

**LIFT  
OUR  
KIDS**

Please Co-Sponsor an Act to  
**Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty**  
Rep. Decker & Sen. DiDomenico  
HB 144 / SB 75

**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

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.  
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  
De Novo Center for Justice and Healing  
Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham  
DotHouse Health  
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  
JVS Boston  
Lawrence Community Works  
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  
YW Boston  
YWCA Cambridge  
YWCA Lowell  
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YWCA Newburyport  
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