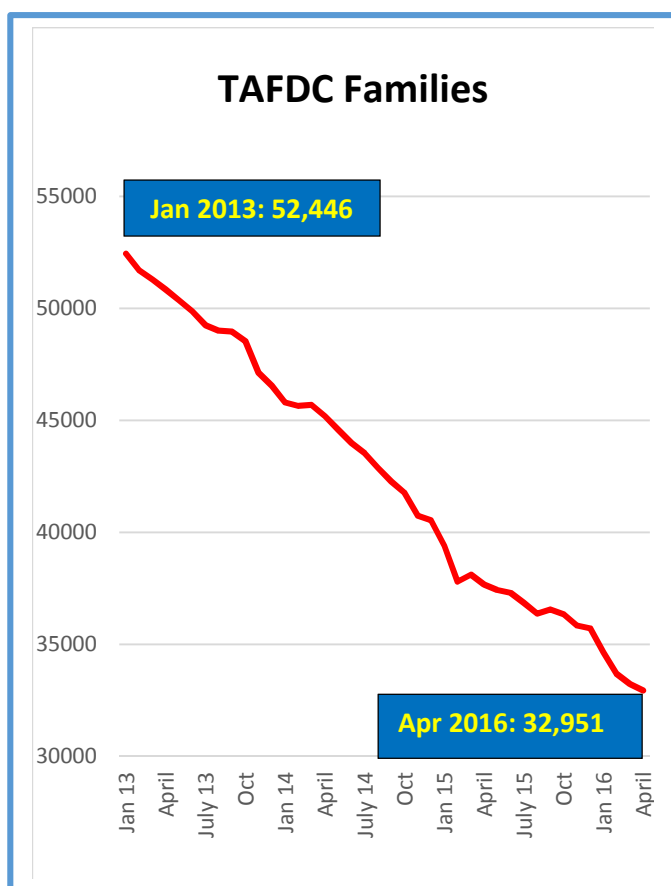


Stop the Administration from cutting TAFDC eligibility for our lowest income families!

Please co-sponsor these amendments to **Stop These Cuts!**

- **State Disability Standard (Sen. L'Italien):** This amendment would require DTA to keep and update the state disability standard, which the Administration plans to eliminate. DTA projects that 2,200 families headed by a severely disabled parent will be cut off if the parent doesn't comply with work requirements and will lose all of their benefits after two years even if they do comply. *Contact Erin.Riley@masenate.gov.*
- **TAFDC Job Search (Sen. Donnelly):** This amendment would give TAFDC applicants 60 days to do job search instead of requiring job search before benefits are approved. This is what was intended in the 2014 welfare law. The amendment also requires DTA to help applicants meet the job search requirement. Under the Administration's job search plans, hundreds of applicants for TAFDC will be denied benefits each month for not meeting job search requirements—even though they are destitute and in crisis, with no child care or money for transportation or cell phone minutes. *Contact Hannah.Buntich@masenate.gov.*
- **TAFDC Caretaker Exemption (Sen. Barrett):** This amendment would keep the longstanding exemption from TAFDC work rules and time limits for parents who need to care for a close relative with a disability. The 2014 welfare law did not direct DTA to narrow this exemption. Under the Administration's plans, 1,100 parents who are caring for their own disabled parent or grandparent would have to stop providing care so they can meet TAFDC work requirements; otherwise they will lose the TAFDC for themselves and their children. *Contact Rosalie.Fazio@masenate.gov.*

The TAFDC Caseload is Plummeting. STOP the Administration from making more cuts!



Partial list of supporting organizations:

- Action for Boston Community Development
- Arise for Social Justice
- Boston Center for Independent Living
- Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
- Brazilian Women’s Group
- Central West Justice Center
- Children’s Health Watch
- Coalition for Social Justice
- Disability Law Center
- Disability Policy Consortium
- Economic Mobility Pathways
- Elizabeth Freeman Center
- Greater Boston Legal Services
- Home for Families
- Justice Center of Southeast Mass.
- Mass. Alliance on Teen Pregnancy
- Mass. Coalition for the Homeless
- Mass. Law Reform Institute
- MassCAP
- Medical-Legal Partnership | Boston
- Northeast Justice Center
- Poor People’s United Fund
- Rosie’s Place
- Viet-AID
- Vietnamese American Civic Association
- Vietnamese American Community of Mass.

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