

An Introduction to



The City of Worcester

Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Youth Opportunities



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Meet Our Team



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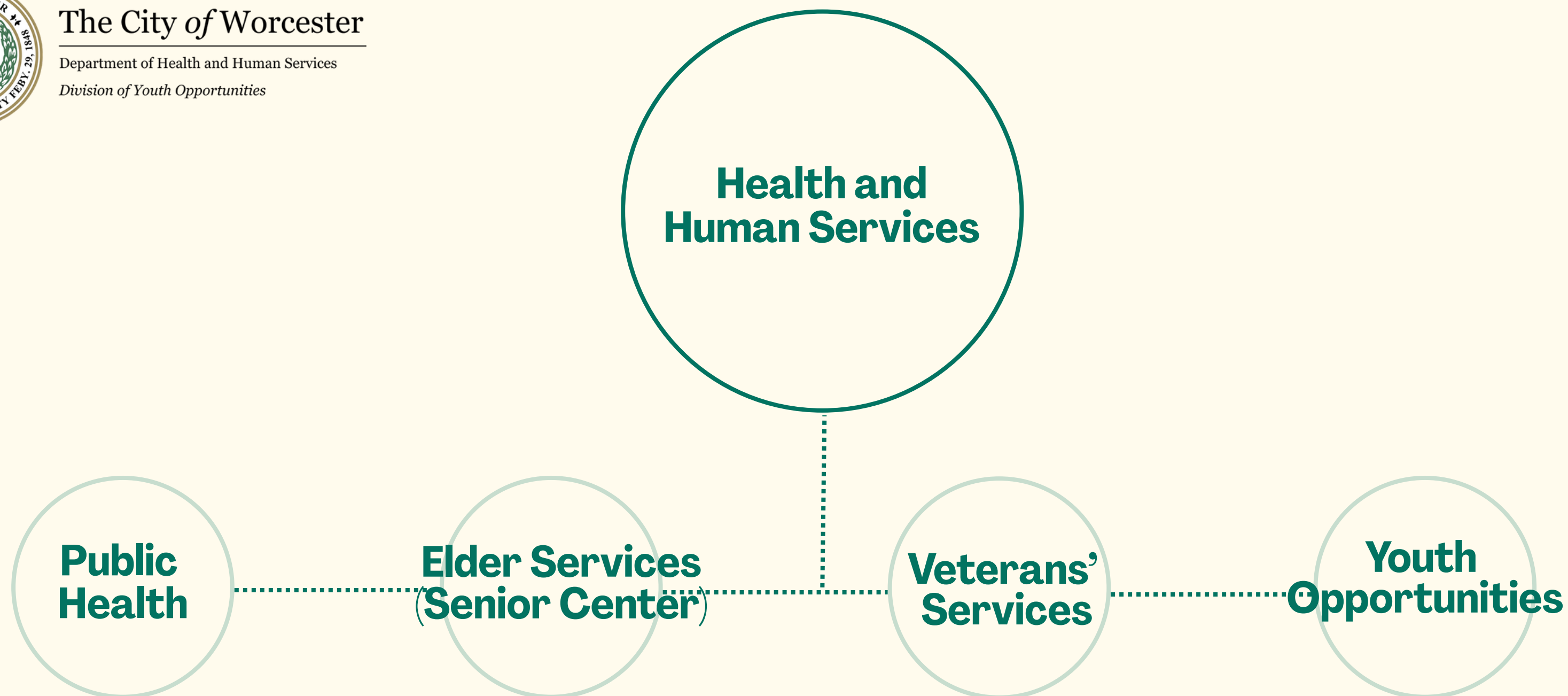
more than 100 part-time staff, seasonal staff, and interns, mostly ages 15-24, who work in our programs!



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*That's us! Sometimes we abbreviate to "DYO" for
"Division of Youth Opportunities"*



Where are we?

Our offices are located at the Worcester Senior Center!

**128 Providence Street
Worcester, MA
01610**

**Accessible via bus #11 and #1.
Parking provided.**



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Youth Opportunities, a division of Health & Human Services, was created to provide leadership, support and advocacy for youth through the introduction of coordinated programs focused on positive youth development and youth employment.

Mission

Collaborate and influence systems, stakeholders and the Worcester community to create justice for youth.

Vision

Through community driven efforts, leverage resources to support youth-centered opportunities that create equity.



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**What is something you always
loved to do after school?**



Free, 6-week summer program for youth ages 7-12

Employment opportunity for youth ages 15+

Job skill development, leadership training, and mentorship opportunity for young adults

A chance to partner with community members who bring wonderful programs to our youth

Fun, recreational activities to engage young people + develop learning and social skills



Mentorship Leadership Experience

13-15 year old participants

6-week day program

Community partners & resources

Fieldtrip and workshop- centered curriculum

Leadership skills, self-sufficiency, community connections



What was your first job like?

Summer Job Opportunities

Mentorship Leadership Experience (MLE)

- ★ Site Coordinator
- ★ Program Coordinators

★ Getting started!

★ Leveling up!

★ Experienced!

Recreation Worcester

- ★ Site Coordinator
- ★ Assistant Site Coordinator
- ★ Youth Worker

Organizational Support

- ★ Administrative Assistant
- ★ Case Manager



Youth Council



10 high-school aged youth from each of Worcester's districts
Design civics and community projects on youth issues in our city
Meet with and discuss issues with the City Manager
Hosting youth opportunities & events



Worcester Cares 4 Kids

Hybrid babysitting certification course for children ages 11-14

5-week course with online classes & in-person CPR training

Registration is FREE

Graduates get a certificate, babysitting toolkit, and \$100 stipend



Shannon CSI and Safe & Successful Youth Initiative

Youth violence prevention & intervention programs

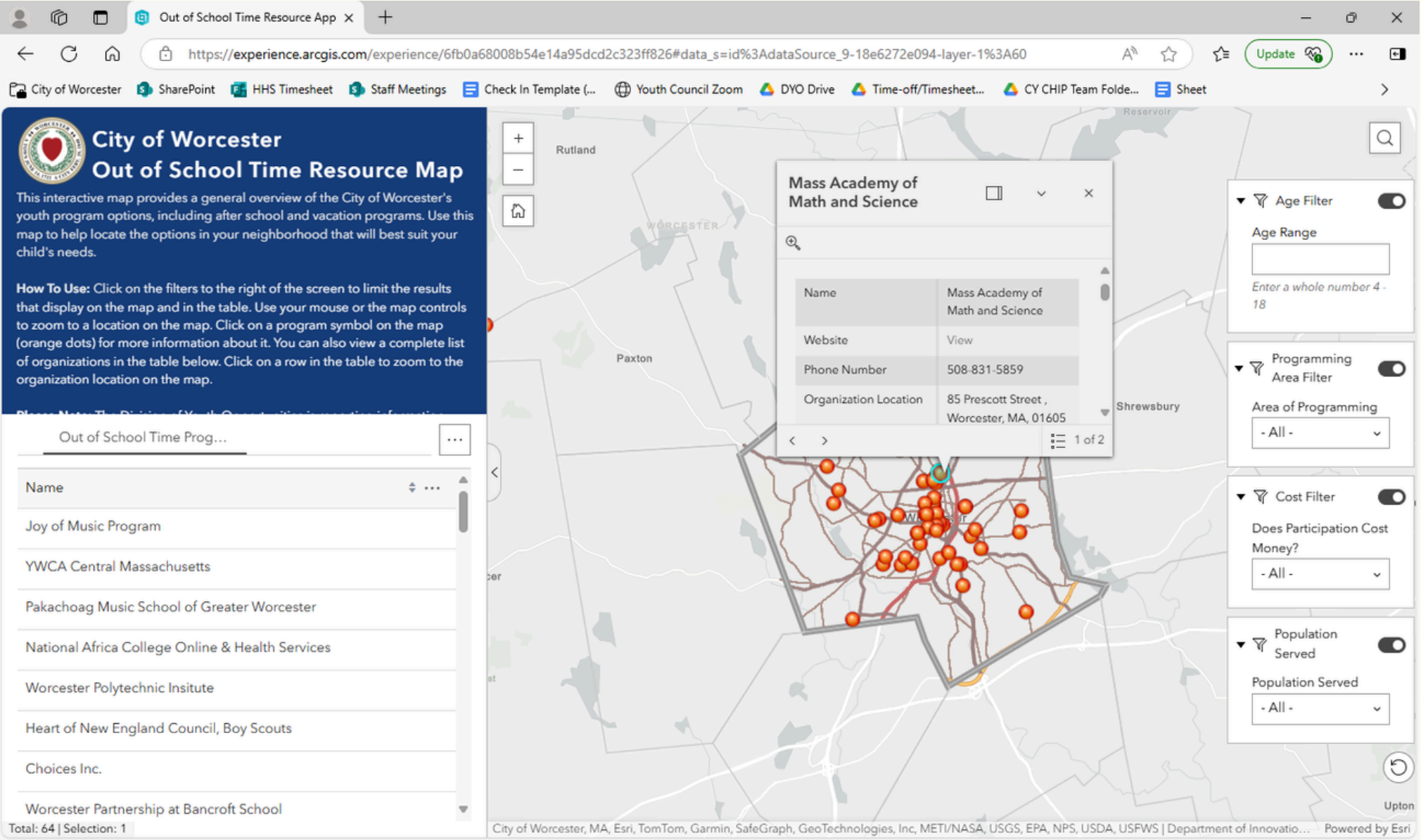
State grant funded

**Collaborations with partners across the city for resources:
employment, education, case management**

The work of the Worcester Youth Violence Prevention Initiative is organized into three priority areas:

- **To increase youth and families' access to support and assets by addressing barriers to community resources.**
- **To prevent and treat trauma and to promote healing from past trauma.**
- **To foster opportunities for diversion from the criminal justice system at every decision point possible - from police, to schools, to the courts.**

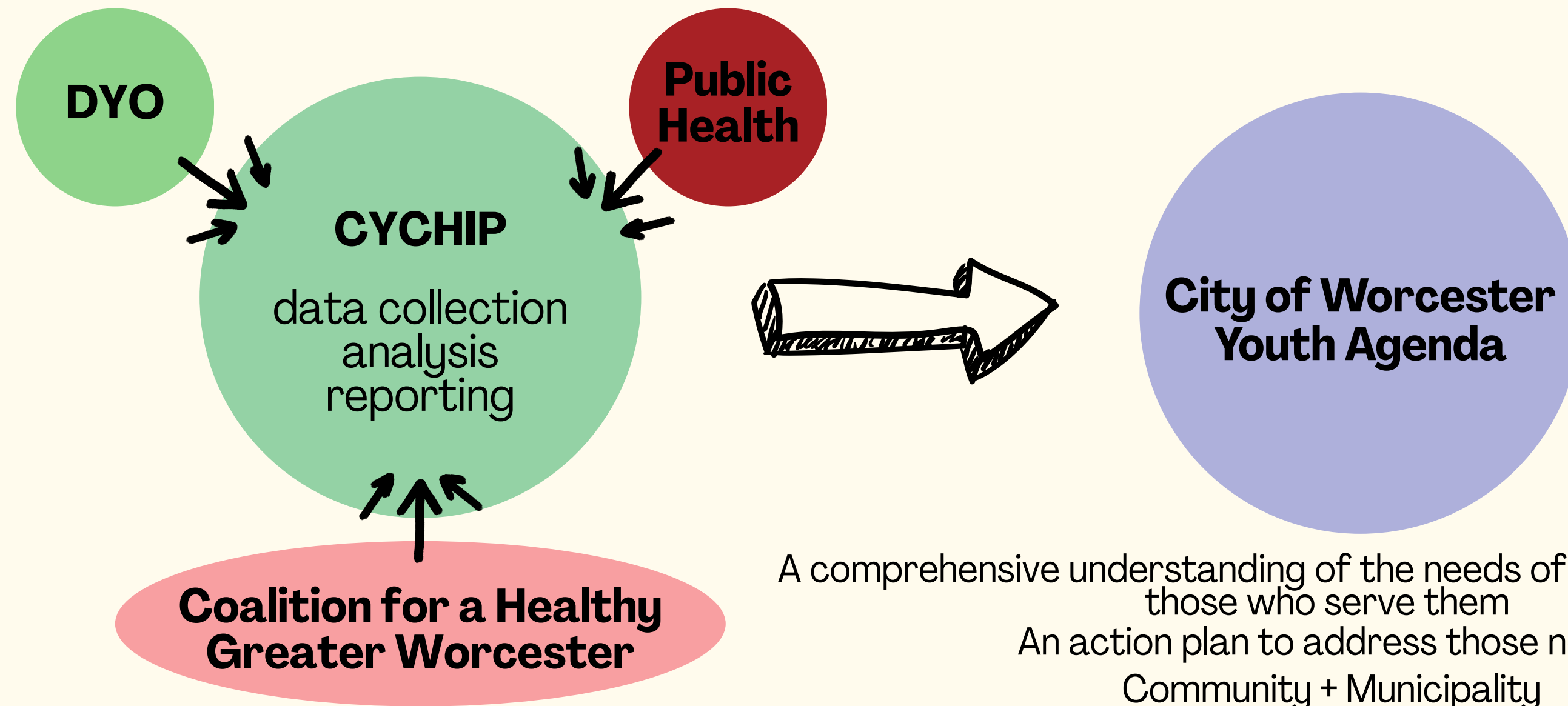
Out of School Time Program Map



Find this resource on our website!



Children and Youth CHIP (CYCHIP) and Youth Agenda



Thank You!

Do you have any questions?

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