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Join Us at the State House Next Tuesday, 7/19, for a Hearing on the Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Bill!

House Bill 1862 will be heard in Gardner Auditorium in front of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities

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Dear Kelly,

As the FY'12 budget process winds down, our work on other legislation is shifting into high gear. We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, July 19th, at 10:30 a.m.** in Gardner Auditorium at the State House for a **hearing on [House Bill 1862](#)**, An Act Providing Housing and Support Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth. This bill is a top priority of the Coalition.

This bill, sponsored by [Representative Jim O'Day](#), would create housing and service programs for unaccompanied youth who are experiencing homelessness. In addition, the bill would create a special commission to examine the needs of unaccompanied youth, as well as ways to increase resources and improve service delivery to these young people.

We have organized several panels of young people, providers, advocates, and faith community members, and are mobilizing legislators, to testify in support of this bill. (Thank you to all who have signed up as panelists, and special thanks to our organizing committee!) There are more opportunities to help, too. Please see below for more details.

For more information about the Coalition's work on unaccompanied youth issues, please contact Leslie Lawrence: leslie@mahomeless.org, 781-595-7570 x16 or Kelly Turley: kelly@mahomeless.org, 781-595-7570 x17.

Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Bill Hearing

Date: Tuesday, July 19th

Time: Starting at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Gardner Auditorium in the State House

Committee: In front of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities. For a list of committee members, [click here](#).

More Details: [House Bill 1862](#) will be heard as part of a larger [hearing](#) on bills related to the Department of Children and Families

and Department of Developmental Services.

How You Can Get Support the Unaccompanied Youth Homelessness Bill in the Week Ahead

- Attend Tuesday's hearing, and help fill Gardner Auditorium.
- Submit written testimony in support of the bill's passage to the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, through the co-chairs, [Representative Kay Khan](#) and [Senator Michael Rodrigues](#).
- Let your own State Representative and State Senator know about the hearing, and invite them to provide oral or written testimony in support of the bill. Legislators can be reached through the State House switchboard: 617-722-2000, or directly through the numbers listed here: [Directory of Representatives](#) and [Directory of Senators](#). To search for your legislators based on your address, please go to www.wheredoivotema.com.

Thank you for all of your support for unaccompanied young people who are experiencing homelessness!

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