



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Committed to ensuring that everyone has a place to call home

## First Stop Initiative: Homelessness Prevention Collaborative



### *Stabilization before homelessness*

<http://www.mahomeless.org/programs/firststop.html>

## ARE YOU EXPERIENCING.....

### HOUSING ISSUES

- Need help finding money to pay for some of my housing and utilities costs.
- Have a housing subsidy but I still think I am paying too much
- Have problems with the condition of my housing
- Having trouble with my landlord.
- Feel unsafe in my housing
- Need changes to my apartment because of a medical condition
- Attempted to have my rent recalculated but I was denied
- Think the housing authority made the wrong decision. How do I appeal?
- Am being evicted/my landlord is threatening to evict me.
- Have a place to live but I need furniture and household items
- Need help finding a new place to live
- Need help filling out housing applications
- Feel like I have been waiting too long for subsidized housing
- Need to move but I cannot afford first month's rent, last month's rent, security deposit
- Believe I was wrongfully denied. a priority or preference

### OR....

### UTILITIES ISSUES

- Need assistance with my rent utility bills
- Need fuel assistance/other money to help pay my utility bills
- My utilities costs are high and I do not have a discount or shut off protection
- My utilities are scheduled to be shut off or have been shut off
- Have no gas/electric service
- Have a balance with the utility companies.
- Disagreement with landlord about who is responsible for paying utility costs
- Believe I am paying the electric/gas bill for common areas

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