



NAM Vital Directions for Health and Healthcare

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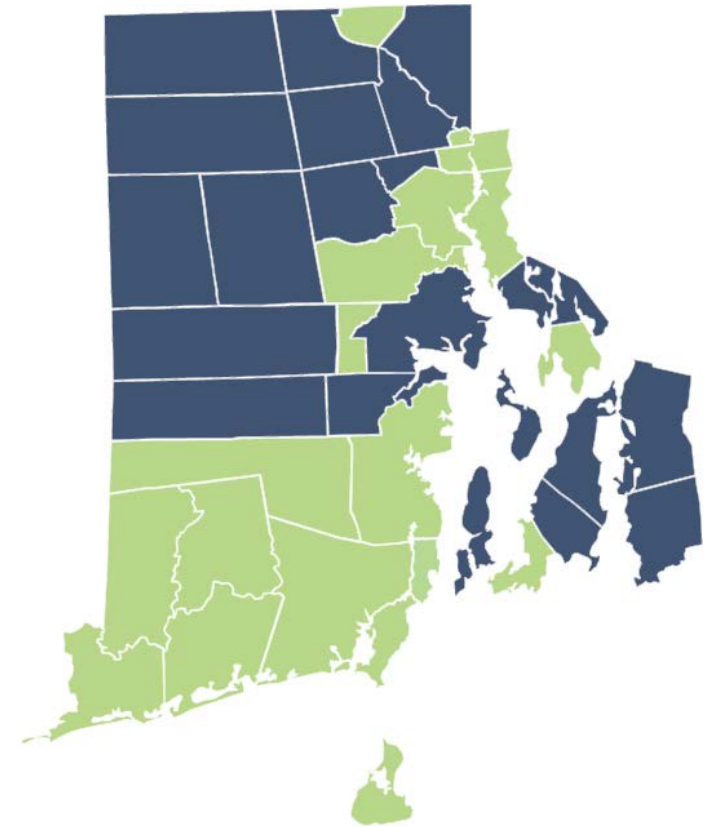
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RIDOH Health Equity Zones



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3b2BA67JKKY>



RIDOH Health Equity Zones



Communities are given initial seed funding through RIDOH for each HEZ starting over a four-year period to:

- Build, expand or maintain a **collaborative** of diverse partners from the local community of the self-defined zone.

➤ *Includes municipal leaders, residents, businesses, transportation and community planners, law enforcement, education systems, and health systems, among others.*



RIDOH Health Equity Zones



Community led

Place based

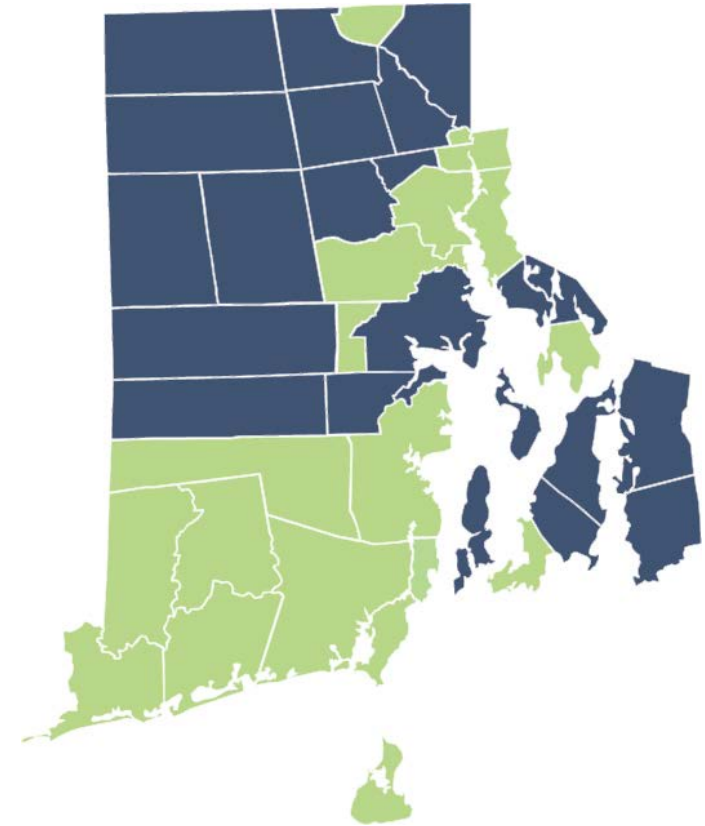
Data driven

Based on collective impact

Equity focused (root causes)

Evidence based

Represent many sectors



RIDOH Health Equity Zones



Public health in action:

- Form a collaborative
- Assess needs
- Plan
- Act
- Evaluate



Examples of HEZ Successes



HEZs are helping communities build the infrastructure they need to drive lasting change at the local level in RI.



Examples of HEZ successes :

The **Bristol Health Equity Zone** facilitated the passage and implementation of a town-wide **ordinance banning cigarettes and vaping in all town parks**, ensuring access to smoke-free public spaces for all community members.



The **Olneyville (now Central Providence) Health Equity Zone** implemented the Youth & Police Initiative to **build bridges between local police officers and teens**.