

February 5, 2018

Greetings!

Just over three weeks to go! We hope to see you at the State House for our annual [Legislative Action Day](#) on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the State House in the Great Hall (second floor). The event will be hosted by State Representative Jim O'Day. The day will begin with check-in and light breakfast catered by Haley House Bakery Cafe starting at 9 a.m., with the speaking program from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In the afternoon, participants will fan out across the State House to meet with legislators and their staff.

We will be holding a [training call](#) next Tuesday, February 13th at 11:30 a.m. to help you prepare for Legislative Action Day. The training call and Legislative Action Day will focus on advocating for the Coalition's [key FY'19 budget requests and 2017-2018 bill priorities](#). Please [sign up to participate in the call](#) or to learn more. We will have time on the call to answer general and specific questions you may have.



Prepare for Advocacy & Action! Pre-Legislative Action Day Training Call

The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless will be offering a training via conference call to help participants prepared to take part in our upcoming Legislative Action Day 2018.

At Legislative Action Day, we will be pushing for key budget and bill priorities, such as increasing funding for the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program (RAFT) to \$18.5 million and maintaining the expanded eligibility criteria that allows both families with children, individuals, and other family configurations to access the program; increasing the funding to \$4 million for housing and services for unaccompanied youth and young adults; allowing families to access Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter without having to first stay in a place not meant for human habitation; eliminating the homelessness penalty in the Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children program (EAEDC) that leaves participants experiencing homelessness with a monthly grant of only \$92.80/month; and passing the bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness;.

Learn more and join with advocates, providers, and concerned citizens from across Massachusetts to strengthen the movement to prevent and end homelessness!

Training Call Details

Date: Tuesday, February 13th
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Call-in Number: 712-775-7031
Access Code: 988-871-622#

To register for the February 13th training call, please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/lbppMn5IS4pZVcrb2>.

To register for the February 27th Legislative Action Day, please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/sEE2g8rqGvh9yAJr1>.

For more information, please go to www.mahomeless.org/advocacy/item/legislative-action-day-2018 or email Kelly Turley at kelly@mahomeless.org.

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With gratitude,

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SPEAK OUT TO END HOMELESSNESS!



Join the **Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless** for **Legislative Action Day 2018**

Hosted by Representative Jim O'Day
Tuesday, February 27th
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Great Hall, Massachusetts State House
 24 Beacon St. Boston, MA
 RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/MCHLAD2018>

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