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Food Assistance

SNAP (Food Stamps) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

About The SNAP Food Stamp Program is a government assistance program to help low-income households buy food. SNAP food stamps can be used to buy almost any food item in any supermarket where you usually shop for food. People who use SNAP food stamps can spend the money they save to help pay their other bills.

Eligibility

To get SNAP food stamps in Massachusetts, your household:

- must buy food and prepare meals to eat at home. There are some exceptions to this rule:
 - If you live in subsidized elderly housing, a drug and alcohol treatment center, a group home for the disabled/blind, a battered women's shelter, or a homeless shelter, you may be eligible for SNAP food stamps even if your meals are provided.
 - If you are a senior age 60 or older, or an SSI recipient, you can get food stamps to pay for meals at approved nonprofit communal dining centers.
 - If you are a senior age 60 or older or you are not able to prepare your own food, you can get food stamps to pay for approved nonprofit home-delivered meal service such as Meals on Wheels.
- must live in Massachusetts
- must meet financial eligibility requirements.

Household members who are applying for benefits:

- must have Social Security numbers (or apply for them).
- must be U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens.
- must meet food stamp work requirements unless exempt from the work requirement.

Some households are automatically eligible for SNAP food stamps.

- Households where all members are receiving TAFDC or EAEDC are automatically eligible for SNAP food stamps and do not need to file separate applications.

Benefits The amount of SNAP food stamps you get depends on your household size, income, and expenses. You are expected to spend about 30% of your household income on food. In 2009, the average monthly food stamps

benefit in Massachusetts was about \$250 per household.

- Apply for benefits
- Online: <http://www.massresources.org/snap-apply.html>
 - By telephone (Brockton office): 508-895-7000
 - Toll-free number (state): 866-950-3663
 - In person (Brockton office):
75 Commercial Street
Brockton, MA 02302
 - Mon – Fri, 8:00am – 5:00pm
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Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

About WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify.

- Eligibility You can participate in WIC if you:
- Live in Massachusetts
 - Have a nutritional need (WIC staff can help you determine this)
 - Are a child under 5, a new mom, or a pregnant or breastfeeding woman
 - Have a family income less than WIC guidelines
 - If you currently get TAFDC, Food Stamps or MassHealth (Medicaid), you are automatically income eligible. Foster kids under age 5 are automatically eligible for WIC.
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- Benefits
- Personalized nutrition information, consultations and support
 - Checks to buy free, healthy food
 - Tips for eating well to improve health
 - Referrals for medical and dental care, health insurance, child care, housing and fuel assistance, and other services that can benefit the whole family
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- Apply for benefits
- By telephone (Brockton office): 508-588-8241
 - State number: 800-942-1007
 - In person (Brockton office):
795 Pleasant Street
Brockton, MA 02301
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Meals on Wheels

About Meals on Wheels are prepared nutritious meals that are delivered to homebound seniors age 60 or older and their spouses. The drivers who deliver the meals make daily contact and check on the well-being of seniors they visit. The drivers report any health or other problems they see during their visits.

Eligibility To be eligible for Meals on Wheels, you must be a senior age 60 or over, homebound, and unable to cook your own meals at home.

Benefits

- Meals on Wheels drivers deliver one hot meal per day, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. In some cases, they will also deliver two cold box meals or frozen meals that you can heat up in a microwave for the weekend.
- Meals on Wheels drivers visit with meal recipients and check on their well-being. They report on any health or other problems they see during their visits, such as a need for housekeeping help or home repairs.

Apply for benefits

Abington residents

- In person: at the Commission on Aging
500 Gliniewicz Way
Abington, MA 02351
- By telephone: 781-982-2145

East Bridgewater residents

- In person: at the Office of Elderly Affairs
137 Central Street
East Bridgewater, MA 02333
- By telephone: 508-378-1610

Whitman residents

- In person at: the Council on Aging
16 Hayden Avenue
Whitman, MA 02382
- By telephone: 781-447-7619

South Shore Elder Services

- In person at:
1515 Washington Street
Braintree, MA 02184

- By telephone: 781-848-3910
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Food Pantries and Free Meals

About Food pantries are places where people in need can go to get free food (mostly canned and packaged foods) to take home with them to prepare. Free meal programs, such as soup kitchens, are places where people can go to eat cooked meals free of charge.

Eligibility Anyone in need is welcome at food pantries and free meal programs. Most of the programs operate on a walk-in basis, but some ask you to call ahead before going. Some programs limit your visits or ask that you meet income guidelines.

Locations, availability, and contact information

| Food pantry | Notes and restrictions | Telephone number |
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| Harvest House Food Pantry 127 North Quincy St. Abington, MA | Open the first and third Saturday; 10am – 12pm. Abington residents only. | 781-857-2820 |
| SVDP, Abington Food Pantry 455 Plymouth St. | Tuesday 5:00pm - 7:30pm. Eligibility restrictions. Abington residents only. | 781-878-1194 |
| Catholic Charities Brockton Pantry: 686 North Main St. | Monday - Friday, hours vary. Eligibility restrictions. | 508-587-0815 |
| Brockton Assembly of God: 199 Warren Ave. | Friday 10am – 12pm. Identification required. | 508-583-7222 |
| Brockton Temple SDA Food Pantry: 28 Warren Ave. | Opens the fourth Wednesday of each month; 9:30am - 11:30am. Eligibility restrictions. | 508-588-8436 |
| Charity Guild Food Pantry: 501 Main St. Brockton, MA | Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am - 12pm or until food is gone. Eligible every 2 months. | 508-583-5280 |
| Dorn Davies Senior Center 1380 Main St. Brockton, MA | Open the third Thursday of each month 12:30pm – 3pm. Brown bag event. | 508-583-2517 |
| Eglise Evangelique de L'Union Chretienne: 144 Belmont St. Brockton, MA | | 508-586-0727. |

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| Food for Friends, First Lutheran Church: 900 Main St. Brockton, MA | Open the second Saturday of each month 10am – 12pm. | 508-586-9021 |
| Full Gospel Tabernacle Food Pantry: 439 Main St. Brockton, MA | Open the second Tuesday of each month 9am – 12pm. Eligibility restrictions. | 508-588-8196 |
| Gethsemane SDA Church Pantry: 34 Nelson St. Brockton, MA | Hours vary. | 508-587-4343. |
| Lincoln Congregational Church: 13 Wales Ave. | Open the third Thursday of each month 3pm – 6pm. Eligible once a month. | 508-587-8219 |
| Lost and Found Ministries: 74 Franklin St. Brockton, MA | | 508-894-2963. |
| Mt. Moriah Emergency Food Program: 24 Pleasant St. Brockton, MA | Open the last two Saturdays of each month 10am - 11:30am. Eligibility restrictions. | 508-588-0833 |
| Salvation Army, Brockton Pantry: 216 Centre St. | Hours vary. Eligibility restrictions | 508-583-1896. |
| St. Edith Stein: 71 East Main St. Brockton, MA | Sunday 11am – 12pm. | 508-586-6491. |
| Trinity Baptist Church Pantry: 1367 Main St. Brockton, MA | Open the last Tuesday of each month 5pm - 6pm. Eligibility restrictions. | 508-588-4668 |
| East Bridgewater Food Pantry: 105 Pleasant St. | Open the second and fourth Wednesday of each month 12:30pm – 2:30pm. Restricted to East Bridgewater residents only. | 508-378-2874. |
| Central Congregational Church, Caring Center Pantry: 14 School St. Middleboro, MA | Monday 9am – 11am, closed on holidays. | 508-946-4838 |
| Love in Action, Central Baptist: 3 Nickerson Ave. Middleboro, MA | Monday 4pm – 5pm and Wednesday 10am – 1pm. | 508-946-1977. |
| Sacred Heart Outreach Pantry: 53 Oak St. Middleboro, MA | | 508-947-1717. |
| Rockland Emergency Food Pantry: 12 Church St. | Wednesday 12pm – 2pm and the third Wednesday of each | 781-878-1078 |

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| | month 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Eligibility restrictions. | |
| SVDP, Holy Family Pantry: 403 Union St. Rockland, MA | | 781-792-0168. |
| SVDP, Whitman Food Pantry: 44 Blake St. | | 781-447-4421 |

Fuel Assistance

Self-Help Inc. in association with Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

About The Fuel Assistance program runs from November 1st through April 30th. It provides assistance in paying for heating costs to over 10,000 households annually in the Self Help service area.

Eligibility Most low-income households are eligible for fuel assistance:

- You may be a citizen or noncitizen
- You may be a homeowner or a renter
- You may pay for your own heat, or it can be included in your rent
- You may use any type of heating fuel (gas, oil, electricity, propane, etc.)
- Gross household income must be within the income limits
- If you live in an assisted living facility, you may be eligible for fuel assistance if heat is not included in your monthly occupancy cost and a heating surcharge is not added to the lease.

You can perform an eligibility check online at:
<http://www.massresources.org/liheap-eligibility-check.html>.

Benefits The amount of fuel assistance you will get depends on your income, your housing status, and your heating costs:

- The lower your income, the higher your benefit amount.
- Benefits are less for people living in subsidized housing.
- Households with very high energy costs the previous year may qualify for an additional high energy benefit.

For specific benefits relative to your income, please visit:
<http://www.massresources.org/liheap-benefits.html>.

Apply for benefits Abington residents

- In person: at the Council on Aging

441 Summer Street
Abington, MA 02351

- By telephone (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings only):
781-982-2145

East Bridgewater residents

- In person: at the Office of Elderly Affairs
137 Central Street
East Bridgewater, MA 02333
- By telephone (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30am – 2pm):
508-378-1610

Whitman residents

- In person at: the Council on Aging
16 Hayden Avenue
Whitman, MA 02382
- By telephone (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30am –
3:30pm): 781-447-7619

Self-Help Inc. (Area office)

- In person at:
1362 Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301
 - By telephone: 508-588-5440
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Additional info. LIHEAP Fuel Assistance Information: 1-800-632-8175

Citizens Energy Heat Assistance Programs

About

Citizens Energy heat assistance programs help low-income people who cannot afford to pay their heating bills. Citizens Energy has a program for people who use heating oil, and a program for people who heat with natural gas.

**Citizens Energy
Oil Heat Program**

The Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program offers free heating oil to people in need. Each eligible household is allowed a one-time delivery per heating season of 100 gallons of home heating oil for free.

**Distrigas Heat
Assistance
Program**

The Distrigas Heat Assistance Program gives a \$150 utility bill credit to eligible households who heat with natural gas. The program is run by Citizens Energy and funded by Distrigas.

Eligibility You must meet these requirements to be eligible:

- You are facing a financial hardship.
- You are not eligible for Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP), or you have used up your LIHEAP benefits (see above section on Self-Help Inc. for more information on LIHEAP).
- You heat with oil, kerosene, or natural gas.
- You are a resident of Massachusetts.
- You have not received financial help from Citizens Energy during this heating season.

There are no citizenship requirements. You do not need proof of immigration status.

Benefits For the **Oil Heat Program**, you will get a voucher for a one-time delivery of 100 gallons of home heating oil for free. You must give your voucher to your oil dealer when you get your delivery.

For the **Distrigas Gas Heat Program**, you will get a \$150 credit on your gas utility bill.

Apply for the **Oil Heat Program** benefits When Citizens Energy is taking applications for the oil heat program:

- By telephone: 877-563-4645
Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM

Citizens Energy will take your application over the phone and then send you an income information form. You must fill out the form, sign it, and return it.

Apply for the **Distrigas Heat Assistance Program** By telephone: 866-427-9918

- Leave a message with your name, address, and phone number.
- Citizens Energy will mail an application to you within 24 hours.

Once you receive the application, you must fill it out and mail it back along with a copy of your gas utility bill.

Good Neighbor Energy Fund

About The Good Neighbor Energy Fund helps Massachusetts residents pay for winter heating fuel and other energy bills. The Fund is for people who are facing a short-term financial crisis and do not qualify for other fuel assistance programs.

Eligibility You can get help from the Good Neighbor Energy Fund if you are in financial need and do not qualify for government energy assistance programs.

- The Fund most often helps people who have an unexpected short-term financial crisis.
- Your immigration status does not matter for this program.

You must meet these requirements to be eligible:

- You are facing a temporary financial crisis that makes you unable to pay your energy bills.
- You are not eligible for government energy assistance programs.
- You are a resident of Massachusetts.
- Your household's gross income is between 60% and 80% of the state median income (SMI – see below).

| | Household size | 60% SMI | 80% SMI |
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| 2011-2012 Income Limits | 1 | \$31,218 | \$41,624 |
| | 2 | \$40,824 | \$54,432 |
| | 3 | \$50,429 | \$67,239 |
| | 4 | \$60,035 | \$80,047 |
| | 5 | \$69,641 | \$92,855 |
| | 6 | \$79,246 | \$105,661 |
| | 7 | \$81,047 | \$108,063 |
| | 8 | \$82,848 | \$110,464 |
| | over 8 | Please call the Salvation Army at 800-334-3047 | |

Benefits The maximum amount you can get from the Fund is \$350 per household per heating season. The funds are paid directly to your energy supplier.

Apply for benefits

- In person at the Centre for Worship and Service:
216 Centre Street
Brockton, MA 02303
- By telephone: 508-583-1896

By the Salvation Army's toll-free number: 800-334-3047

Notes The Salvation Army starts taking applications for emergency heating assistance on December 1. They accept non-emergency applications starting January 1.

Other resources

Columbia Gas of
Massachusetts

Residential customers receiving public assistance benefits may qualify for Columbia's discounted Low Income Gas Rate and no-cost energy conservation services.

- Online assistance and application:
<http://www.columbiagasma.com/en/your-home-or-business/financial-assistance.aspx>.
 - By telephone: 800-882-5454
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Mass Energy
Consumers
Alliance

\$20 for 1 year or \$45 for 3 years; discounted membership fee for senior citizens (\$10 for 1 year and \$30 for 3 years). Mass Energy waives the fee for people who receive fuel assistance upon verification of your fuel assistance status.

- Online application:
<http://www.massenergy.org/heating-oil/join>.
 - By telephone: 617-524-3950
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Weatherproofing

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

About

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a government-funded program to help low-income homeowners and renters lower their energy costs by making their homes more energy efficient. The program saves households an average of \$350 per year in energy costs.

Eligibility

You can get free WAP weatherization services:

- if you are eligible for the LIHEAP Fuel Assistance program (see above)
 - or if someone in your household gets Supplemental Security Income or Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children
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Benefits

If you qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program, you will get these benefits:

- Your weatherization agency will send an inspector to your home to do an energy audit. The purpose of the energy audit is to find the best ways to save energy in your home. The inspector will also do a
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health and safety check to make sure all energy-related systems are working properly.

Note: If you are a homeowner, and your heating system needs repair or replacement, you will be referred to the **HEARTWAP program** (see below).

- The inspector will explain the work that will be done and get your approval.
- Trained workers will come to your home to do the work. Depending on your needs, they might insulate your attic and walls, seal cracks, wrap your water heater and pipes, install storm windows, or make other energy-related improvements.
- An inspector will check to make sure that everything was done properly.
- After weatherization, your home will be easier to heat and your fuel bills will be lower.
- WAP services are free. Some homes need more work than others, so the value of the work varies depending on need. The average value is \$5500. The cost limit per home is \$10,000 in energy improvements.

Apply for benefits Self-Help Inc. (Area office)

- In person at:
1362 Main Street
Brockton , MA 02301
- By telephone: 508-588-5440

Massachusetts Heat Line toll-free: 800-632-8175

Notes WAP is a year-round program.

Weatherization Assistance Program (HEARTWAP)

About Heating Emergency Assistance Retrofit Task Weatherization Assistance Program (HEARTWAP) provides heating system repair and replacement services to low-income households.

Eligibility Households that are eligible for LIHEAP with a gross annual income that does not exceed 60% of the Estimated State Median Income (see above) are eligible for HEARTWAP services. The program is designed primarily to serve homeowners.

Benefits There are maximum allowable expenditure limits for different types of heating system activities. In some instances households may be required to provide a co-payment. Local agencies attempt to utilize all available utility funds for system replacements in an effort to minimize the need for client contributions.

Apply for benefits Self-Help Inc.

- In person at:
1362 Main Street
Brockton , MA 02301
- By telephone: 508-588-5440

Massachusetts Heat Line toll-free: 800-632-8175

Utility Assistance

Gas and electricity

About Utility and telephone discounts are lower rates charged to low-income customers for gas, electricity, and telephone service. Massachusetts law requires regulated gas and electric utility companies to offer discounted rates to customers who receive public assistance benefits and meet income limits. Customers with low-income rates get the same level of service as customers paying the standard rate.

Eligibility

- Your household income must be within the income limits (see below)
- You must be getting help from one or more of these public assistance programs:
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)
 - Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC)
 - SNAP (Food Stamps)
 - Refugee Resettlement Benefits
 - MassHealth/Medicaid
 - LIHEAP Fuel Assistance
 - Head Start
 - Public housing / Subsidized housing (such as Section 8)

- National School Breakfast/Lunch Program (free)
- Veterans' Services
- Veterans Non-Service Connected Disability Pension
- DIC for Surviving Parents of Veterans
- other approved public benefit programs (check with your utility company)
- The utility bill must be in the name of the person getting public assistance.
- You must be a residential customer.

| Income limits | FY 2012 Utility Discount Income Limits | |
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| | Household size | (gross annual income) |
| | 60% SMI | 200% FPG |
| 1 | \$31,218 | \$21,780 |
| 2 | \$40,824 | \$29,420 |
| 3 | \$50,429 | \$37,060 |
| 4 | \$60,035 | \$44,700 |
| 5 | \$69,641 | \$52,340 |
| 6 | \$79,246 | \$59,980 |
| 7 | \$81,047 | \$67,620 |
| 8 | \$82,848 | \$75,260 |

Benefits You will get lower rates for your gas and electric service. The discounts range from 20% to 35% off the standard residential rate, depending on which utility company you use. Your bill will usually say "R-2" or "R-4" if you are getting the discount rate.

- Apply for benefits**
- If you get benefits from certain public assistance programs, your utility company should automatically enroll you in its utility discount program. Some benefit programs, including fuel assistance, do not offer automatic enrollment.
 - If you are getting public benefits, check your utility bill or call your utility company to make sure you are getting the discount rate. Most utility companies use "R-2" or "R-4" for the discount rate. If you have not been automatically enrolled, you can apply directly to your utility company.
 - See below for utilities directory.

Utility companies **National Grid**
For low-income assistance, complete an application online at:

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- http://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/On_Demand_Electric_Initial%20v052209.pdf, and return it to National Grid (information located on bottom of form).
 - By telephone: 800-322-3223
- To establish a payment plan with National Grid, call their credit department: 888-211-1313
- For senior citizens shut off protection, complete an application line at:
- http://www.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/non_html/Protection_Elderly_MA_NANT_11-2009.pdf, and return it to National Grid.

NSTAR

For low-income assistance, complete an application online at:

- https://www.nstaronline.com/secure/nstarsecure3/residential/customer_information/financial_assistance/discount_rate_app.asp, and return it to NSTAR (information located on top of form).
- By telephone: 800-566-2080

To establish a payment plan with NSTAR, please visit their payment plan section online at:

http://www.nstaronline.com/residential/payment_options/payment_plan/expayment_plan.asp

- By telephone: 800-592-2000

Columbia Gas

For low-income assistance, complete an application online at:

- <https://www.columbiagas.com/en/your-home-or-business/financial-assistance/assistance-application.aspx>.
- By telephone (Brockton office): 508-588-5440

Legal Assistance

South Costal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

About

South Costal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (SCCLS) is a non-profit corporation which provides free civil legal services to low-income and elderly residents of our communities.

Eligibility

Eligibility subject to application; inquire online at:

<https://sccls.wufoo.com/forms/sccls-online-inquiry-v1/>.

- Typically, to qualify for free legal services, a client's household income must be below 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (that is below \$23,163 for a family of 3).

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| Benefits | SCCLS provides free civil legal services in the areas of housing law, family law, government benefits including social security disability, elder law, education law, and consumer law. |
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| Apply for benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By telephone (intake line): 800-244-9023• Brockton office (Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts LLC): 508-586-2110 |
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Statewide assistance

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| Center for Law and Education | <p>The Center for Law and Education (CLE) is a national advocacy organization committed to assisting low-income students, parents, and advocates improve their public schools and work with their communities to fulfill every student's right to high-quality education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intake Monday-Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm (by telephone): 617-451-0855 |
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| Disability Law Center | <p>DLC is involved in providing advice, full representation, impact litigation, systemic advocacy, and/or legislative or administrative advocacy in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to Community Services• Special Education• Health Care• Disability Benefits• Rights and Conditions in Facilities <p>Contact information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In person: 11 Beacon Street, Suite 925 Boston, Massachusetts, 02108• By telephone: (617) 723-8455 |
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| Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center | The Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) offers a comprehensive approach to serving child victims and their families. The Center coordinates and supports an interdisciplinary response in a child-friendly environment that promotes children's safety, health, and well-being. |
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Children in Plymouth County between the ages of three and eighteen, who

are the victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, or severe neglect, receive coordinated services from the multi-disciplinary team. All services are developmentally and culturally customized to meet each child’s individual needs.

Contact information

- In person:
309 Pleasant Street,
Brockton, MA 02301
- By telephone: 508-580-3383

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee

The Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee provides comprehensive information and advice to individuals involved in the Massachusetts mental health system through our Intake Department. To have a legal advocate contact you regarding an intake matter, you must call the MHLAC Intake Line and leave a voice mail message during intake hours.

Intake

- By email: intake@mhlac.org.
- 8:30am - 1pm - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (in person and by telephone)
- In person:
24 School Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
 - By telephone:
617-338-2345 press "4"; toll free 1-800-342-9092 press "4"

Massachusetts Senior Legal Helpline

The Helpline provides free legal information, advice and referral services for Massachusetts senior citizens (60 years or older) in most areas of civil law, including:

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| Social Security/SSI | Guardianship |
| Veterans Benefits | Powers of Attorney |
| Mass Health | Nursing Home |
| Medicare | Bankruptcy |
| Consumer issues | Evictions |

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| Public Benefits | Landlord/Tenant |
| Unemployment | Utilities |
| Foreclosures | Family law |

- Contact by telephone: 866-778-0939

MA Dial-A-Lawyer On the **first Wednesday** of **each month**, attorneys volunteer at the MBA's Boston headquarters by providing free, basic legal information by phone to callers from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

- By telephone (lines tend to be extremely busy):
617-338-0610, or toll-free 877-686-0711

Wireless telephone services

Assurance wireless

About Assurance Wireless is brought to you by Virgin Mobile USA and is a Lifeline Assistance program supported by the Universal Service Fund.

Eligibility Although eligibility varies by state, you may qualify for Assurance Wireless if you participate in Medicaid, Food Stamps/SNAP, Social Security Income (SSI), or other government programs. You may also qualify if your total household income meets government guidelines in your state.

Benefits Assurance Wireless offers eligible customers a free wireless phone, 250 minutes of free nationwide wireless voice service, and, with selected plans, 250 free texts each month. There are no bills, long-term contracts or activation fees.

Apply for benefits

- Application online at:
<http://www.assurancewireless.com/Public/CustomerInformation.aspx>
- By telephone: 888-898-4888

SafeLink/Lifeline wireless

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| About | SafeLink Wireless service is a program for income eligible households provided by TracFone Wireless, Inc. |
| Eligibility | <p>You are eligible if you receive benefits from one of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)• Medicaid or MassHealth• Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)• National School Lunch Program's (free lunch program)• Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Stamps• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)• Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) <p>A signed application must be completed to indicate that you participate in one of these programs along with a copy of a document that proves your program participation.</p> |
| Benefits | Qualified customers will receive a free SafeLink Wireless handset and free monthly minutes with no commitments, contracts, or bills. |
| Apply for benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By telephone: 800-Safelink• Application online at: https://www.safelinkwireless.com/Safelink/state-benefits/Massachusetts |

Home phone services

Lifeline

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| About | Lifeline is a federal/state program that permits eligible low income customers to receive discounted telephone service. |
| Eligibility | Eligibility is based on household income (effective June 1, 2012) and participation in one or more of the programs listed below. A consumer may be eligible based on either household income OR program participation: it |

is not necessary that a consumer meet multiple eligibility criteria.

Benefits

Eligibility is based on household income (see below) and participation in one or more of the following programs:

- Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC)
- Fuel Assistance (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP)
- MassHealth or Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- National School Lunch Program (free meals program only)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Income limits

| Household size | Annual |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | \$15,080 |
| 2 | \$20,426 |
| 3 | \$25,772 |
| 4 | \$31,118 |
| 5 | \$36,464 |
| 6 | \$41,810 |
| 7 | \$47,156 |
| 8 | \$52,502 |
| over 8 | **For families with more than 8 persons, add \$5,346 for each additional person. |

Apply for benefits

- Application online at:
<http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/docs/dtc/telecom/forms/lifeline-application9-2010.pdf>
 - Fax completed application to: 508-823-8165
 - By telephone: 800-870-9999
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Housing assistance

Overview

About There are different types of low cost housing such as subsidized rental housing, public housing and homeownership opportunities for low-income, first time homebuyers. Many of these housing units are subsidized by the federal government, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or non profit or community organizations.

Eligibility Eligibility depends on the program, but many programs include senior citizens, low and middle income families (between 30 – 80% of the area median income, and 200% of the Federally Established Poverty Standard), and persons with disabilities.

Benefits Those who are accepted into one of the programs will receive assistance from the state in the form of public housing, rent assistance, or mortgage assistance.

State Aided Public Housing (apartments)

About Public housing developments are apartments that are built and subsidized by either the state or federal government and are managed by local housing authorities. There are 253 local housing authorities in Massachusetts.

Eligibility Public housing is limited to low-income families and individuals. An HA determines your eligibility based on: 1) annual gross income; 2) whether you qualify as elderly, a person with a disability, or as a family; and 3) U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status.

| | Household size | 30% of median | Very low income | Low-income |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Income limits* (Brockton area) | 1 | \$18,450 | \$30,750 | \$45,500 |
| | 2 | \$21,100 | \$35,150 | \$52,000 |
| | 3 | \$23,750 | \$39,550 | \$58,500 |
| | 4 | \$26,350 | \$43,900 | \$65,000 |
| | 5 | \$28,500 | \$47,450 | \$70,200 |
| | 6 | \$30,600 | \$50,950 | \$75,400 |
| | 7 | \$32,700 | \$54,450 | \$80,600 |
| | 8 | \$34,800 | \$57,950 | \$85,800 |

*Income limits vary from area to area so you may be eligible at one HA but not at another.

Benefits

- Families or individuals will be placed in rent-controlled or subsidized housing.
 - Public housing comes in all sizes and types, from scattered single family houses to high-rise apartments for elderly families. There are approximately 1.2 million households living in public housing units, managed by some 3,300 HAs.
 - The rent a public housing tenant pays is based on household income and whether the costs of utilities (electricity, heat, cooking fuel) are included.
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Apply for benefits

- Download the application digitally:
<http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/publichousingapplications/standapp.doc>
 - Return it to your Local Housing Authority (see below)
- If you experience difficulty, problems, or questions while filling out the application, please call your Local Housing Authority.

***Note:** You must put your name on a waiting list that is kept by the local housing authority. Applicants may put their name on more than one waiting list if they qualify for more than one program. Waiting lists for public housing tend to be long. When your name comes to the top of the list, the housing authority will contact you. Be sure to notify a housing authority if you change your address while you are waiting for a public housing unit.

Local Housing Authorities

Local offices:

- Abington Housing Authority
71 Shaw Avenue
Abington, MA 02351
 - By telephone: 781-878-5219
 - East Bridgewater Housing Authority
100 Prospect Street
E. Bridgewater, MA 02333
 - By telephone: 508-378-3838
 - Whitman Housing Authority
P.O. Box 334
Whitman, MA 02382
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- By telephone: 781-447-6363

Regional office:

- Thomas P. O’Neil, Jr. Federal Building
10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02222-1092
 - By telephone: 617-944-8200
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Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

About The federal government provides the funds for Section 8. Recipients receive their benefits through local housing authorities (LHAs) or regional housing agencies. There are approximately 72,000 people receiving Section 8 rental assistance in Massachusetts.

Eligibility Eligibility is based on gross income:

- 75 percent of all households selected to receive Section 8 must have incomes within 30 percent of the area median income (see above section on income limits).
- 25 percent of Section 8 households can have incomes up to 50 percent of the median (\$41,350 for a family of four). In some instances these limits can go as high as 80 percent of median (\$66,150 for a family of four in Boston) although very few housing agencies serve households with this income at this limit.

Income limits vary depending on the number of persons in the household and the region in which they live at the time they are selected for assistance.

Benefits Section 8 recipients generally pay between 30 percent and 40 percent of their income for rent. The Section 8 voucher pays the difference between the rent charged by the landlord and the tenant's contribution to the rent.

Apply for benefits You may apply to any one of the regional non-profit agencies (see previous section). If you apply to one of the regional housing agencies, your name will be placed on a statewide Section 8 waiting list maintained by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

- The universal application can be found at (same as previous section):

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/publichousingapplications>

[/standapp.doc](#)

- For a recorded list of local agencies accepting applications, call: 508-778-7508, extension 4.
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MA Rental Voucher Program

About The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides rental assistance through the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP). The program is funded annually by the state legislature. State funded "mobile" vouchers can be used anywhere in Massachusetts, but "project-based" vouchers are only available in specific apartments. As of January 2004, most waiting lists are closed to new applicants.

Eligibility Persons seeking state rental vouchers can earn no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Income limits are higher or lower, depending on the size of the household (see below).

| Income Limits | Household size | 200% of poverty |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | 1 | \$20,800 |
| | 2 | \$28,000 |
| | 3 | \$35,200 |
| | 4 | \$42,400 |
| | 5 | \$49,600 |
| | 6 | \$56,800 |
| | 7 | \$64,000 |
| | 8 | \$71,200 |
| | More than 8 people | Add \$7,200 for each additional household member |

Benefits MRVP "mobile" voucher holders pay at least 30 percent but not more than 40 percent of household income as rent. Project based voucher holders pay 35 percent of their income for rent or 40 percent if heat is included in the rent. The voucher amount makes up the difference between what the landlord charges and what the tenant can pay. There are limits on the total rental amount.

Apply for benefits Contact the regional Housing Authority:

- Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr. Federal Building
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10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02222-1092

- By telephone: 617-944-8200
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MA Alternative Housing Voucher Program

About

The Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) was created by the state legislature in 1995. It provides rental assistance to people with disabilities under age 60 who either live in, or are eligible to live in elderly/disabled state assisted public housing. The program has Legislative authority to provide funding for up to 800 vouchers.

Eligibility

Applicants must be under age 60 and eligible to live in elderly/disabled state funded public housing. To be eligible to participate in AHVP a household must typically earn no more than 80 percent of the area median income. Income guidelines vary from year to year and region to region (see previous section State Aided Public Housing section).

Benefits

AHVP recipients pay 25 percent of their income for rent if the rent includes some or none of the utilities, or 30 percent if all of the utilities are included in the rent. There are limits on the total rental amount.

Apply for benefits

Contact your local housing authority to apply:

- Abington Housing Authority
71 Shaw Avenue
Abington, MA 02351
 - By telephone: 781-878-5219
 - East Bridgewater Housing Authority
100 Prospect Street
E. Bridgewater, MA 02333
 - By telephone: 508-378-3838
 - Whitman Housing Authority
P.O. Box 334
Whitman, MA 02382
 - By telephone: 781-447-6363
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For more information

Call the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) at 617-573-1150.

Homeownership opportunities

The State Soft Second Mortgage Program

This is a state funded program that helps households earning approximately \$48,000, or less, purchase their first homes. The program requires a minimum 3 percent down payment. The state will subsidize a second mortgage on behalf of the homeowner who will also have a conventional mortgage.

For further information: Contact the Massachusetts Housing Partnership at 617-330 9955 or on the web at www.mhp.net.

Mass Housing

Mass Housing is a quasi public state agency that provides below market-rate mortgage financing for first time homebuyers, and other products (such as lead paint abatement and home improvement loans) for homeowners with moderate incomes.

For further information: contact Mass Housing at 617-854-1000 or on the web at www.masshousing.com.

Homebuyer Counseling

Some state and local agencies as well as non profits and banks offer courses on how to purchase your first home:

- The Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"): 800-732-6643
 - Mass Housing has a list of homebuyer counseling agencies.
 - Contact Mass Housing at 617-854 1000 or www.masshousing.com.
 - The Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs) provides information and services for homebuyers and homeowners.
 - Contact HCECs at 800-224-5124
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Assistance through MassHealth

Overview

About

MassHealth offers benefits to a wide range of people who meet the eligibility rules.

Eligibility To decide if you can get MassHealth, Health and Human Services (HHS) looks at your income, assets, citizenship/national status and identity, and, in some cases, your immigration status. If you are married and live with your spouse, HHS will count both of your incomes and assets in deciding if you can get MassHealth.

Find the best category that describes your situation in the one of the following sections.

Benefits MassHealth pays for important health-care services including:

- Doctors' visits
- Hospital stays
- Prescriptions
- Long-term-care services

MassHealth also pays for Medicare Part B premiums, copayments, and deductibles for certain MassHealth members.

You may not be eligible for all of these benefits. Member benefits depend on his or her actual circumstances including income and assets.

Apply for benefits Generally, if you are under age 65 and want to apply for MassHealth, you must fill out an application called a Medical Benefit Request (MBR) and send it, with proof of your household's income to MassHealth.

- You can find the application online at:
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/appforms/mbr.pdf>
- Mail the Medical Benefit Request and proof of your income to:
MassHealth Enrollment Center
Central Processing Unit
P.O. Box 290794
Charlestown, MA 02129-0214.
- You can get an MBR through mail by calling the MassHealth Customer Service Center at 888-665-9993.

***Note:** Unless otherwise specified, this application applies to all of the following categories.

Speak to an advisor Speak to a MassHealth Benefit Advisor at 800-841-2900, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. The call is free.

Applicants under 65 and Families

Basic eligibility

There are some basic rules for getting MassHealth. Even if you or your family already have health insurance, you may be eligible if your family's income is low or medium and:

- you are a parent living with your children under age 19;
- you are an adult caretaker relative living with children under age 19 to whom you are related by blood, adoption, or marriage, or are a spouse or former spouse of one of those relatives, and you are the primary caretaker of these children when neither parent is living in the home;
- you are under age 19, whether or not you live with your family;
- you are pregnant, with or without children;
- you have been out of work for a long time;
- you are disabled;
- you are HIV positive; or
- you are a woman under age 65 with breast or cervical cancer.

Additional information

Your family includes you, your spouse, and your children under age 19, if you are all living together. If neither parent is living in the home, your family group may include children under age 19 and an adult caretaker relative who are all living together. If more than one family lives in your home and wants to apply for MassHealth, they will need to fill out a separate form.

Applicants over 65

Income rules

To determine the amount of your income, HHS looks at the amount of your social security, pension, and other nonwork-related income (after deduction of your Medicare premium, taxes, and other deductions).

If you have income from working, we allow certain deductions. Generally, we count only about half of your monthly income from working before deductions.

Assets

MassHealth looks at the current value of any assets owned by you and compares them to the limits in the income and asset charts for individuals and married couples living at home. If you are married and live with your spouse, HHS counts the value of assets owned by you and your spouse.

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- For a detailed chart of assets for individuals, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/insurance/masshealth-apply/65-plus/income-and-asset-chart-for-individuals.html>
 - For a detailed chart of assets for married couples, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/insurance/masshealth-apply/65-plus/married-couples-who-live-together.html>
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Asset rules

- Countable assets include the value of bank accounts, certificates of deposit, mutual funds, stocks and bonds, as well as the value of real property other than your home.
 - Non-countable assets include the home you live in (if located in Massachusetts), one vehicle per household, and an irrevocable burial trust or prepaid burial contract set up in reasonable amount for future payment of funeral and burial expenses.
 - As a resident of Massachusetts, if you live in your home and it is not in a trust, MassHealth will not count it as an asset. Although the value of your home may not be counted, MassHealth may request you pay for services rendered under the program if your house is sold.
 - If you leave your home to live in a nursing home, special rules apply. We may not count the value of your home if certain people are still living there, or if you intend to return home.
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Deductible

If your income is too high to get MassHealth Standard, Essential, or Limited, you will have a deductible.

- A deductible is the total amount of your monthly income that is greater than MassHealth's income limits over a six-month period.

To meet your deductible, you must have medical bills that equal or are greater than the amount of your deductible. You may use medical bills for you and your spouse. MassHealth will not pay for these medical bills—they are your responsibility. Also, the bills cannot be for services that are covered by other insurance that you or your spouse may have.

Apply for benefits

The Senior Medical Benefits Request (SMBR) is available online at: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/appforms/smbr.pdf>

For a detailed look at the Senior Medical Benefits, a guide is available online at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/appforms/mh-you-guide.pdf>

- Call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at 800-841-2900 to request an application.
- If you have any questions about the application, call the MassHealth Enrollment Center at 888-665-9993.
- Mail the completed application to:
Taunton MEC
21 Spring St.
Suite 4
Taunton, MA 02780

Applicants with long-term care needs

About long-term care facilities

Long-term-care services are the types of services needed if you are frequently ill and/or permanently disabled and need help, or cannot take care of yourself. These include medical and personal services. Generally, people get long-term-care services while they are in a long-term-care facility.

Eligibility

To be eligible for payment of long-term-care services in a long-term-care facility, you must be eligible for MassHealth Standard as a person who is:

- aged 65 or older;
- aged 19 through 65 and disabled according to the Social Security Administration's disability rules; or
- under age 19;
- meet the requirements of citizenship and identity;
- be determined by MassHealth as medically needing long-term-care services; and
- prove that you (and your spouse) meet certain income and asset rules.

Personal Care Attendant services

If your income is over 100% of the federal poverty level and you are aged 65 or older, we may be able to count less of your nonworking income when deciding if you can get MassHealth Standard.

The types of services offered by the MassHealth Personal-Care-Attendant (PCA) Program may help you if you are elderly and have a permanent or long-lasting disability that keeps you from being able to do your daily

living activities, like bathing, grooming, eating, getting dressed, and taking your medicines unless someone physically helps you. By getting PCA services, some people can live at home instead of having to live in a long-term-care facility.

A Personal-Care-Attendant application supplement is available online at: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/appforms/pca-supplement.pdf>

- By telephone: 1-888-665-9993

Programs for
long-term Home
Care

Any one of the following programs is generally referred to by the patient's medical provider, case manager, or social worker. If you would like more information, please call the MassHealth Enrollment Center at 1-888-665-9993.

Kaileigh Mulligan Program (Home Care for Disabled Children)

The Kaileigh Mulligan Program allows certain severely disabled children (under age 18) to live at home with their parents and have MassHealth eligibility determined without counting the income and assets of their parents. The child's medical needs must be severe enough to require a level of care equal to that provided in a hospital or pediatric nursing facility.

PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)

PACE allows certain frail people (aged 55 and older) who need help with daily personal care, and have a medical condition that needs regular attention, to live at home and remain as healthy and independent as possible. The need for a level of care must be equal to that provided in a nursing facility.

Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver

The Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver allows certain frail people (aged 60 and older) to live at home and get MassHealth Standard.

This program allows the person needing the at-home services, if married and living with his or her spouse, to have MassHealth eligibility determined without counting the income and assets of the other spouse.

Elderly Living

Contact Information

Leading Age
Massachusetts

Not-for-profits main purpose is to meet the community need, profits generated are re-directed to enhance services, and they are run by a volunteer board that have an vested interest in serving the community. They also put quality first, many times going beyond requirements of laws and regulations. Not-for-profits are based and run on a system of values; all following organizations are not-for-profits.

CCRC

Continuing Care Retirement Communities

Orchard Cove

One Del Pond Drive
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 821-0820

Seashore Point in Provincetown

100 Alden Street
Provincetown, MA 02657
(508) 487-0771

Nursing Homes

Nursing Homes

St. Joseph Manor Health Care

215 Thatcher St.
Brockton, MA 02302
(508) 583-5834

West Acres Nursing Home & Rehab Center

804 Pleasant Street
Brockton, MA 20301
(508) 583-6000

Residential Care

Residential Care

Doolittle Home
16 Bird Street
Foxboro, MA 02035
(508) 543-2694

Hannah B. Griffith Shaw Home for the Aged
299 Wareham Street
Middleboro, MA 20346
(508) 947-0332

Assisted Living

Assisted Living

Emmanuel House Residence
25 East Nilsson Street
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 588-5334

Gabriel House of Fall River
261 Oliver Street
Fall River, MA 02724
(508) 678-9095

Housing

Housing

Douglas House Apartments
20 Haverhill Street
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 587-3186

Fenno House
540 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02170
(617) 984-2613

Community Based Services

Community Based Services

Bethany House ADHC
72 Church Green
Taunton, MA 02780
(508) 822-9200

Mater Dei ADH- St. Joseph's
215 Thatcher Street
Brockton, MA 02302
(508) 583-8313

Multi Facility Organizations
Organizations that sponsor more than one housing and service option

Multi Facility Organizations

Home Life Care Communities
4380 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
(508) 677-0833

Milton Residences for the Elderly
600 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186
(617) 698-3005

Town Resources

Abington

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| Board of Selectmen | Mr. R. Andrew Burbine | 30 Lantern Lane | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2100 | (h) 781-871-7999 | ra.burbine@verizon.net |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Michael Franey | 726 Washington St. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-871-1154 | (h) 781-871-1154 | mwfraney@msn.com |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Alex Bezanson | 761 Randolph St. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-878-6397 | | BTADevelopment@aol.com |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Kenneth Coyle | 1106 Washington St. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2100 | (h) 781-878-1786 | kcoyle1786@aol.com |
| Board of Selectmen | Ms. Maureen Jansen | 201 Patricia Dr. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-7005 | | |
| Council on Aging Director | Ms. Suzanne Djusberg | 441 Summer St. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2145 | (h) 781-982-8162 | coadirector@abingtonma.gov |
| Fire Department | Chief John Nuttall | 84 Constitution Ave. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2114 | (c)781-857-2181 | JNuttall@abingtonma.gov |
| Health Department | Ms. Theresa Maze | 1020 Hancock St. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2119 | (h) 781-982-7273 | Peacebaby1@msn.com |
| Police Department | Chief David Majenski | 215 Central St. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2111 | (h) 781-878-3232 | majic@abingtonpolice.org |
| Deputy Assessor | Mr. Jack Pistorino | 61 Van Buren Dr. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2107 | (c)781-892-0859 | jpistorino@abingtonmass.com |
| Town Manager | Mr. Richard LaFond | 75 Stephanie Lane | Bridgewater MA 02324 | | | |
| Town Clerk | Mrs. Leanne M. Adams | 57 Shaw Ave. | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-2112 | (h) 781-871-7776 | lmadams@abingtonma.gov |
| Veterans Service Officer | Mr. James Crosby | 500 Gliniewicz Way | Abington MA 02351 | 781-982-0056 | | jcrosby@abingtonmass.com |
| Housing Authority | Mr. George Soper | 154 Randolph St | Abington MA 02351 | 781-871-1023 | | |

Whitman

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| Board of Selectmen | Ms. Lisa Green | 16 Apollo Rd | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9701 | (h) 781-447-4962 | lgreen14@hotmail.com |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Daniel Salvucci | 34a Lantz Ave | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9701 | (h) 781-447-5078 | |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Carl Kowalski | 44 Simmons Ave | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9701 | (h) 781-447-0203 | ckowalski@massasoitmass.edu |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Brian Bezanson | 74 Rock St. | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9701 | (h) 781-523-1136 | BrianJBezanson@comcast.net |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Scott Lambiase | 565 Washington St | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9701 | (c)339-613-7366 | silconstruction@comcast.net |
| Council on Aging Director | Ms. Barbara J. Garvey | 22 Hopkins Dr | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-447-7619 | (h) 781-447-1630 | Barbara.Garvey@whitman-ma.gov |
| Fire Department | Chief Timothy Grenno | 230 Temple St. | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-447-1414 | (h) 781-447-1430 | fire-rescue@whitman-ma.gov |
| Police Department | Chief Scott Benton | 250 Alden St. | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-447-1212 | (c) 508-265-2313 | SBenton@whitman-ma.gov |
| Town Administrator | Mr. Frank Lynam | 907 Bedford St. | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9704 | | FJL@whitman-ma.gov |
| Town Clerk | Mrs. Dawn Varley | 135 Washington St. | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9710 | (h) 781-447-4499 | dvlbv@aol.com |

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| Veterans Service Officer | Mr. Jerry Eaton | 54 South Avenue | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9750 | vso@whitman-ma.gov |
| Finance Committee | Mr. William Capocci | 21 Strawberry Ln | Whitman MA 02382 | 781-618-9750 | |

East Bridgewater

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. William Dowling | 60 Plymouth St. | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-8087 | |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. Martin Crowley | 30 Old Plymouth St. | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-4203 | (c)617-270-6186 |
| Board of Selectmen | Mr. David Sheedy | 59 Anna Dr. | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-4888 | sdavejs@verizon.net |
| Fire Department | Chief Timothy Harhen | 3 Margot Lane | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-2071 | (h) 508-456-1009 tharhen@edfire.org |
| Police Department | Chief John Cowan | 5 Blueberry Lane | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-7223 | (h) 508-378-3568 icowan@ebmass.com |
| Principal Assessor | Mrs. Paula J. Wolfe | 19 Santilli Lane | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-1609 | (h) 508-378-9638 pwolfe@eastbridgewater.org |
| Town Administrator | Mr. George Samia | 175 Central St. | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-1600 | gsamia@edmass.com |
| Town Clerk | Mrs. Dina M. Livingston | 5 Ray Way | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-1606 | (c)508-510-1883 stephemma2@yahoo.com |
| Council on Aging Director | Ms. Nancy Hill | 17 Meadowbrook Dr | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-1610 | (h) 508-378-9112 NHill@ebmass.com |
| Housing Authority | Mr. Joseph Dutcher | 722 Union St | East Bridgewater MA 02333 | 508-378-4373 | JDUT64678@aol.com |

Regional Services

Department of Mental Health (DMH operated facilities and persons in charge)

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| Brockton Multi-Service Center | Mr. Richard Jobin | 165 Quincy St | Brockton MA 02302 | 508-897-2000 | (TTY)6176269576* | Serves: Brockton, Abington, Whitman |
| Corrigan Mental Health Center | Ms. Roberta Guez | 49 Hillside St. | Fall River MA 02720 | 508-235-7200 | (TTY)508-235-7346 | |
| Pocasset Mental health Center | Mr. Steven Jochim | 830 County Road | Pocasset MA 02559 | 508-564-9600 | (TTY)508-564-9700 | |
| Taunton State hospital | Ms. Joyce O'Connor | 60 Hodges Avenue | Taunton MA 02780 | 508-977-3000 | (TTY)508-977-3751 | |
| Plymouth Site Office | Ms. Loretta Lyonnais | 40 Industrial Park Rd | Plymouth MA 02360 | 508-732-3000 | (TTY)508-746-0847 | Serves: Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, and Plympton |

*TTY: a Text Telephone; telephone system for the deaf

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| Board of Advisors | Ms. Ellen Allen | 345 Main St | Norwell | MA 02061 | 781-659-8000 | Norwell board of Selectmen, Chair of County Advisory Board | eallen@townofnorwell.net |
| Department of Developmental Services | ? Casey Seamen | 40 Industrial Park Rd | Plymouth | MA 02360 | 508-732-5700 | (TTY)508-732-5748 | Casey.Seaman@state.ma.us |
| Department of Developmental Services | Ms. Beth Moran-Liuzzo | 500 Belmont St Suite 100 | Brockton | MA 02301 | 508 427-5731 | 508 427-8525 | Beth.MoranLiuzzo@MassMail.State.MA.US |
| Vocational Rehabilitation; Department of Health and Human Services | - - - | 110 Mulberry St | Brockton | MA 02302 | 508-5831530 | (relay)800-439-0183 | http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disabilities/services/vocational-rehab/vr-area-offices/brockton.html |
| Vocational Rehabilitation; Department of Health and Human Services | - - - | 40 Industrial Park Rd | Plymouth | MA 02360 | 508-830-1899 | (TTY)508-747-4937 | http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disabilities/services/vocational-rehab/vr-area-offices/plymouth.html |

Plymouth County and other services

*TTY: a Text Telephone; telephone system for the deaf

Legal Services

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| Asian-American Civic Association | - - - | 200 Temont St | Boston | MA 02116 | 617-426-9492 | (fax)617-482-2326 | Fridays 9am-11:30am or by apt |
| Catholic Legal Immigration network Boston College Immigration & Asylum Project | - - - | 885 Centre St | Newton | MA 02159 | 617-552-0593 | (fax)617-552-2615 | Representation limited to aliens in DHS (formerly IHS) custody or incarcerated, some income guidelines |
| Centro Presente | - - - | 54 Essex St, 2 nd floor | Cambridge | MA 02139 | 617-497-9080 | (fax)617-497-7247 | Family-based visa petitions, citizenship, and support services for ABC political asylum program. Interpreters and translated documents |
| Community Legal Services and Counseling Center | - - - | 1 West St | Cambridge | MA 02139 | 617-661-1010 | (fax)617-661-3289 | Reps aliens in asylum proceedings and victim of domestic violence seeking lawful permanent residence |
| Greater Boston Legal Services | - - - | 197 Friend St | Boston | MA 02144 | 617-371-1234 | - | Does not represent criminal aliens some income guidelines, represent aliens in asylum proceedings |
| International Institute of Boston | - - - | 1 Milk St | Boston | MA 02109 | 617-695-9990 | (fax)617-695-9191 | Represents aliens in asylum proceedings, will represent criminal aliens, Must meet income guidelines and some fees may apply |
| Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project | - - - | 14 Beacon St | Boston | MA 02108 | 617742-9296 | (fax)617-742-9385 | Asylum proceedings, referral services and counseling, referrals of DHS detainees |
| Refugee Immigration Services of greater Boston Catholic Charities | - - - | 75 Kneeland St, 8 th floor | Boston | MA 02111 | 617-451-7979 | (fax)617-629-5768 | Asylum proceedings, nominal fees phone-in clinic, no criminal representation |

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| South Costal Counties Legal Services: Brockton | - | - | - | 231 Main St, Suite 201 | Brockton | MA | 02301 | 508-586-2110 | 1-800-244-8393 | |
| South Costal Counties Legal Services: Fall River | - | - | - | 22 Bedford St, 1 st floor | Fall River | MA | 02720 | 508-676-6265 | 1-800-284-3777 | |
| South Costal Counties Legal Services: Hyannis | - | - | - | 460 West Main St | Hyannis | MA | 02601 | 508-775-7020 | 1-800-742-4107 | |
| South Costal Counties Legal Services: new Bedford | - | - | - | 21 South Sixth St | New Bedford | MA | 02740 | 508-979-7150 | 1-800-929-9721 | |
| South Costal Counties Legal Services: Taunton | - | - | - | 71 main St, Suite 2400 | Taunton | MA | 02780 | 508-880-6704 | | By appointment only |
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| SCCSL Executive Director | Mr. | Richard | McMahon | 22 Bedford St, 2 nd floor | Fall River | MA | 02722 | (DID) 774-488-5950 | (Tel.) 508-676-5022, Ext. 2016 | rmcmahon@sccls.org |
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