

# Service Integration Team

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Develops a network that will help connect those who are food insecure through:

- Integrated services that knit together the safety net resources in our region
- Health industry collaboration that promotes food as medicine
- Integrates nutrition programs into other safety net programs
- Increases access to healthy food in food deserts and food swamps

**2018 Focus:** After implementing and monitoring a successful Food Insecurity Screening Referral Pilot in 2017, this team is overseeing an expansion of this initiative both in Holyoke and Franklin County. We are also looking closely at access to services and how we can work on replicating successful transportation efforts in Western Massachusetts. One question we have – should we focus more on bringing services to people or people to services?

This team has been meeting monthly at the Holyoke Health Center.