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The YWCA Greater Newburyport Housing Choice Coalition Celebrates its One-Year Anniversary

The YWCA Greater Newburyport announces the One-Year Anniversary of its founding as part of the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) [Municipal Engagement Initiative](#) (MEI) 2023 program. As an MEI community, the Coalition has been able to support the communities of Newburyport, Newbury, Amesbury, Salisbury and West Newbury. We have held 9 community meetings, with a variety of speakers and topics, with 30 to 75 participants in attendance, and have developed a mailing list with over 150 names. The Coalition has successfully advocated for more housing through the MBTA Communities Act in all of our communities and we have been an active participant in the many conversations in Newburyport that include the ADU ordinance and the Brown School

MEI provides support and technical assistance to communities in their efforts to create coalitions in support of affordable housing. With local expertise at the forefront, MEI seeks to help municipalities develop unique, actionable strategies that work within the context of each community.

"Housing is critical to resilient, vibrant communities, and the YWCA of Greater Newburyport has been at the forefront of creating community-based housing for over 100 years", said John Feehan, YWCA Executive Director. "A core piece of our mission is to empower women and housing is a foundation for women's empowerment. The fact

is that children under the age of 18 represent almost 40% of the total homeless population in the country, with the majority supported by single women."

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Join the Housing Coalition to discuss housing issues, strategies and challenges in our communities and learn how you can become an advocate for housing equity. Our next meeting will be held on November 21 at 6PM on-line - register here:

<https://bit.ly/4bdPiii>

For more information about the coalition, check out our website at

<https://www.ywcanewburyport.org/housing-choice-coalition/>