

Highlights from the 2024 Annual Report

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Part of Boston Children's clinical expansion

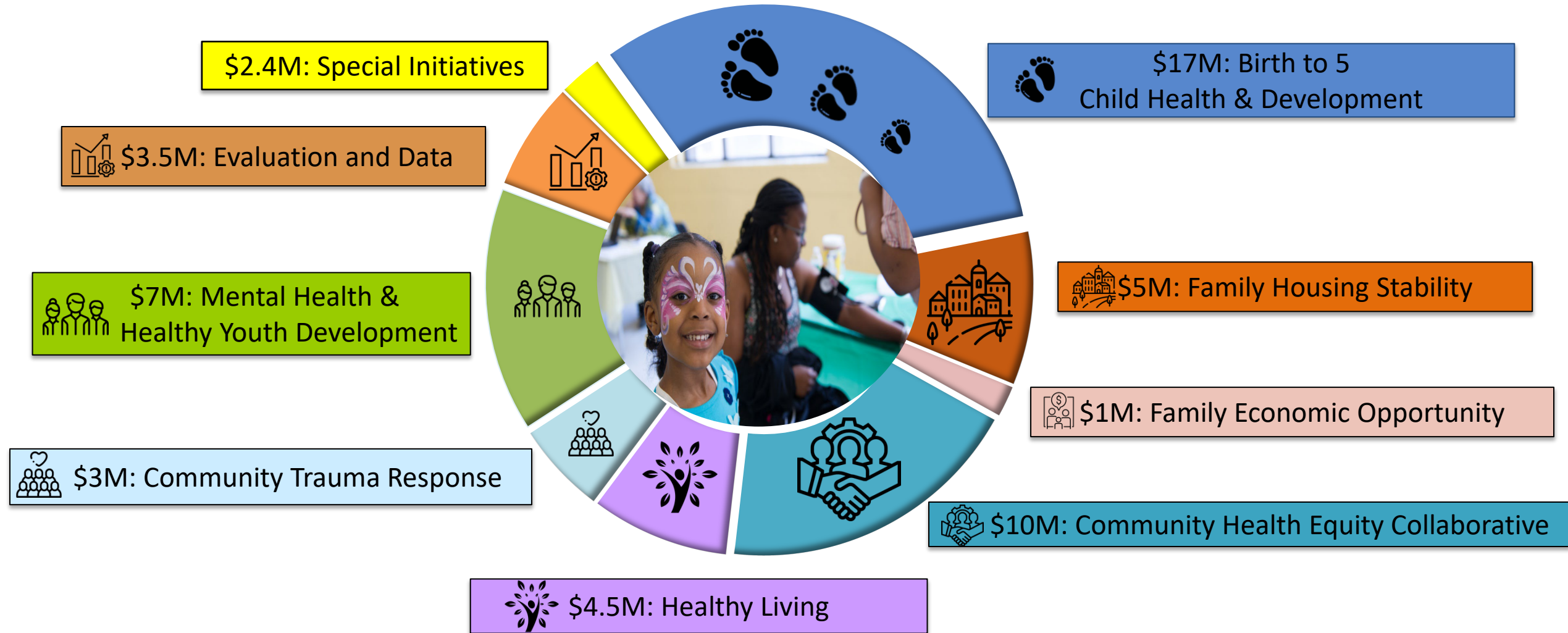
Department of Public Health regulations: **5% of capital cost** to community health initiative

\$53.4 million over 7 – 10 years, directed to **community organizations, agencies, coalitions**

Social determinants of health, not health services

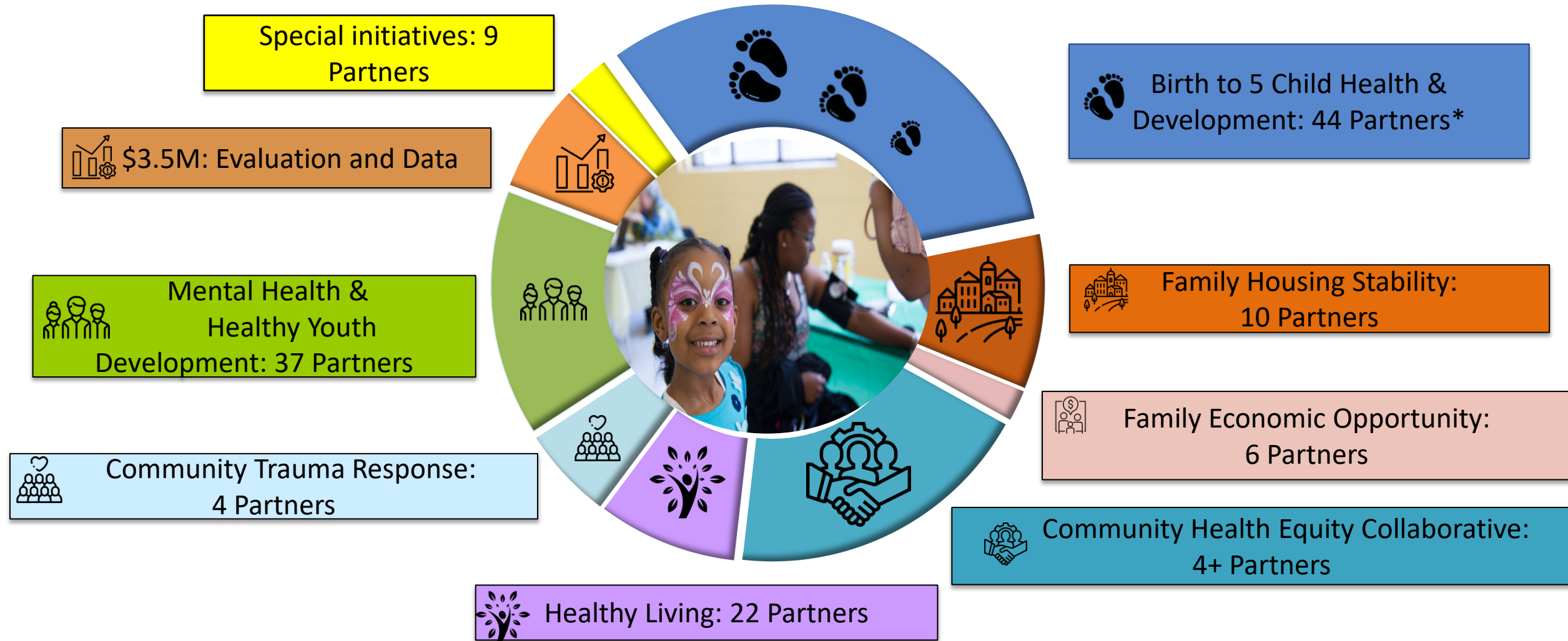


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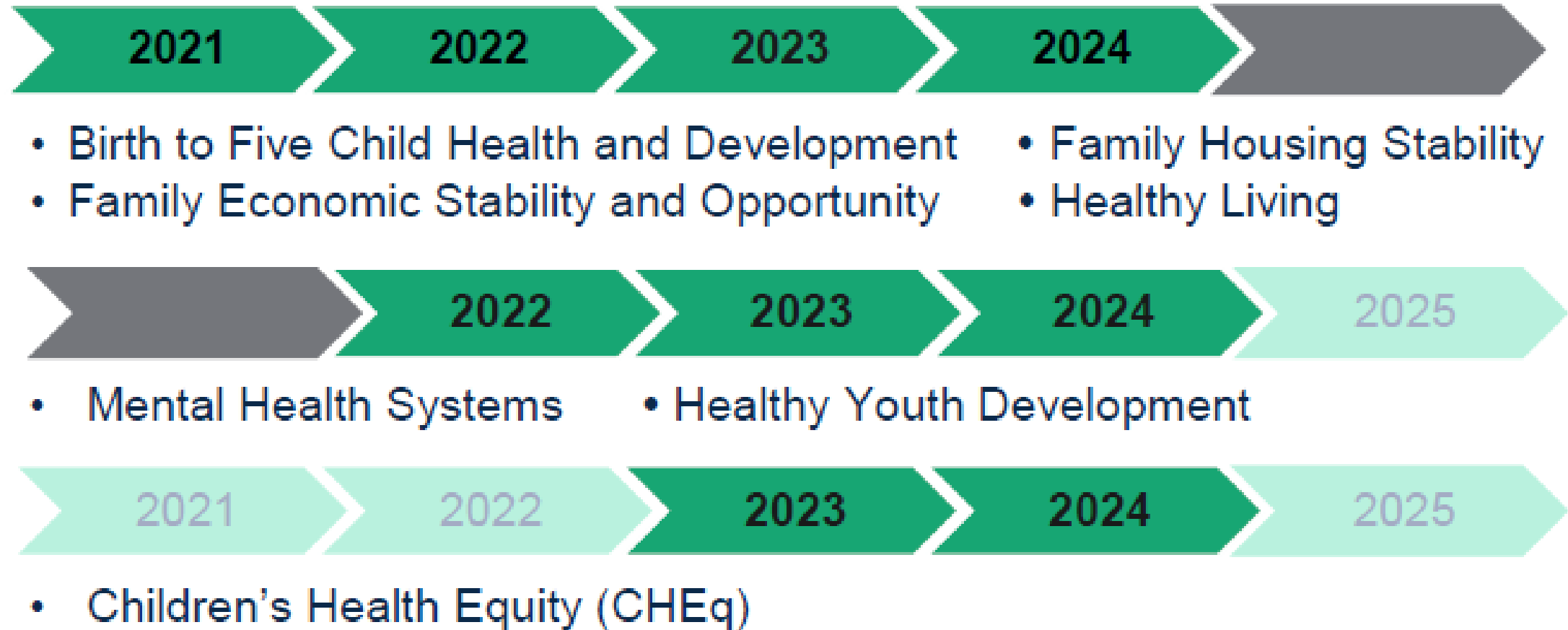
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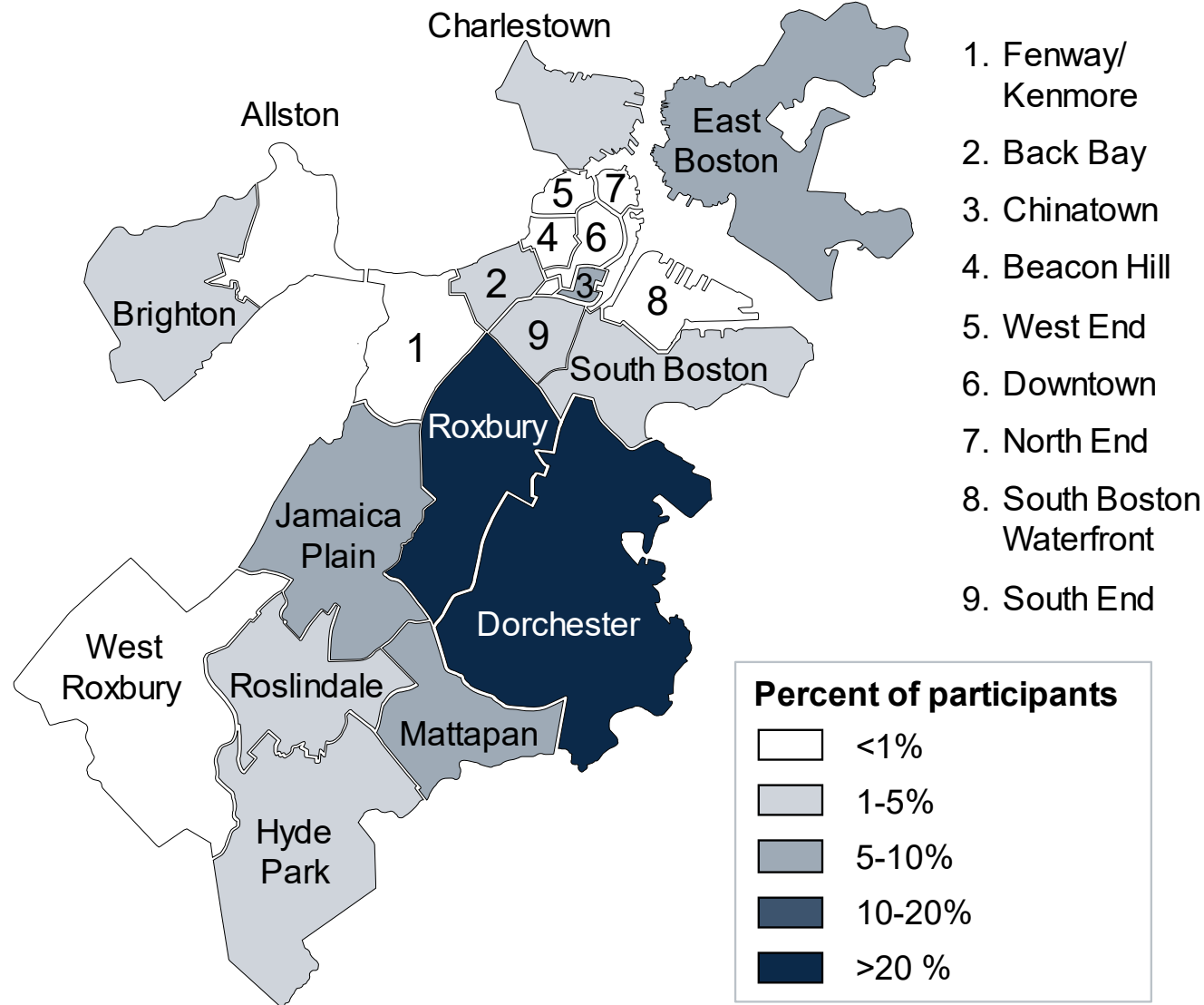
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2024 Report Timeframe



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Reach by Neighborhood



60%

of Boston program participants live in neighborhoods with the highest childhood poverty rates.

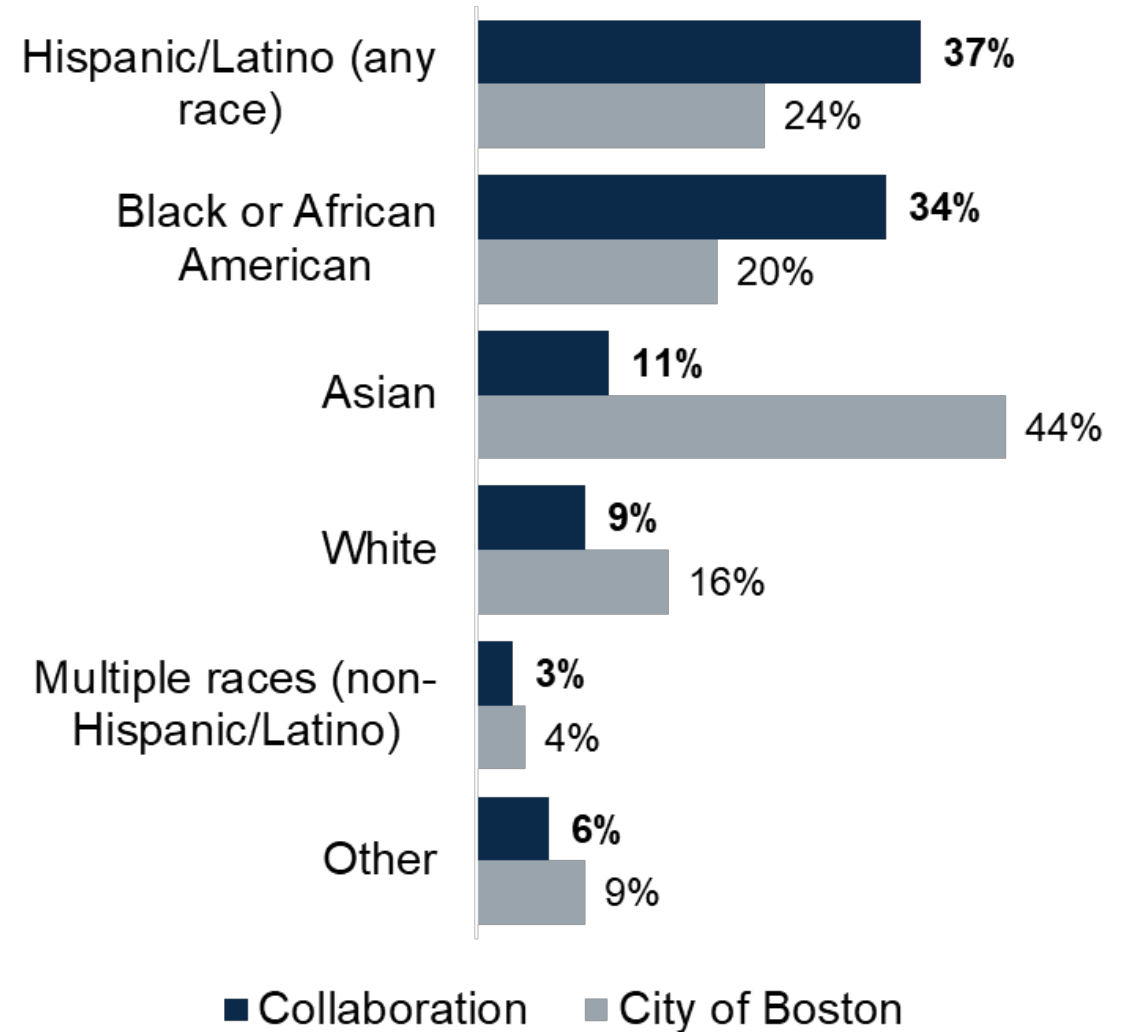
(n = 27,702)

Reach by Race and Ethnicity

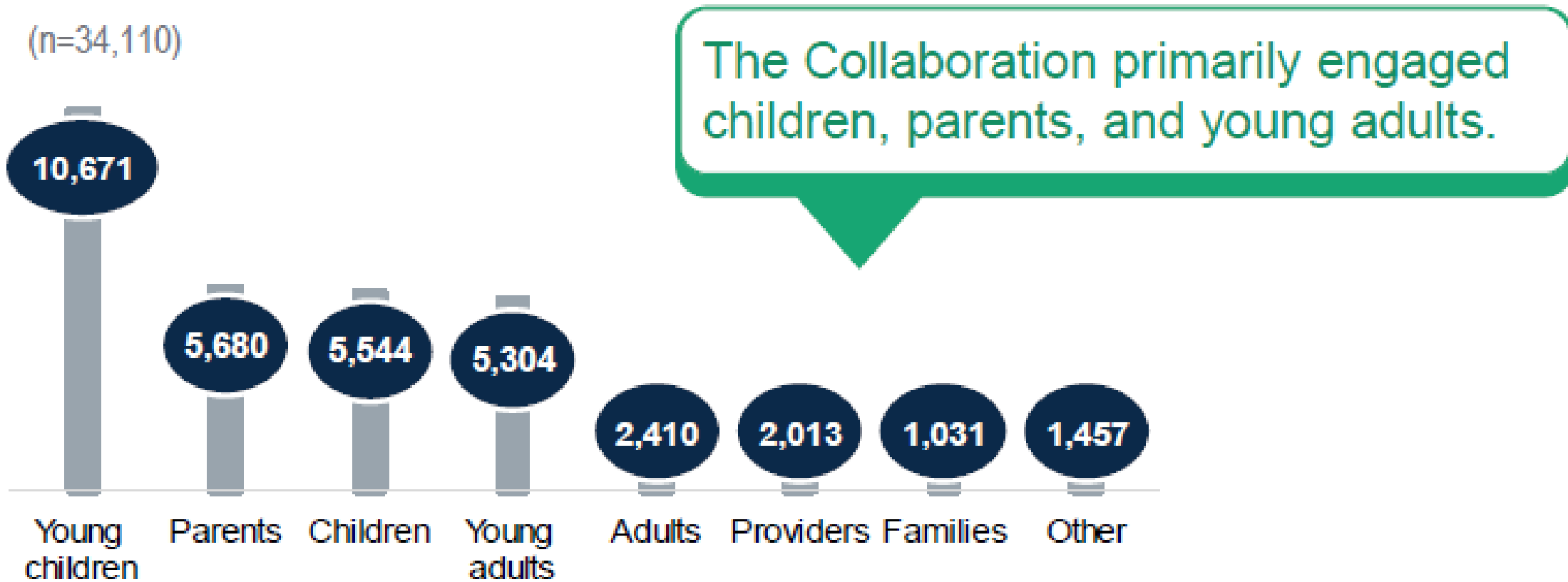
71%

of program participants
are Black or Hispanic/Latino, compared
to 44% of Boston residents.

(n = 26,562)



Reach by Age Group





Birth to Five Child Health & Development

Goal: Set children ages birth to five years on a high trajectory for success in school and life.

15 funded partners

- Build early childhood providers' capacity to address social determinants of health and social, emotional, and behavioral health
- Develop parent and provider capacity to advocate for increased investments in early childhood and family-centered services
- Connect families with free culturally and linguistically appropriate community resources

Sept 2021 – Aug 2024 Highlights

- **>19,000** community members engaged
- **8,175** children screened for developmental concerns at **173** center-based and family childcare programs, resulting in **1,955** referrals to additional supports
- **90** parents, caregivers, and providers active as community leaders and ambassadors
- **866** caregivers reported increased confidence, knowledge of child development, and knowledge of self-care strategies



Healthy Living

Goal: Improve resources and opportunities for the adoption of healthy living in communities experiencing inequities in health.

12 funded partners

- Engage children and families in physical activity
- Engage youth in urban farming, provide nutrition education, and support local food systems
- Educate caregivers about healthy eating and active lifestyles
- Engage youth as leaders within programs
- Distribute free meals and produce to families

Sept 2021 – Aug 2024 Highlights

- **4,114** community members engaged
- **514** sessions of healthy eating and farming education
- **126,900** servings of produce distributed and purchased
- **290** youth increased their sport-specific skills or improved their biking competencies
- **512** parents changed their attitudes around health after participating in culturally-tailored programming on health topics



Family Housing Stability & Economic Opportunity

Goal: Promote affordable, safe, and quality housing for children and families in priority neighborhoods and foster improved family economic stability and opportunity.

6 funded partners

- Engage residents in advocacy efforts to improve availability of affordable housing and protect tenants' rights
- Build strategic partnerships to improve policymaker knowledge of tenant-driven housing policy
- Provide individual counseling, rental assistance, and/or financial savings programs

Sept 2021 – Aug 2024 Highlights

- **Over 4,000** residents and families engaged
- **102** meetings with policymakers to discuss affordable homeownership policies
- **3,213** households participated in housing and/or economic support services
- **724** families stably housed
- **2,665** units covered by tenant associations to collectively organize



Mental Health Systems

Goal: Improve accessible, culturally responsive systems of mental and behavioral health care by expanding and diversifying the mental and behavioral health workforce.

6 funded partners

- Support racial/ethnic and linguistically diverse students to enter the mental health provider workforce
- Provide accessible educational opportunities for clinical graduate students, mental health providers, and community members to deliver trauma-informed support

May 2022 – June 2024 Highlights

- **277** students and providers engaged
- **276** students and professionals enrolled in training programs
- **80** students and professionals received culturally congruent and career-aligned coaching or mentoring
- **739** students and community members trained in trauma-informed, culturally responsive care



Healthy Youth Development

Goal: Support youth-centered and engaged programming and services to promote healthy youth development.

20 funded partners

- Develop or expand programming that supports youth college readiness and employment
- Promote youth leadership and development
- Connect youth with resources for their physical and mental health

May 2022 – June 2024 Highlights

- **>5,389** youth, families, and staff engaged
- **702** youth led and developed community programs
- **146** training opportunities for youth-facing staff
- **605** youth improved their understanding of trauma and available resources to address mental health needs
- **319** youth improved connections with mentors, adults, and peers



Children's Health Equity

The Children's Health Equity Initiative advances child health through a place-based, collective impact approach. Four collaboratives, based in Boston neighborhoods, foster collaboration and cohesion in communities disproportionately impacted by inequities in health.

4 funded collaboratives

- Develop resident leadership and expand communities' power to address the social determinants of child health
- Increase coordination among service providers and address service gaps
- Address disparities in neighborhoods and schools through targeted expansion of supports and services

Jan 2021– June 2024 Highlights

- **>4,063** community members engaged
- **954** residents connected to programs or resources through referral networks
- **388** parents or youth engaged in workforce training, coaching, or internships
- **219** youth and residents took on leadership roles
- **157** trainings for youth and resident leaders to build leadership and advocacy skills

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