

# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

## Weekly Newsletter

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## National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

We wanted to use this week's newsletter to recognize that it is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.



According to the *College and University Basic Needs Insecurity: A National #RealCollege Survey Report* published in April of 2019 by the Hope Center at Temple University:

- 48% of Community College Students experienced Food Insecurity in the last 30 days
- 60 % of Community College Students experience Housing Insecurity
- 18% of Community College Students reported being affected by Homelessness in the last year
- Seven in 10 community college students responding to the survey experienced food insecurity, housing insecurity, or homelessness during the previous year

### What does all this mean?

If you, or any of your friends have struggled with housing, being able to afford food, or afford balanced meals, You Are Not Alone. We hope that you feel comfortable here at MassBay reaching out for help and are utilizing a wide array of resources that can support you while you do the hard work of earning your degree. The *College and University Basic Needs Insecurity: A National #RealCollege Survey Report* also indicated that a GAO report written in 2017 found that 57% of students who were eligible for SNAP benefits were not utilizing them.

**This week, we encourage all of our students to explore more of the state and local recourse that may be available to you!**

### Get Pre-Screened on Campus!

**Thursday November 21st**

#### 11:30am-12:30pm in the Wellesley Cafe

We will have a Representative from Project Bread and the Department of Transitional Assistance who will be providing information about SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and other resources:

#### 12:30-2:30pm in Wellesley Coaching Commons

Will be pre-screening students for SNAP Eligibility. Students should come prepared to discuss the following:

1. Income each pay period and number of hours they work per period.
2. Other income received (unemployment income, workers' compensation, Veterans' benefits, pension, child support, alimony, etc.)
3. Housing and utility costs
4. Dependent care costs
5. Medical costs

**\*Tuesday, December 10th Project Bread Representatives will be coming to the Framingham Campus.**

**Learn more about how to prepare, or apply on your own at**

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/snap-verifications-what-information-you-need-to-provide>

### Can't Make it to the Wellesley Campus on Thursday?

#### Call the Project Bread FoodSource Hotline at

**1-800-645-8333 for help with:**

- Screenings for SNAP/Food Stamp eligibility.
- Over-the-phone SNAP application assistance and follow up with applicants throughout the process.
- Referrals to community food programs.
- Informational resource for agencies who have specific SNAP regulation questions that are affecting their clients.
- General information to current SNAP recipients, applicants with pending applications, and those who are hesitant to apply.
- Referrals to other programs such as WIC, school meals, housing, and utility assistance.
- Information on the Healthy Incentive Program (HIP) and how to earn benefits.

The SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) program helps individuals and families purchase food through a debit card account with monthly deposits of money to be used at grocery stores, convenience stores, and farmers' markets. Call or use the online form to check eligibility and apply. Individuals do NOT have to be on TAFDC to receive SNAP.

#### Visit Project Bread

145 Border St. East Boston, MA 02128

Phone: (617) 723-5000

[www.gettingsnap.org](http://www.gettingsnap.org) or [www.pojectbread.org](http://www.pojectbread.org)

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### Campus Resources:

Learn more about our campus food resources here:

<https://www.massbay.edu/snacc>

### Local Resources:

#### Tempo Young Adult Resource Center

68 Henry Street, Framingham MA 01702

Phone: 508-879-1424

See website for daily hours: <http://tempoyoungadults.org/>

### Food Resources:

#### A Place to Turn Food Pantry

99 Hartford Street, Natick, MA 01760

Phone: 508-655-8868

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm,

Wednesday 11am-12:30pm & 5-7 pm

Referral required [www.aplacetoturn-natick.org](http://www.aplacetoturn-natick.org)

#### WIC (Women & Infant Nutritional Assistance) Program

*Provides services to pregnant and breastfeeding women, new moms, and children under 5 years of age. Assists with buying food, consultations, support, medical referrals, childcare, immunization screenings, and workshops. Men are also encouraged to apply if they care for a child under 5 years old.*

Phone: (800) 942-1007

[www.mass.gov/wic](http://www.mass.gov/wic)

#### Marlborough Community Cupboard Food Pantry

255 Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752

Phone: 888-811-3291 x4902

Monday and Friday 9am-1pm Wednesday 9am-1pm & 5-7 p.m.

[www.uwotc.org/food/marlborough](http://www.uwotc.org/food/marlborough)

#### Pearl Street Cupboard & Café at Park

46 Park Street, Framingham, MA 01702

[www.uwotc.org](http://www.uwotc.org)

#### Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen

35 Concord Street, Framingham, MA 01704

Phone: 508-875-3341

Dinner is served Monday – Friday at 6 p.m.

[www.massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/ma/franeedhelp](http://www.massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/ma/franeedhelp)

#### St. Bridget's Food Pantry

15 Wheeler Avenue, Framingham, MA 01702

Phone: 508-875-5959

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11:30am-12:30pm.

[www.stbridgetparish.org/parish-life/outreach-programs](http://www.stbridgetparish.org/parish-life/outreach-programs)

#### Allston/Brighton Food Pantry

494 Washington Street, Brighton, MA 02135

Phone: 617-254-4046

Saturdays (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of each month) 10am-1pm

Community Supper open to all Wednesdays 6pm

[www.abfoodpantry.com/index.php/food-pantry](http://www.abfoodpantry.com/index.php/food-pantry)

#### St. Mary's Food Pantry

14 Cushing Ave, Dorchester MA 02125

Phone: 617-282-3181

Tuesdays 9:30am-11:30am

[www.stmarysdorchester.org/food-pantry](http://www.stmarysdorchester.org/food-pantry)

#### Hyde Park Emergency Food Pantry

1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136

Phone: 617-637-7413

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm

[www.hydeparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.hydeparkfoodpantry.org)

#### Wellesley Food Pantry

2017 Washington Street, Wellesley MA 02481

Phone 781-235-1188

Tuesdays 9am-11am

Dinner is served second Tuesday of each month 5pm-7pm.

[www.wellesleyfoodpantry.org](http://www.wellesleyfoodpantry.org)

*\* Food Pantries may require proof of residency, a photo ID, proof of income, and a referral. The Student Development office can provide referrals to eligible families. Please visit the websites below for additional office locations and eligibility information.*

### Housing Resources:

#### Domestic violence shelter: Voices Against Violence

Administrative Offices 7 Bishop Street, Framingham, MA 01702

Phone: 508-626-8686

24 Hour Hotline, TTY-friendly: 800-593-1125

*Services: Confidential short term emergency shelter, counseling and support groups, information and referrals, medical, legal and criminal justice advocacy.*

[www.smoc.org/voices-against-violence.php](http://www.smoc.org/voices-against-violence.php)

#### For Families: Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)

300 Howard Street, Framingham, MA 01702

Phone: 508-661-6600

24-Hour Hotline: 1-877-382-2363

*Services: The DTA provides emergency shelter referrals for eligible families. Please visit the websites below for additional office locations and eligibility information.*

[www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dta](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dta)

[www.mass.gov/hed/](http://www.mass.gov/hed/)

#### Family Promise Metrowest

P.O. Box 847, Natick, MA 01760

Phone: 508-318-4820

*Eligibility: All families with at least one child under the age of 18 who are without a home are eligible to join the program. Sobriety is required and a background check will be conducted.*

*Services: Case management and non-emergency shelter are offered.*

[www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org)

#### For individuals: Common Ground Resource Center SMOC:

South Middlesex Opportunity Council

7 Bishop Street, Framingham, MA 01702

Phone: 508-620-2690

*Eligibility: Single adults over the age of 18 with a Framingham State University ID. Services: A multidisciplinary team matches eligible individuals with housing, case management, and other services.*

[www.smoc.org/common-ground-resource-center.php](http://www.smoc.org/common-ground-resource-center.php)

#### Emergency Shelter in Massachusetts for Individuals

*Please visit the website below for the Department of Housing and Community Development's list of emergency shelters for individuals in Massachusetts.*

[www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/dhcd](http://www.mass.gov/hed/economic/eohed/dhcd)

#### Rental Assistance Programs Services

*There are a variety of rental assistance programs available for both individuals and families. Please visit the website below for more information.*

[www.mass.gov/hed/housing/rental-assistance](http://www.mass.gov/hed/housing/rental-assistance)

#### Boston Emergency Shelter Commission

Call for list of local shelters (617) 635-4507

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/shelter>

#### Home Start Inc.

105 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (617) 542-0338

*Provides case management and support for families and individuals regarding homelessness prevention, affordable housing searches, housing stabilization, and money management.*

<http://www.homestartinc.org>

#### Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership (MBHP)

125 Lincoln Street, Boston MA 02111

Phone: (617) 859-0400 or (800) 272-0990 (MA area only)

*Provides case management services, brief counseling, referrals and informational seminars for families and individuals in need of affordable housing.*

<http://www.mbhp.org>

#### MA Coalition for the Homeless

15 Bubier Street, Lynn, MA 01901

(781) 595-7570

*Programs include fuel assistance, utility discounts, food stamps, affordable housing and shelters. Referrals needed for some services.*

[www.mahomeless.org](http://www.mahomeless.org)

#### Travelers Aid Family Services Boston (TAFS)

727 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02111

Phone: (617) 542-7286 or (617) 635-4500 after 5pm & weekends

*Provides temporary emergency shelters, motels, transitional and permanent housing. TAFS assists with local emergency transportation, family relocation out of the state, and employment services.*

[www.taboston.org](http://www.taboston.org)

#### Youth on Fire (YOF)

A program of AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts

75 Amory St, Boston, MA 02119

Phone: (617) 437-6200

*Drop-in center for homeless and street-involved youth, ages 14-24*

<https://aac.org/youth-on-fire>