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Please Invite Your Legislators to Join the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance for an Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Advocacy Day Legislative Update/Luncheon This Thursday, October 29th!

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Reflections from Young Adult Leaders on MHSA's Leadership Development Program

"I want my peers to have a chance to share their story, and to see their struggles as part of their past so that they can move forward from it."

Greetings!

Please take a few minutes to **share this invitation with your State Representative and State Senator** to join the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance for an Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Advocacy Day Legislative Update/Luncheon this Thursday, October 29th! The event will be held in the House Members Lounge from 12:30-2:30. Legislators already have been invited, but hearing from a constituent will be a powerful reminder. Please see below for more details.

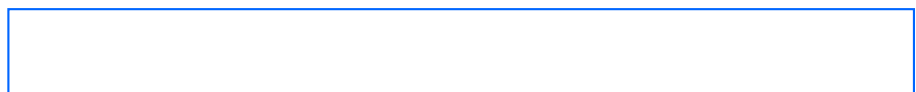
Legislators' contact information can be found at www.wheredoivotema.com or via the State House switchboard: 617-722-2000.

(We have a very limited number of open spots for advocates and providers. Please email me directly if you would like to attend as well, and I can confirm space availability.)

Thank you also to everyone who came out today to the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs bill hearing on [House Bill 529](#) to improve the Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children Program!

-Kelly

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- Kitty Zen, Co-Facilitator

"Coming back as a presenter allows me to make use of my experiences and to be empowered by my story instead of being victimized by it."

- Jamila Bradley, Guest Presenter



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**Unaccompanied Youth
Homelessness Advocacy Day Legislative
Update/Luncheon**

***Sponsored by Representative Jim O'Day, Senator
Harriette Chandler, Representative Kay Khan, and
Senator Jason Lewis***

Thursday, October 29, 2015
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Massachusetts State House
House Members Lounge

The [Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless](#) (the Coalition) is excited to partner with the [Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance](#) (MHSA) and its [Leadership Development Program](#) to organize an Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Advocacy Day, led by young adult advocates who have experienced homelessness.

The update and luncheon will take place this Thursday, October 29th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the House Members Lounge. The event is sponsored by Representative Jim O'Day, Senator Harriette Chandler, Representative Kay Khan, and Senator Jason Lewis.

The Leadership Development Program is an eight-session class offered by MHSA that provides opportunities for young adults who have experienced homelessness to become advocates and leaders through storytelling and social justice training.

The Coalition and MHSA believe that young adult leaders should have the opportunity to share their powerful experiences and perspectives and to take a leading role in making homelessness history.

Lunch will be provided at the briefing, followed by presentations by young adult leaders and opportunities for young adult leaders to meet and speak with their legislators. The program also will include updates on the work of the Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and the new youth homelessness line item, 4000-0007. It will be an incredible

opportunity to support inspiring young adult leaders in their growth as advocates.

Interested in attending the Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Advocacy Day Legislative Update/Luncheon? **Please RSVP [via this form](#) by Wednesday, October 28th.** For more information, please contact Kelly Turley at kelly@mahomeless.org or 781-595-7570 x17.

We hope to see you on Thursday!

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