columbus Park
- Elm Park
- Heard Street
- Jacob Hiatt Magnet
- Midland
- Vernon Hill
- Woodland Academy

**At the Greendale Family Branch:**

- Abby Kelley Foster Charter
- Burncoat Prep
- Clark Street
- Flagg Street
- Francis J. McGrath
- Nelson Place
- Norrback Avenue
- Thorndyke Road

**At both Central & Greendale:**

- Middle Schools: Burncoat, Forest Grove, Sullivan, Worcester East
- High Schools: Burncoat, Claremont Academy, Doherty, North, South, Worcester Technical, University Park

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

**At the Central Community Branch YMCA:**

- Alden After School Program (includes school holidays & vacations)  
Sarah Levy, Director of Child Care Services, 774.778.5897, [slevy@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:slevy@ymcaofcm.org)
- Middle School After School Program, Solimar Lopez, 508.755.6101 (ext. 1230), [slopez@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:slopez@ymcaofcm.org)
- Youth Basketball League, Amie Cox, Senior Program Director, 774.778.5910, [acox@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:acox@ymcaofcm.org)
- Swim Lessons & Lifeguard Certification, Barbara Suprenant, Aquatics Director, 774.778.5937, [bsuprenant@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:bsuprenant@ymcaofcm.org)
- Camp Blanchard and Alden Summer Program, Sarah Levy, Director of Child Care Services, 774.778.5897, [slevy@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:slevy@ymcaofcm.org)
- YouthConnect, Danielle Delgado, 508.755.6101 (ext. 1268), [ddelgado@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:ddelgado@ymcaofcm.org)
- Leader's Club, Solimar Maysonet-Lopez, 508.755.6101 (ext. 1230), [slopez@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:slopez@ymcaofcm.org)
- Minority Achievers, Solimar Lopez, 508.755.6101 (ext. 1230), [slopez@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:slopez@ymcaofcm.org)



Central Community Branch



Greendale Family Branch

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### **At the Greendale Family Branch YMCA:**

- Greendale YMCA After School Program (includes school holidays & vacations)  
Michael Toedt, OST Director, 774.778.5961, [mtoedt@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:mtoedt@ymcaofcm.org)
- Leaders' Club, John Brown, Youth Development Director, 774.778.5958, [jbrown@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:jbrown@ymcaofcm.org)
- Youth Sports, Pat Creagh, League Coor., [greendaleyouthdevelopment@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:greendaleyouthdevelopment@ymcaofcm.org)
- Camp Greendale on Indian Lake, Ben Miller, Director of Child Care Services, 774.778.5969, [benmiller@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:benmiller@ymcaofcm.org)
- Leadership Development Program, John Brown, Youth Development Director, 774.778.5958, [jbrown@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:jbrown@ymcaofcm.org)
- High School Internship Academy, Christina Puleo, Executive Director, 774.778.5975, [cpuleo@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:cpuleo@ymcaofcm.org)
- Swim Lessons, Swim Team & Lifeguard Certification, Karin Anderson, Senior Program Director, 774.778.5952, [kanderson@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:kanderson@ymcaofcm.org)

### **Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- Chandler Elementary leases 2 floors of the Central YMCA building for overflow classroom space; year 7
- Jacob Hiatt leases the Central YMCA gymnasium (for phys. Ed) and Parking lot (for teachers); year 20+
- Internship Academy in partnership with Innovation Pathways: High School students from across the city are invited to apply for a 12 week spring internship; upon successful completion they are guaranteed summer employment at Greendale.
- Transitional Life Skills, Students from the transition department spend one day a week at the Greendale YMCA getting involved in physical activity and students from Worcester Vocational HS spend time working on job skills once a week within the YMCA
- Safety Around Water (swim lessons) with Belmont Street School (funded by UMASS Chan) at Greendale
- Safety Around Water (swim lessons) with North High School (afterschool) at Central
- The Central YMCA provides program space and collaborating services for South High's Positive Directions program during the school year (and 6 week summer program)

### **Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- Central provided free Swim lessons for all 3rd graders at Chandler Elementary School and Jacob Hiatt Magnet School (donor funded) – a 10 week session of lessons once a week
- Central provided "vacation camp" (February and April school vacations) for WPS students living with homelessness. Parents and children spent 3 hours/day at the YMCA swimming and playing games (breakfast and lunch was also provided)
- Safety Around Water (swim lessons) with Belmont Street School (funded by UMASS Chan) at Greendale
- Safety Around Water (swim lessons) with Chandler Elementary & Jacob Hiatt Magnet Schools
- Summer Feeding Program, Worcester Public School food truck provides breakfast and lunch for 275 summer campers at Greendale and 125 campers at Central during camp each summer
- WPS provided transportation to the Central location pre-COVID and has not resumed those services

### **Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? No/Not Applicable**

### **Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:**

- Interested in expanding opportunities for transitional life skills students across the city at both locations
- Interested in expanding Safety Around Water (same schools, different grades and/or other schools)
- Interested in exploring school-based afterschool programs (at school locations where there is need)
- Expanded opportunities to YMCA Memberships for WPS employees
- Partner with high schools to assist students in completion of the physical education requirement

### **Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:**

- Transportation to our after school programs
- Creating (and deepening) relationships with School Adjustment Counselors to connect students and parents to YMCA programs and services







**Name of Organization:** YWCA Central Massachusetts, Inc.

**Organization's Mission:** The YWCA Central Massachusetts is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

**CEO/Executive Director Name and Contact Info:** Deborah Hall, CEO; [dhall@ywcacm.org](mailto:dhall@ywcacm.org);

508-767-2505, x105

**Address of Headquarters:** 1 Salem Square, Worcester, MA 01608

**Address of Additional Sites:** 15 Grove Street, Westborough, MA 01581; 54 Main Street, Ste. 001, Leominster, MA 01453

**Website:** [www.ywcacm.org](http://www.ywcacm.org)

**Social Media Pages:**

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/YWCACM/>

Twitter – [twitter.com/YWCA Central Mass](https://twitter.com/YWCA_Central_Mass)

Instagram - [@ywcacentralmass](https://www.instagram.com/ywcacentralmass)

LinkedIn - [linkedin.com/company/ywca-central-massachusetts](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ywca-central-massachusetts)

**Population and Community Served:** YWCA serves individuals children, youth and adults residing in 44 cities/towns throughout Central Massachusetts.

**Number of Members/Clients/Constituents (Can be estimated):** 5,000

**WPS Students Served from the Following Schools:** Middle Schools: Claremont, Burncoat, Forest Grove, Sullivan, University Park and Worcester East. High Schools: Burncoat, North and Doherty.

**Programs and Services Offered, with Contact Name and Info:**

Early Education & Care: Infant, Toddler and Preschool

Darlene Belliveau, [dbelliveau@ywcacm.org](mailto:dbelliveau@ywcacm.org); 508-767-2505, x121

Afterschool/Out-of-School-Time: Learning 4 Fun Afterschool; Summer Camp @ Camp Wind-in-the-Pines

Cindy Landry, [clandry@ywcacm.org](mailto:clandry@ywcacm.org); 508-767-2505, x125

Health & Fitness: Fitness Center, Swim Lessons, Women’s Health

Sofia Perno, [sperno@ywcacm.org](mailto:sperno@ywcacm.org); 508-767-2505, x116

Domestic Violence Services: Community-based Services, Violence Prevention Education, Intervention Services

Tara Huard, [thuard@ywcacm.org](mailto:thuard@ywcacm.org); 508-767-2505, x154; 24-hour Helpline 508-755-9030

Housing/Shelter: Transitional Housing and Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter

Evelyn Cabrera, [ecabrera@ywcacm.org](mailto:ecabrera@ywcacm.org); 508-767-2505, x122

Youth Development: Girls Promoting Safety (GPS), Girls CHOICE, YouthConnect, Young Parents Program, etc.

Jessica Diaz, [jdiaz@ywcacm.org](mailto:jdiaz@ywcacm.org); 508-767-2505, x104

**Existing Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Girls Promoting Safety (GPS) program in partnership with Girls Inc. of Worcester in four middle schools.

**Previous Partnerships/Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** The YWCA was a site for free swim lessons for WPS high school students during the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Any Programs/Services Provided Onsite at Worcester Public Schools? If so, please explain:**

The YWCA provides after-school programming onsite at Clark Street and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, Monday through Friday from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

Also, the YWCA provides the Girls Promoting Safety (GPS) program in partnership with Girls Inc. of Worcester onsite at Burncoat Middle, Forest Grove, Sullivan Middle and Worcester East Middle schools 1 hour a week throughout the academic year. This program is funded in part by the Women’s Initiative of the United Way of Central Massachusetts.

**Opportunities for Additional Collaborations with Worcester Public Schools:** Not at this time.

**Request for WPS Support/Assistance in the Following Areas:** Not at this time.

