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Bay State Community Services (BSCS) is in a time of both exciting new opportunities and unfamiliar challenges. Our most recent opportunities include the launch of two new programs: the MA Youth Diversion Program, funded by the Department of Youth Services (DYS), and the Young Parent Program, funded by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). Both funders are new to BSCS, and we're thrilled to be expanding our funding partnerships.

I am also happy to let you all know that we have again been awarded the Community Service Agency (CSA) contracts in both Plymouth and Coastal regions.

And, last month we celebrated Recovery Month. There were hundreds of events and activities throughout the state. The month ended with approximately 2,000 people coming together on Boston Common. This amazing event was a tribute to how we can make our voices heard and make a difference when we come together.

While I would like to focus on all the positives, the challenges we are facing are real. As you are all aware, the landscape for social services has dramatically changed. Funding, support, and priorities have become highly politicized. How this will impact the agency and the people we serve remains to be seen. There are daily changes in information, along with a great deal of misinformation and speculation being publicized.

It is in times like these that I am especially grateful to be part of a mission-driven agency. We have a clear direction and a strong foundation that keep us focused on doing the next right thing.

Thank you.

October is Substance Use Prevention Month

October is **Substance Use And Misuse Prevention Month**.

Learn more about Bay State Community Services' available prevention supports by visiting [Baystatecs.org](https://baystatecs.org).

Check out our upcoming Prevention Workshop on October 29th! [Click here to register](#) or scan the QR code below.

AND our upcoming Question Persuade Refer (QPR) Workshop on October 29th! [Click here to register](#) or scan the QR code below.

New Groups at our Outpatient Clinic

Check out some of the new groups available at our Quincy Outpatient Clinic!

Insurance and self-pay are accepted on a sliding scale for both groups.

Click the flyers to download and share with others!

Gratitude Corner

Thank you to all who continue to support Bay State Community Services'. This month we'd like to recognize:

- * **Inly School** in Scituate for providing Halloween costumes for the youth and teens we serve.
- * **Derby Serves** for providing treats for the families in our Dorchester-Mattapan Family Resource Center.
- * **Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation** for awarding the Quincy Family Resource Center a grant to help bring joy to the children they serve.

- * **Town Fair Tire** for supporting our Plymouth Family Resource Center.

Updates and Events

BSCS at the Randolph Social Services Fair.

FIST Steps New Bedford's Recovery Month Celebration.

Prevention's Mass YAP Interns kicked off Substance Use Prevention Month at the MA Dept. of Public Health!

BSCS awarded Mini Grants to staff for the 2nd year in a row to help support initiatives in their programs!

Upcoming Events

Join our Team!

Some of our available positions:

[Tobacco Prevention Program Manager](#)

[Boston Community Justice Support Center Program Director](#)

[Youth Advocate](#)

View all our job opportunities [HERE](#)

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