

LIFT OUR KIDS

Bills to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty Referred to Ways and Means Please Help Lift Our Kids

S. 36: An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty (Sen. DiDomenico)

H. 102: An Act to Reduce Deep Poverty Among Kids (Rep. Decker)

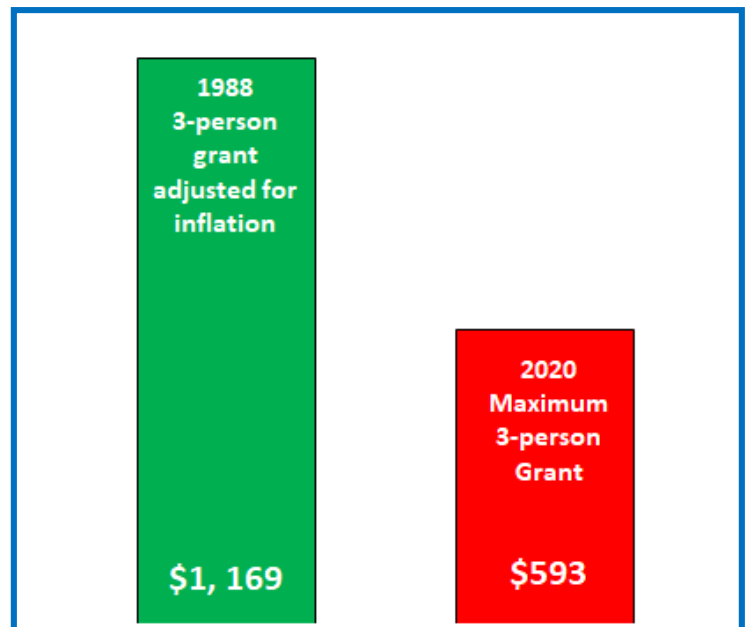
Please ask Ways and Means to take the next step to lift kids out of deep poverty.

- The bills have been referred to the Ways and Means Committees after a favorable report by the Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
- The bills set a floor for welfare benefits so no child will be in “deep poverty.” Deep poverty is income below *half* the federal poverty level – \$905 a month for a family of three.
- TAFDC is intended to meet families’ basic needs. But the maximum grant for a family of three is only \$593 a month.

Deep poverty hurts kids.

- Health and emotional damage
- Toxic stress
- Impaired school performance
- Homelessness and housing instability

Grants have lost half their value to inflation



The Legislature can lift our kids in the FY 2021 budget or by enacting the bill.

Please ask Ways and Means to take the next step.

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Supporting Organizations



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Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.
Action Inc.
AFT MA
Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs
Allston Brighton Health Collaborative
Amherst Survival Center
ARISE for Social Justice
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)
Berkshire Community Diaper Project
Bethany Hill Place
Beverly Bootstraps
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Boston Teachers Union
Brazilian Women's Group
Brookview House, Inc.
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee
Cape Cod Children's Place
Casa Myrna
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston
Central West Justice Center
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice
Children's HealthWatch
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts
Chinese Progressive Association
City Mission Boston
Coalition for Social Justice
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
Community Action Pioneer Valley
Cradles to Crayons
Crossroads Family Center
De Novo Center for Justice and Healing
Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham
DotHouse Health
DOVE
Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.
Fenway Health/AIDS Action Committee
Greater Boston Food Bank
Greater Boston Legal Services
Heading Home, Inc.
Health Care for All
Homes for Families
HomeStart, Inc.
Horizons for Homeless Children
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health, Somerville
Immigrants' Assistance Center, Inc.
Jane Doe Inc.
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Family and Children's Service
Jumpstart
Justice Center of Southeast MA
Justice Resource Institute
JVS Boston
Lawrence Community Works
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Massachusetts AFL-CIO
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)
Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MassCAP)
Massachusetts Association of Early Education & Care (MADCA)

Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Massachusetts Community Action Network
Massachusetts Head Start Association
Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts Nurses Association
Mass. PPD Fund
Massachusetts School Nurse Organization, Inc.
Massachusetts Teachers Association
Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
Merrimack Valley Project
Metrowest Legal Services
MLPB
NARAL Pro Choice Massachusetts
National Association of Social Workers, Mass. Chapter
New England Jewish Labor Committee
North Shore Postpartum Help
Northeast Justice Center
Northeastern University School of Law Clinics
On Solid Ground Coalition
One Family, Inc.
Open Pantry Community Services Inc.
Parenting Journey
Parents Union of Massachusetts
Pathways for Children
Poor People's United Fund
Progressive Massachusetts
Project Bread
Project Hope
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
Roca
Rosie's Place
SEIU 32BJ Local 615
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
Somerville Homeless Coalition
Springfield No One Leaves
Springfield Partners for Community Action
St. Mary's Center for Women and Children
Stavros
StreetCred
The Family Pantry – Damien's Place
The Home for Little Wanderers
The Neighborhood Developers
The Open Door
The Pettengill House, Inc.
Those Who Can for Those in Need
Transition House
UAW Region 9A Mass. State CAP Council
Union of Minority Neighborhoods
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network
United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts
United South End Settlements
United Way Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley
Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development, Inc.
Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness
Witnesses to Hunger, Boston
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts
Worcester County Food Bank
Worcester Food Policy Council
Workforce Solutions Group