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Financial Assistance Programs

There are no listings for this type of referral resource.

<http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>

Free lifetime access pass for any person with a disability or for the caregivers of a person with a disability. It allows access to ALL national parks free of charge.

All that is required is a letter from the physician stating the disability which needs to be sent to your local National Forestry & Wildlife Division to get the pass. Each pass will admit up to 4 adults; children under 16 are always free.

The above link answers has detailed information.

Steven Chick, CFP, CLU, ChFC

**197 South Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201**

Phone: **(413) 499-0620**

fax: **(413) 499-3613**

email: **steve.chick@nmfn.com**

www.stevechick.com

Experience in Special Needs Planning

Providing financial services for families of individuals with special needs with an understanding that families with special needs are faced with unique concerns and challenges regarding the life-long care of their loved ones. Will work with you to identify your goals for yourself, your family and your loved one with special needs and educating you on your options for achieving a lifetime of financial security.

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund

**250 Washington St., 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02108-4619**

Primary Phone: **(617) 624-5992**

Secondary Phone: **(800) 882-1435**

email: **Kathy.Patisteas@state.ma.us**

www.state.ma.us/cicrf

A last resort for families facing extraordinary out-of-pocket expenses due to a child's illness. A family may qualify for payment or reimbursement of the costs of inpatient or outpatient hospital care, prescription drugs, nursing care, physician services, travel expenses related to a child's medical treatment, or medically-related home and vehicle modifications.

CICRF provides financial assistance for MA families with children experiencing a medical condition requiring services not covered by a private insurer, federal or state health care assistance, or any other financial source.

Information as of
9/29/2009

Address data maintained by Community Resources for People with Autism.
Please contact CRPA at 1(800) 892-7003 with any corrections or updates.

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Financial Assistance Programs

Citizens Energy Oil Heat Program

, MA

Phone: **(877) 563-4645**

www.citizensenergy.com

Eligible households who are facing financial hardship are allowed a one-time delivery per heating season of 100 gallons of home heating oil for free. There are no strict income limits and no citizenship requirements.

Southwest Airlines

Civic and Charitable Contributions Center

PO Box 36611

Dallas, TX 75235-1611

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone: **(800) 495-3138**

Offer free tickets to children (and 1 parent) who are traveling for medical reasons. Certain information may be required in order to process each request.

CommonHealth of Massachusetts

33 Bridge St.

Springfield, MA 01103

Primary Phone: **(800) 332-5545**

Secondary Phone: **(413) 785-4100**

<http://www.hcfama.org/>

CommonHealth is a Massachusetts health care program for adults who are disabled and working, and also children who are disabled. Read below to learn about:

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Financial Assistance Programs

Community Action

393 Main St

Greenfield, MA 01301

Phone: (413) 774-2318

fax: (413) 773-3834

email: info@communityaction.us

www.communityaction.us

Serving Franklin, Hampshire, and North Quabbin Regions.

Satellite office:

56 Vernon Street

Northampton, MA 01060

413-582-4230

Dedicated to promoting economic justice and improving the quality of life for people with low incomes.

Programs include: Food and Nutrition; Emergency Assistance; Asset Development; Education and Literacy; Housing; Home Energy Assistance.

Council of Churches of Greater Springfield

, MA

Phone: (413) 733-2149

www.councilofchurchesgs.org

The Emergency Fuel Fund program provides financial support to individuals and families to help them purchase heating fuel during the winter months. Funds are limited and priority is given to senior citizens, first-time callers, and families with young children.

Distrigas/Citizens Energy

, MA

Phone: (866) 427-9918

www.citizensenergy.com

Provides up to \$150 per heating season to natural gas customers who have exhausted their fuel assistance benefits or those who are ineligible to receive federal fuel assistance.

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Financial Assistance Programs

ener-G-save

, MA

Phone: **(866) 634-3021**

www.ener-g-save.org

Provides a \$50 award to Western MA homeowners who insulate their attics.

Franklin County Reg. Housing & Redevelopment Auth.

42 Canal Rd.

Turners Falls, MA 01376

Phone: **(413) 863-9781**

fax: **(413) 863-9289**

RAFT--Residential Assistance for Families in Transition

RAFT is a statewide program for eligible MA families to provide limited short-term financial assistance in order for them to retain housing, obtain new housing or otherwise avoid homelessness on a first come, first served basis. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria as established by the MA Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

MA Dept of Transitional Assistance

, MA

Phone:

State agency in charge of cash assistance, food stamps, and other services for eligible Massachusetts families and individuals.

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Financial Assistance Programs

MA Dept. of Housing & Community Development

100 Cambridge Street; Ste. 300

Boston, MA 02114

Phone: (800) 632-8175

www.mass.gov/dhcd

<http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/publications/Crel.pdf>

Contact to information regarding three low-income energy programs offered by the Department: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or fuel assistance, Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Heating Emergency Assistance Retrofit Task Weatherization Assistance Program (HEARTWAP) or the heating system program. Funded through the U. S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, LIHEAP assists low-income individuals and families with the cost of heating their homes during the winter season.

For 2007, LIHEAP will provide fuel assistance to low-income people with annual incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level, or \$40,000 for a family of four. Current benefits vary depending on income levels.

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Financial Assistance Programs

MassMutual, LifeBridge Program

1295 State Street--M260

Springfield, MA 01111

Phone: (800) 767-1000

email: cstgeorge@massmutual.com

www.massmutual/lifebridge

contact: Cindie St. George, MassMutual Financial Group

MassMutual pays the premiums for all policies issued under the LifeBridge Free Life Insurance Program. There is no out-of-pocket cost to any covered insured or his/her children. Each term life insurance policy awarded under the LifeBridge program will have a \$50,000 death benefit.

Under the LifeBridge program, individuals will be eligible to apply if they are:

- age 19-42;
- the parent or legal guardian of one or more dependent children under the age of 18;
- a permanent, legal resident of the United States;
- currently employed full time or part time with a total annual family income that is not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$40,000 annually;
- in good health as determined by MassMutual's underwriting guidelines;
- the only member of the household who has applied for the LifeBridge program.

If an insured dies during the 10-year term of the policy, the death benefit will be paid into a trust* established by MassMutual for the educational benefit of the children named by the insured. Benefits will be applied solely toward the education of the insured's eligible children. They will be used to help cover school expenses, including books and tuition.

For complete details and eligibility requirements, contact 1-800-272-2216.

[LifeBridge eligibility form](#)

* Trust services provided by The MassMutual Trust Company, FSB.

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Financial Assistance Programs

MDDC

1150 Hancock St, 3rd flr, Ste 300
Quincy, MA 02169

Phone: (617) 770-7676 x 115 fax: (617) 770-1987

web: www.mass.gov/mddc/cefp/index.htm

provides Consumer Empowerment Funds
assists individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in attending workshops that can help them achieve independence, productivity, integration and inclusion.

Debbie Ryanm, Director

Miles for Kids Program - American Airlines

Phone: (800) 421-0600 fax: (817) 931-6890

Offer free tickets to children (and 1 parent) who are traveling for medical reasons.
Since 1989, AAdvantage members have donated unused miles to help kids in need. These miles provide transportation for children from needy families who require medical treatment that's not available where they live.

MRC--Home Modifications Loan Program

27-43 Wormwood Street
Boston, MA 02210-1606

Phone: (617) 204-3724

email: steven.scarano@mrc.state.ma.us

www.mass.gov/mrc/hmlp

The state-funded Home Modification Loan Program provides loans to make modifications to the primary, permanent residence of elders, adults with disabilities, and families with children with disabilities.

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Financial Assistance Programs

Residential Assistance For Families in Transition

, MA

Phone: **(413) 233-1500**

www.haphousing.org

RAFT is a state-funded program that helps families who are behind on rent, mortgage payments or utility bills. Families who are selected can get a one-time aid grant of up to \$3000. Your household income must be at or below 50% of the area median income to qualify.

Salvation Army Good Neighbor Energy Fund

, MA

Phone: **(800) 262-1320**

www.magoodneighbor.org

Provides up to \$275 per heating season to needy families who otherwise don't qualify for fuel assistance programs.

Social Security benefits

, MA

Phone:

Families can check if their child would be eligible for SSI by using the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool on the Social Security website.

Go to the website:

www.socialsecurity.gov/notices/supplemental-security-income

Look for the "Am I Eligible for SSI" link, then click on Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool (BEST)

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Financial Assistance Programs

Springfield Partners for Community Action

, MA

Phone: (413) 263-6500

www.springfieldpartnersinc.com

Local agency that administers the federally-funded WAP weatherization assistance program.

The Grotto

21 Westbrook Drive
Springfield, MA 01129

Phone: (413) 783-9101

Contact:

Paul Moore; Bela Grotto

This group assists with paying dental bills for special needs younger than 18. Tell them child is special needs, and they will send forms for parents and dentist to complete.

The Patriot Group

510 Elm St
Worcester, MA 01609

Phone: (508) 791-0916

web: www.patriot.nef.com

This group has provided training for families in the area regarding Life Planning/Financial Planning for families with special needs children.

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Financial Assistance Programs

USDA Rural Housing Service

1400 Independence Ave., SW; Stop 0780

Washington, DC 20250-0780

Primary Phone: (202) 720-5277

fax: (202) 690-3025

Secondary Phone: (202) 720-3773

www.rurdev.usda.gov

The Rural Housing Service of USDA Rural Development works to help families acquire safe, well-built, affordable homes: home ownership loans, rural rental housing loans, home improvement loans, site loans. Housing subsidies.

Valley Opportunity Council

300 High Street

Holyoke, MA 01040

Phone: (413) 552-1554

fax: (413) 552-1558

email: Shuntley@valleyopp.com

www.valleyopp.com

Services: family life services, energy assistance, income management, education, housing, youth services, early education and child care, transportation, seniors, nutrition.
