Serving the Massachusetts communities of East Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is a community health center focused on providing easily accessible and affordable primary care to those living in the communities it serves. EBNHC is also committed to developing and empowering its employees. East Boston Neighborhood Health Center has been recognized as a 2015 CareerSTAT Frontline Worker Champion because of its diverse training programs, comprehensive employee engagement, and significant community investment.

Over half of EBNHC’s employees reside in its service area of East Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop, Massachusetts.

Through a variety of programs and partnerships with community organizations, EBNHC offers multiple diverse training opportunities including language training through its Learn at Work Program and access to various key skills classes through its Education and Training Institute (ETI) and as a Bunker Hill Community College satellite.

More than one-third of EBNHC’s frontline workers participate in training and professional development programs.

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EBNHC DIRECTLY INVESTED IN OVER 50 EMPLOYEES THIS YEAR.

- **30** Employees Invested In
  - Learn at Work Certified Auxiliary Interpreter*
  - Learn at Work ESOL Program
  - ETI Students at Bunker Hill Community College
- **16**

*Certified Auxiliary Interpreters can earn up to $1,500 per year on top of their regular salary for serving in the role of an interpreter in their departments.
FRONTLINE SUCCESS

Facing years of struggle, Krishna Kharel spent 20 years in a refugee camp without consistent access to education or nutrition. In 2009, Krishna immigrated to the U.S. and began working long hours in various jobs. Wanting not just a job but a career, Krishna enrolled in a Medical Assistant training program at Everest Institute and received his diploma in 2011. After completing an internship with EBNHC, Krishna was hired as a Medical Assistant and began working alongside physicians to perform administrative and clinical duties. Exemplifying personal warmth and professional dedication, Krishna continued to advance himself through EBNHC’s Learn at Work program and developed fluency in Hindu, English, and Spanish. Today, Krishna is a multilingual, professional role model who can confidently interact with staff, patients, and his community.

EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER

EBNHC provides frontline employees as well as community members with the education and skills training needed to begin or advance in a career in health care. By providing training to employees and community members, EBNHC has created a source of qualified and educated employees that meet its staffing needs.

BUSINESS IMPACT

Since 2013, voluntary resignations at EBNHC have fallen by 30 percent. Based on the 2014 Employee Survey, EBNHC’s staff engagement is four percent higher than the national benchmark and the number of staff that would recommend EBNHC as a place to work is seven percent higher than the national average.

30% reduction in voluntary resignations

4% higher staff engagement compared to the national benchmark

7% higher, the number of staff who would recommend EBNHC as a place to work, compared to the national average

NOTE FROM THE CEO

President and CEO Manny Lopes believes that EBNHC’s success is built upon the hard work of its employees. He says that EBNHC has worked “to create a culture that supports and nurtures our employees and provides opportunities for personal and professional growth.” As a proud 2014 recipient of the Boston Globe’s “Top Places to Work” designation, he believes that EBNHC’s investment and training reflect its employee-focused environment and culture of personal development.

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