

**LIFT
OUR
KIDS**

Please Co-Sponsor an Act to
Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty
Rep. Decker & Sen. DiDomenico
HD 507 / SD 501

This bill sets a floor for cash assistance benefits at 50% of the federal poverty level.

- Cash assistance grants are only \$783/month for a family of three.
- This is still far below the Deep Poverty level (half the federal poverty level) of \$1,036/month for a family of three.
- The bill raises the maximum grants for TAFDC (families) and EAEDC (elders and persons with disabilities) by 25% a year until they reach Deep Poverty and then increases grants each year to keep pace with inflation.



“Toward the end of the month, there will be days I don’t eat to make sure [my son] eats, because that’s my son. I have to make sure that he has.”
- T.F., parent

Deep Poverty Hurts Kids

Health and emotional damage · Impaired school performance
Toxic stress · Homelessness & housing instability

HELP END DEEP POVERTY THIS SESSION

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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

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Action Inc.
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Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs
Alliance of MA YWCAs
Allston Brighton Health Collaborative
Amherst Survival Center
ARISE for Social Justice
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)
Baker Center for Children and Youth
Berkshire Community Diaper Project
Bethany Hill Place
Beverly Bootstraps
BMC Immigrant & Refugee Health Center
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Boston Teachers Union
Brazilian Women's Group
Bridges Homeward
Brookview House, Inc.
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee
Cape Cod Children's Place
Casa Myrna
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston
Central West Justice Center
Child Health Equity Center
Children's HealthWatch
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts
Children's League of Massachusetts
Chinese Progressive Association
City Mission Boston
Clarendon Early Education Services, Inc.
Coalition for Social Justice
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
Community Action Pioneer Valley
Community Teamwork
Cradles to Crayons
Crossroads Family Center
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Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham
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DOVE
East Boston Social Centers
Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.
Eliot Family Resource Center
FamilyAid Boston
Fenway Health/AIDS Action Committee
Greater Boston Food Bank
Greater Boston Legal Services
HarborCOV
Heading Home, Inc.
Health Care for All
Homes for Families
HomeStart, Inc.

HopeWell
Horizons for Homeless Children
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health, Somerville
Immigrants' Assistance Center, Inc.
Inner City Weightlifting
International Institute of New England
Jane Doe Inc.
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Family and Children's Service
Jumpstart
Justice Center of Southeast MA
Justice Resource Institute
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League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Massachusetts AFL-CIO
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)
Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MassCAP)
Massachusetts Association of Early Education & Care (MADCA)
Massachusetts Association for Mental Health
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Massachusetts Community Action Network
Massachusetts Head Start Association
Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts Nurses Association
Mass. PPD Fund
Massachusetts School Nurse Organization, Inc.
Massachusetts Teachers Association
Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
Merrimack Valley Project
Metro Boston Housing
Metrowest Legal Services
MLPB
National Association of Social Workers, Mass. Chapter
New England Jewish Labor Committee
North Shore Postpartum Help
Northeast Justice Center
Northeastern University School of Law Clinics
Nurtury
One Family, Inc.
Open Pantry Community Services Inc.
Parenting Journey
Parents Union of Massachusetts

Pathways for Children
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund
Plummer Youth Promise
Poor People's United Fund
Progressive Massachusetts
Project Bread
Project Hope
Providers' Council
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
Reproductive Equity Now
Roca
Rosie's Place
SEIU 32BJ Local 615
SEIU Local 509
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
Somerville Homeless Coalition
Springfield No One Leaves
Springfield Partners for Community Action
Square One
St. Mary's Center for Women and Children
Stavros Center for Independent Living
StreetCred
The Family Pantry – Damien's Place
The Home for Little Wanderers
The Neighborhood Developers
The Open Door
The Pettengill House, Inc.
Those Who Can for Those in Need
Transition House
UAW Region 9A Mass. State CAP Council
Union of Minority Neighborhoods
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network
United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts
United South End Settlements
United Way Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley
UpTogether
Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, Inc.
Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness
Witnesses to Hunger, Boston
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts
Worcester County Food Bank
Worcester Food Policy Council
Workforce Solutions Group
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YWCA Southeastern MA
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