



To print this article open the file menu and choose Print.

[Click here to return to previous page](#)

Article published Oct 24, 2012

State Rep. James O'Day to get award for helping homeless

The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance is honoring state Rep. James J. O'Day, D-West Boylston, today for his work on behalf of homeless families.

The award presentation is scheduled for 11 a.m. at CMHA's office at 6 Institute Road.

The organizations said that the representative was lead sponsor of "An Act Providing Housing and Support Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth." Using language from that bill, the state budget this year calls on the administration and the Legislature to establish a commission focused on connecting unaccompanied homeless youths up to age 22 and not in the care of a parent or guardian with housing and services.

The commission is set to begin work next month to make recommendations by March 31 next year.

The organizations said that Mr. O'Day also was a lead sponsor of a campaign to support a statewide network of furniture banks so that those who were homeless can have more home-like apartments. He was a lead backer of legislation to ensure that homeless children have transportation to ensure educational continuity, they said.

Order the Telegram & Gazette, delivered daily to your home or office! www.telegram.com/homedelivery

Copyright 2012 Worcester Telegram & Gazette Corp.