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Leslie Boden, an urban planner, has worked at the intersection of health and community planning for more than three decades. Hers is an integrative approach that promotes the ability of all people to live full, active, healthy lives. Through close collaboration with professionals, community members, public officials, and others, she has developed projects at many scales, neighborhood to statewide, and in a wide-range of types. Among these are creating opportunities for physical activity in parks and on city streets, making fresh food and primary health care accessible and affordable, recommending strategies to ensure equity in a rapidly developing, post-industrial area, and supporting implementation of workplace-based wellness initiatives for all municipal employees.

With CCCE, Leslie has designed and led participatory planning processes in the Mott Haven Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, the Bronx CB7 Land Use Study, and the Stamford, Connecticut *South End Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Plan*. In these, as in other efforts, she has helped ensure that strategies, programs, and plans reflect communities' concerns and priorities. Leslie has produced tools and publications used in creating school and youth gardens, planning community-based food systems, and advocating for community health centers. As a painter and, previously, a presenter of the cultural arts of NYC's immigrant communities, she brings an appreciation of the power of the arts to strengthen social ties, express desires, and sustain joy. Leslie has an MS in Urban Planning from Columbia University and a BA from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.