



New Beginnings with the North Suffolk IRIS Network

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"We have heard of the tremendous difference Healthy Chelsea has made in Chelsea and are grateful for the seeds that will be carried forward by other organizations, including NSPHC. Healthy Chelsea will be missed." - **Amy Izen, Local Leader with the North Suffolk IRIS Network**

As the North Suffolk IRIS Network celebrates their sixth IRIS anniversary in 2026, they are proud to recognize the remarkable partnership and progress that have made this work possible. Through the leadership of Healthy Chelsea bringing this resource to Massachusetts, IRIS has grown from an innovative vision into a trusted community resource, connecting residents with vital health and social services and helping address the social factors that impact well-being.

Over the years of leading IRIS for their community, Healthy Chelsea has built a strong foundation for coordinated care through strong partnerships, provider engagement, workforce training, and the expansion of a robust referral network. Their commitment has fostered stronger collaboration across organizations, improved access to resources, and created new opportunities to address community needs in a more connected and equitable way.

As the community marks this milestone, they are also excited to celebrate a new chapter. Leadership of IRIS is transitioning to the North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative, ensuring that the platform remains a sustainable and growing asset for the communities they serve. Building on the strong foundation established by Healthy Chelsea, the Collaborative will continue to expand community participation, strengthen partnerships, and enhance the use of IRIS as a tool for improving health outcomes across the region.

The IRIS Team extends their sincere gratitude to Healthy Chelsea for their vision, dedication, and years of stewardship. Together, we look forward to the next phase of growth and impact in North Suffolk as they continue connecting people to the resources they need to thrive.