

Celebrate 9C Cut Reversal!

Call to Action to Preserve Our TAFDC Safety Net for All Families in FY 2011!

Governor Patrick reversed his 9C cut to the TAFDC program on January 6, 2010! Please join us at the State House to celebrate and thank the Governor and our Legislative allies for preserving subsistence benefits for the most vulnerable children and families in the state. The cut – which was scheduled to go into effect February 1st -- would have eliminated or drastically reduced Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) benefits for children whose parents are too disabled to work.

WE CANNOT REST ON THIS VICTORY! WE MUST CONTINUE THE FIGHT TO PROTECT TAFDC!
Our CALL TO ACTION continues! We need to preserve our TAFDC safety net program for all families in FY 2011.

Celebration and Call to Action!
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
11:00-12:00 Guest Speakers
12:00-1:00 State House Visits
State House, Boston
Nurses Hall, 2nd Floor

TAFDC serves 50,000 families in Massachusetts, providing a subsistence benefit that averages less than \$500 per family. Regional inflation of 90% since 1988 has eroded the purchasing power of the grant.¹ Parents are required to work unless they are too disabled or caring for young children or a disabled family member.

Please thank Governor Patrick (617-725-4000) for reversing the TAFDC cut and your Legislators (617-722-2000) for urging the Governor to do so!

Sponsors: Action for Boston Community Development, Boston Center for Independent Living, Catholic Charities of Boston, Catholic Charities of Springfield, Coalition Against Poverty, Coalition for Social Justice, Disability Policy Consortium, Greater Boston Legal Services, Homes for Families, Live Well Springfield, Mass. Coalition for the Homeless, Mass. Law Reform Institute, Mass. Welfare Rights Union, Metro-West Center for Independent Living, National Association of Social Workers/MA Chapter, Survivors, Inc., The Providers Council.

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¹ The maximum benefit has been increased by only 10% since 1988.