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Dukes County Hires New Director of Health and Human Services

On Monday, January 5, 2026, County Manager, Martina Thornton, appointed Diane Conroy-LaCivita, to serve as the new Dukes County Health and Human Services Director. Ms. Conroy-LaCivita will be overseeing and managing the Dukes County Health Care Access and Public Benefits Access departments, as well as overseeing Emergency Fund distributions and other key public programs offered to the Islands' residents.

Conroy-LaCivita brings a strong history of Public management and non-profit experience to this critical role. Since 2017, she served as the Executive Director for Colonie Senior Services Centers in Albany, NY, a nonprofit organization providing housing, transportation, health and wellness congregate meals and other social services to residents across several counties. In that role, she worked closely with municipalities, counties, and the state to implement new programs and improve service delivery. Prior to that, she served as the Executive Director of the International Center of the Capital Region, focusing on helping immigrant populations to assimilate into the community, as well as hosting delegations from around the globe.

Diane is bringing over 20-years of executive level management experience and a proven track record of implementing innovative solutions by developing multiagency collaborative relationships. She has leveraged partnerships to bring new initiatives to the communities she served for increased impact and improved delivery of public services.

Martina Thornton, Dukes County Manager:

"We're excited to have Diane Conroy-LaCivita join our team as the new Dukes County Health and Human Services Director. I feel confident that she has the right skill set needed to bring a professional level of services to our community and be effective in her new role. I am looking forward to her meeting all our partners and becoming the new face of the Dukes County Health and Human Services.

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Fuel Assistance/ Utility Assistance
Social Security Disability, Social Security Insurance
Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children(EAEDC)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)
Unemployment Insurance



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What is the Homestead Act?

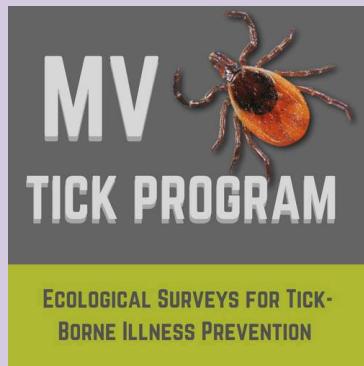
The Massachusetts Homestead Act is a law under which a homeowner is protected by an Estate of Homestead. A Homestead provides limited protection against the forced sale of a homeowner's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$1M. The Homestead Act is Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 188.

The homestead estate is designed to protect home ownership from execution and forced sale, so long as the owner or covered family member occupies or intends to

occupy the property as his or her principal place of residence.

For more information about the Homestead, please consult the Registry's website
www.dukescountydeeds.org

Tick Information



MV Substance Use Disorder Coalition



Behavioral Health Help Line

Community Behavioral Health Centers are closely connected to the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line. The Behavioral Health Help Line is a 24/7 clinical hotline staffed by trained behavioral health providers and peer coaches who offer clinical assessment, treatment referrals, and crisis triage services. Help Line staff directly connect callers with their nearest CBHC and perform a warm handoff when appropriate.

The Help Line is available in more than 200 languages, 24/7, 365 days a year.

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