February 18, 2015

Just Over Two Weeks to Go! Register Today to Join Us at the State House on March 5th for Legislative Action Day 2015!

Want to learn more? Join us this Monday, 2/23 for a training call to prep for Legislative Action Day.

Greetings!

As the winter goes on with incredible force, we continue to be reminded of the urgency of our shared work to prevent and end homelessness—to ensure that everyone in the Commonwealth has a safe, permanent, and warm place to call home all year-round. To help us work toward that goal, we hope that you can join the Coalition on Thursday, March 5th for this year’s Legislative Action Day at the State House.

Take a Minute to Help the Coalition’s A Bed for Every Child Win New Beds for Children

From now until March 2nd, you can vote once per day for the Coalition’s A Bed for Every Child Initiative in the IKEA Life Improvement Challenge. Just follow this link, choose the Stoughton, MA store, and vote for the Coalition. It’s that easy.

If we win, we will have even more brand new beds and...
bedding to distribute to children living in poverty, helping them get a good night’s sleep.

Thank you!

To learn more about A Bed for Every Child, please click here.

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Sign Up Today for Our Pre-Legislative Action Day Training Call, to Be Held Next Monday, February 23rd

The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless will be offering a training via conference call to help you become better prepared to participate in our upcoming Legislative Action Day 2015.

Join with advocates, providers, and concerned citizens from across the state to strengthen the movement to prevent and end homelessness!

Conference Call Details:

Date: **Monday, February 23, 2015**

Time: **11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Dial-in Number: **712-775-7031**

Access Code: **988-871-622#**

[RSVP for the call here](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=07dd1129-22d9-4c7f-a1bc-c61481e4af9d&c=1ea17580-ddaf-11e3-be58-d4ae52a459cd&ch=1f6b0710-ddaf-1dd7-3b68-87f6c7148033) or by emailing Kelly, so that we can send you the training materials.
Legislative Action Day 2015 at the State House on March 5th

Your voice and collaboration are critical for protecting and promoting investment in key housing and homelessness programs! Please follow this link to learn more about our upcoming Legislative Action Day at the State House on Thursday, March 5th. Register online today or download this version of the registration form to complete and send back to us.

Scheduled speakers for Legislative Action Day include:

- State Representative Jim O’Day (West Boylston), host of Legislative Action Day and lead sponsor of An Act Relative to Assisting Elders and People with Disabilities in the Commonwealth (a.k.a. the EAEDC bill)
- State Senator Harriette Chandler (Worcester), Senate Majority Leader and member of the Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- State Representative William Smitty Pignatelli (Lenox), lead sponsor of An Act Providing a Homeless Bill of Rights
State Representative Denise Provost (Somerville), lead sponsor of An Act to End Child Homelessness (see #3)
Youth from Temple Israel in Boston who were key team players in the campaign to pass the unaccompanied youth homelessness bill
Families, adults, and youth who are experiencing homelessness, who will talk about the importance of programs such as Emergency Assistance (EA), the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP), the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP), etc.
Coalition staff

Still Need Help in Setting Up Meetings with Your Legislators for March 5th?

We are eager to help! Email Tina at tina@mahomeless.org or call 781-595-7570, press 0, and then asked to be transferred to extension 25.

For more details, please reach out to Kelly Turley at kelly@mahomeless.org/781-595-7570 x17 or Exa Mendez at exa@mahomeless.org/781-595-7570 x16.

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Please join us in raising money to help end homelessness, just by searching the Internet or shopping online with GoodSearch.

GoodSearch for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless by following this link: http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=849550.