Uniting Community to Strengthen Families
COVID-19 Community Response

Since 1892, USES has had a strong history of providing critical services to youth and families in Boston. Today, as we respond to the impact of COVID-19, USES has shifted our services to support families and our community who are disproportionately affected during this unprecedented time in the following ways:

Family Mobility

Our coaches and family support advocates have been especially busy as parents and families face heightened unemployment, financial challenges, and medical emergencies. Beyond our regular program offerings, including coaching and income supports screenings, the Family Mobility program has expanded by providing basic needs such as food, household supplies, resources, and money for rent and emergencies.

- USES partnered with the YMCA of Greater Boston, AboutFresh, and City Fresh Foods to provide families throughout Boston with weekly meals and essentials since March. The neighbor2neighbor food delivery program distributed over 50,000 pounds of food to families during the shutdown.
- We distributed $25,000 in mini grants to families during the four month shutdown.
- We spent over 3,500 hours providing 207 families with virtual check-ins, wellness screenings, and coaching appointments from March to July.
- Our Family Support Advocacy Program leveraged $230,653 in public benefits during the closure. 91% of the participants who enrolled in the income supports program were able to secure benefits.

Youth Programs

- Our Early Childhood Education (ECE) program provided virtual programming during the closure to ensure our youth continued to receive early literacy and math support as well as STEAM programming.
- On July 13th, USES reopened youth programs serving a limited capacity of ECE and club48 youth.
- With Boston Public Schools' transition to remote learning, our club48 after school program shifted to a full day learning pod program to support virtual learners and their parents who need to attend work and school.

Supporting the WHOLE Family
36% of children in the South End live below the poverty line, compared to 29.5% across Boston.

Youth

- Early Childhood Education
- Out-of-School Time
- Youth Development

Families

- Financial Literacy
- Youth Voice
- Skill Development

Whole Family Approach

Youth and Families

The demand for our work is growing every day and we invite you to join us in ensuring that we have the resources and infrastructure ready to get our families the services they need. Please consider making a donation to United South End Settlements today to ensure children and families remain connected to vital resources and relationships.

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