



Franklin County Resource Network

The Franklin County Resource Network (FCRN) is a diverse service-oriented group, representing over 65 social, human service, behavioral health, educational, and medical organizations, and including over 250 service providers and community members, striving to enhance the quality of life for the community and ourselves. A program of Community Action Pioneer Valley, FCRN offers opportunities for providers to meet, share information, strengthen connections, and facilitate referrals. In addition to these opportunities, there is tremendous benefit in being able to advocate as one voice for issues impacting the people we serve.

We share information through our monthly meetings (including the popular “speed networking” sessions) and newsletter, as well as through our FCResourceNet listserv which reaches over 400 providers. Each December, FCRN holds its annual Service Providers Outreach Fair at Greenfield Community College. The Outreach Fair features displays by over 50 area agencies and draws over 100 attendees to learn about programs in Franklin County and nearby areas.

In addition, FCRN has three ongoing task forces: the Franklin County Hunger Task Force, the FCRN Public Policy Task Force, and the Franklin County Transition from Jail to Community Task Force. These groups coordinate annual events such as the Hunger Task Force’s Belly Bus Community Food Drive which in 2019 raised over 7,600 pounds of food and over \$2,800 for local pantries and meal programs. The Public Policy Task Force’s annual Legislative Breakfast in October strives to create dialogue with our local legislators on themes of concern in our community, including food insecurity, homelessness, and access to voting. The Transition from Jail to Community Task Force is made up of area service providers, community members, and people with lived experience of incarceration. The TJC Task Force helped develop a peer support program for people leaving the Franklin County Jail.

For more information and to join FCRN:

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