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BARNSTABLE COUNTY LAUNCHES PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICE DIRECTORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. April 8, 2016 – Barnstable County Department of Human Services announces a newly revised and updated local Service Directory containing service providers and organizations serving the health and human service needs of Barnstable County. The [Public Health and Wellness](http://barnstable.ma.networkofcare.org/ph) (<http://barnstable.ma.networkofcare.org/ph>) site's comprehensive database provides search tools to access local resources on aging, disability, mental health, substance use, housing, and many public health and human service areas.

“The Department is pleased to launch this robust on-line tool,” says Beth Albert, Director of the Department of Human Services. “In addition to providing a comprehensive resource directory, this site is a companion to the Department’s [Behavioral Health](http://barnstable.ma.networkofcare.org/mh/index.aspx) (<http://barnstable.ma.networkofcare.org/mh/index.aspx>) web platform and on-line directory.”

The Public Health and Wellness site is a powerful web-based platform that converts analysis of all health data into customized community health indicators. The tool is especially valuable for assessment and community health planning. The site also provides data and information about community services, laws, and related news.

Key features of the website:

- Provides easy access to vital health and human service information for individuals and families.
- Maximizes the value of local, state, and national health data to determine needs and supports consumers and communities.
- Equips policy makers and consumers to analyze integrated sets of data and brings complex community-health issues into focus.
- Integrates public health model practices and CDC Interventions with each health indicator.
- Keeps the community in touch with the latest developments via the online learning centers, library, and advocacy tools.

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