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### Growing in the Community

#### Dudley Neighborhood College

Childcare providers just completed the third and final class of the Early Education and Care Certificate at Project HOPE in Dudley Square. A proposal is being submitted to expand this program and work on a sustainability plan.

Institute staff are now meeting with additional agencies in the Dudley neighborhood to explore their interest in establishing courses in other content areas. The program is not offering a degree in the neighborhood, but providing a step closer to college for Dudley residents and workers. By providing courses in the neighborhood we are addressing critical needs related to time, location, and familiarity, aired at the agency and community meetings held prior to the start-up of the program.