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## Register Today for the Thursday, October 8th "Assisting Families Experiencing Homelessness" Training!

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Greetings!

We hope you can join us for next week's [Basic Benefits Training on the Emergency Assistance](#) family shelter and related services program!

The Coalition once again is partnering with the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Greater Boston Legal Services, and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education to offer this training for providers, advocates, and legal services staff. The "[Assisting Families Experiencing Homelessness: Helping Families with Children Access & Retain Emergency Assistance Shelter & Short-Term Housing Benefits](#)" training will take place next Thursday, October 8th in Boston, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

[Click here for more information about the training](#) and [here to register through Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education](#).

Please note that advocates and providers can register for the reduced rate of only \$25 (select "non-lawyer advocate")!

We hope to see you next week!

-Kelly

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Mass. Law Reform Institute and Mass. Continuing Legal Education present:

## *Assisting Families Experiencing Homelessness: EA Shelter & Rehousing Benefits*

Thursday, October 8, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Mass. Continuing Legal Education, 10 Winter Place, Boston (Downtown Crossing)

This program focuses on strategies to assist families experiencing homelessness in accessing and retaining shelter and short-term housing services from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Trainers provide an overview of the rigorous eligibility requirements for Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter. The training will also include advocacy tips regarding the range of issues facing families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness as they seek access to EA shelter. The training will review the application process, denials, terminations, shelter placements, and other program requirements. This training is for legal services advocates, lawyers in private practice, social and health services workers, and community activists who want to learn or get a refresher course on the nuts-and-bolts of the EA system and the HomeBASE program.

### You will learn...

- ▶ How families can apply for shelter services through DHCD and how community advocates can assist them
- ▶ How DHCD makes eligibility and placement determinations
- ▶ How to challenge denials and terminations of shelter and short-term housing assistance
- ▶ The rights and expectations of families approved for EA or HomeBASE
- ▶ How you can participate in public policy advocacy campaigns related to ending homelessness and increasing access to housing and benefits
- ▶ General Information about the EA and HomeBASE programs and family homelessness in Massachusetts
- ▶ Eligibility/Ineligibility: Categorical, Financial, and Circumstantial
- ▶ Placements: Types, Locations, and Accommodations
- ▶ Non-Compliance and Good Cause; Terminations
- ▶ Appeals and Next Steps
- ▶ Other Resources/Services
- ▶ Legislative and Administrative Advocacy
- ▶ "Ask the Experts" Q&A Session

### Written materials will include:

Training materials include the 2015 Emergency Assistance Advocacy Guide: A Guide to Emergency Shelter and Rehousing Services for Homeless Families with Children in Massachusetts

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**Tuition:** Legal Services, Social Services and Community-Based Organizations..... \$25  
All others (e.g., private bar)..... \$95

To REGISTER from your computer, click here: [EA Training](#). For non-profit or community organizations registering, click on "Non-lawyer advocate". This will allow you to pay \$25.00 for the session. Register in advance or at the door.

This training is part of a series of annual basic benefits trainings offered by Mass. Law Reform Institute and Mass. Continuing Legal Education. For a complete list of all Basic Benefits trainings, go to [WWW.MCLE.ORG](http://WWW.MCLE.ORG) on the bottom of the home page, click on the third (of six) buttons.

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