

Highlights of Kennedy Center Programs and Services

Early Education Programs

- Official Area Agency for the Boston Family Engagement Network
- Head Start and Early Head Start for Toddlers covering ages 19 months to age 5 with a full range of support services for the whole family and referrals for health and early intervention services
- Boston Public Schools universal pre-kindergarten
- Parent-child playgroups including literacy activities, Ages and Stages developmental assessment, and parent or grandparent support workshops
- COVID Response: in-person childcare while schools are shut down, “school-in-a-bag” materials for learning at home, online parent-child workshops for kindergarten preparation, social-emotional wellness activities

Community Outreach

- Holiday Toy Drive serving 700 children
- Collaboration and cross-referrals for support: Center for Adult Ed, Charlestown Coalition, Charlestown Residents Association
- School vacation mealpacks and afterschool meals with homework support for school-age children
- Partnerships with over 70 regional organizations to provide resources and referrals for specialized services, such as clothing from Cradles to Crayons
- Charlestown Farmers Market
- COVID Response: Case manager 1:1 support to access public benefits for low-income residents and assistance from emergency funds such as the Charlestown Compassionate Fund and Boston Resiliency funds
- 10,500 meals, hundreds of grocery bags, and 500 wellness kits distributed March-July

Senior Services

- Designated Area Agency for the Boston Commission on Elderly Affairs
- In-home caregiver service for chores and personal care
- Fall prevention and other wellness workshops
- Assistance accessing benefits such as fuel assistance, discounts on prescriptions
- Luncheons and social gatherings to prevent isolation
- COVID response: wellness checks, delivery of free groceries, cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, and isolation-buster packs
- Bunker Hill Pride Packs for decoration and celebration during quarantine