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Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless *Campaign to Strengthen Assistance for the Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC) Program*

Dear friend,

When the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless decides to pursue a policy campaign, we work with individuals from many walks of life and together, we seek dignity and opportunity for community members across the regions of the Commonwealth. The upcoming Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC) campaign is no different. With our eyes on FY'16, we are excited to begin the groundwork research and organizing needed to reignite a campaign to strengthen EAEDC. This is a program that aids some of the most vulnerable individuals among us, and it is time to call one another to action again.

This communication is a step-by-step guide to get involved with this EAEDC movement. Please connect with us if you believe a program participant of your organization may be positively impacted by a stronger EAEDC program or you if you agree with the Coalition that we simply cannot wait any longer to strengthen EAEDC.

Join the Emergency Aid to Elderly,
Disabled, and Children (EAEDC)
Campaign to Strengthen Assistance

Today's EAEDC Reality

Share Your Experiences!



For the EAEDC
"Campaign to Strengthen
Assistance", we are seeking to
learn more about how you or
your organization is affected by
the current EAEDC climate!

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For More Information

For more information on this and
our other policy campaigns,
please visit us at
<http://mahomeless.org/advocacy>

Please Take Our Brief Survey!

Empower Your Program Participants

Survey Link

To fill out our EAEDC survey for organizations with program participants accessing EAEDC benefits and assistance, please [click here](#).

Join Our Mailing List!

Today's EAEDC Reality



EAEDC is a cash assistance and limited medical benefits program that is maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance for individuals in need who meet criteria as either disabled, elderly, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission participants, persons caring for a disabled household member, and some children. While the Commonwealth has provided EAEDC benefits for eligible recipients since the program's beginnings

almost three decades ago, the monthly grant amount has remained unchanged at \$303.70 per month since 1988. We believe that this is the time to strengthen that assistance!

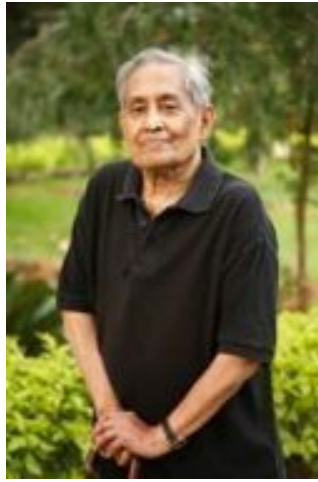
For more information about EAEDC, please visit the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute's Advocacy Guide [here](#).

Participate in Our Brief Survey!

We are committed to working with individuals, organizations, communities, and the Commonwealth's elected leaders to promote greater opportunity equity for all by reinforcing support for the EAEDC program. We'd like to know your experience supporting your program participants through the EAEDC processes of application and access to the supportive services made available through EAEDC participation.

Please follow this [survey link](#) to fill out an eight-question

survey about your organization's EAEDC experience with program participants and your policy recommendations for the future! As our social change colleagues, your experience is valuable to us!



Program Participant Empowerment!

We would like to de-mystify the image of individuals participating in EAEDC aid by sharing their stories of perseverance and survival in a pilot project, "**Enduring Voices.**" Help us to gather program participants to fill out a short, five-question survey which will allow us to collect and summarize details of their story. Participants will be encouraged to share any additional thoughts on their EAEDC experience with us.



We look forward to organizing with you!

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