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Department of Youth Services

Central Office

**600 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 727-7575**

<http://www.mass.gov/dys>

Email: dysinfodesk@massmail.state.ma.us

Metro Region Office

**425 Harvard Street
Dorchester, MA 02124
(617) 740-0111**

Covers Suffolk County.

Central Region Office

**Sharp Building, Westborough State Hospital
288 Lyman Street
Westboro, MA 01581
(508) 898-9562**

Covers Worcester County (excluding the town of Athol and including the town of Bellingham).

Northeast Region Office

**33 Gregory Street
Middleton, MA 01949
(978) 646-2300**

Covers Essex and Middlesex Counties.

Southeast Region Office

**Murray Building
60 Hodges Avenue
Taunton, MA 02780
(508) 824-1484**

Covers Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk (except the town of Bellingham), and Plymouth Counties.

Western Region Office

**280 Tinkham Road
Springfield, MA 01129
(413) 783-0781**

Covers Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire Counties and the town of Athol.

Other Massachusetts state agencies

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

<http://www.mass.gov/dmh>

(617) 626-8000

Information and Referral Line: (800) 221-0053

The state agency responsible for providing services and supports to meet the mental health needs of individuals with serious mental illness. DMH information desk accepts emails at dmhinfo@dmh.state.ma.us. DMH has an information and referral specialist at (800) 221-0053. DMH information desk accepts emails at dmhinfo@dmh.state.ma.us. DMH has an information and referral specialist at **(800) 221-0053**.

- **The DMH Resource Guide**, available at DMH’s website, is a directory of DMH’s Areas, Service Site Offices, facilities and contact information. This guide points consumers towards DMH contacts in their town, city or region.
- **The DMH Consumer and Family Resource Guide**, available at DMH’s website, is a listing of information and referral resources. This guide includes hotlines, warmlines, other resources for consumers, and a listing of recovery learning communities (RLCs). RLCs are DMH consumer-run networks of self-help, peer support, information and referral, advocacy and training activities.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

<http://www.mass.gov/dds>

(617) 727-5608

The state agency responsible for providing services and supports to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities. DDS information desk accepts emails at Info@state.ma.us. DDS was formerly called the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR).

Division of Medical Assistance (DMA or “MassHealth”)

<http://www.mass.gov/masshealth>

MassHealth Member Customer Service Center: (800) 841-2900

TTY: (888) 665-9997

DMA or MassHealth is the state agency that provides health insurance -- or help in paying for private health insurance -- to qualifying Massachusetts children, families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI)

<http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/childbehavioralhealth>

MassHealth and the state Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) have created a program called the Children’s Behavioral

Health Initiative (CBHI) to implement the *Rosie D.* order. The order requires Massachusetts to provide home-based mental health services to Medicaid-eligible youths with serious emotional disturbance who need such home-based services,

The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (“the Connector”)

<http://www.mahealthconnector.org>

(617) 933-3140

(877) MA-ENROLL

The Connector is a state public agency that helps qualified Massachusetts adult residents purchase health care coverage. The Connector was created to implement a 2006 law, Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006, which requires that uninsured adults in Massachusetts buy health insurance. The Connector administers two programs: Commonwealth Care and Commonwealth Choice.

- Commonwealth Care offers subsidized health insurance to low income residents of Massachusetts, through a choice of private health insurance plans. This may include an adult child if he or she cannot work on a regular basis but does not qualify as disabled. For more information on Commonwealth Care, contact (877) MA-ENROLL or <http://www.macommonwealthcare.com>.
- Commonwealth Choice provides commercial health insurance plans to uninsured individuals and small businesses. The “Young Adult Plan” is for independent individuals ages 19 to 26.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

<http://www.mass.gov/doe>

(781) 338-3000

TTY: (800) 439 2370

DESE, formerly the Department of Education (DOE), is the state agency charged with ensuring improved teaching and learning in Massachusetts public schools.

Special Education in Institutional Settings (SEIS)

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/contact/phone.asp?mode=org#>

(781) 338-3303

SEIS, a division of the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, is responsible for providing special education services to youth with disabilities residing in state facilities operated by the Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, and Youth Services, and in county correctional facilities.

Department of Public Health (DPH)

<http://www.mass.gov/dph>

(617) 624-6000

TTY: (617) 624-6001

Public Health Information Line: (866) 627-7968

DPH is the state public health agency. It provides direct health care, education and prevention services.

Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS)

<http://www.mass.gov/dph/bsas/>

(617) 624-5111

BSAS, a division of the Department of Public Health, oversees state substance abuse prevention and treatment services. BSAS operates the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline, which may be contacted at **(800) 327-5050**, **(888) 428-8321** (TTY) or <http://www.helplin-online.com>. The BSAS Office of Youth and Young Adult Services also publishes the Massachusetts Youth and Young Adult Services Directory, available at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/substance-abuse/ooyas-directory-print.pdf>.

Office of Patient Protection (OPP)

<http://www.mass.gov/dph/opp/>

(800) 436-7757

OPP, a division of the Department of Public Health, oversees a range of protections for Massachusetts consumers and other individuals who receive health coverage from a Massachusetts carrier, insurer or HMO.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

<http://www.mass.gov/dcf>

(617) 748-2000

Child-at-Risk Hotline: (800) 792-5200

DCF, formerly the Department of Social Services (DSS), is the state agency charged with protecting children from child abuse and neglect.

Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC)

<http://www.eec.state.ma.us/>

(617) 988-6600

DEEC is the state agency responsible for the licensing of early education and care programs, providing financial assistance for child care services to low-income families, information and referral services, parenting support for all families, and providing professional development opportunities for staff in the early education and care field.

The Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)

<http://www.mass.gov/childadvocate/>

(617) 979-8360

(866) 790-3690 (toll free)

The OCA is an independent office that reports directly to the Governor. The goal of the OCA is to ensure that every child involved with child welfare or juvenile justice agencies in Massachusetts is protected from harm and receives appropriate and effective services delivered in a timely and respectful manner. The OCA accepts calls from (or on behalf of) youth in custodial care who have a complaint or want assistance. The OCA does **not** provide emergency services. Claims of child abuse and neglect should be directed to DCF's Child-at-Risk Hotline at **(800) 792-5200**.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

<http://www.mass.gov/mrc>

(800) 245-6543 (voice/TDD) or (617) 204-3600

The MRC assists individuals with disabilities to live and work independently. MRC is responsible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Community Services, and eligibility determination for the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) federal benefits programs for Massachusetts citizens with disabilities. MRC serves people with all types of disabilities except those who are blind. Individuals with visual disabilities are served through the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB).

Legal representation

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC)

<http://www.mhlac.org>

(617) 338-2345

(800) 342-9092 (toll free)

MHLAC is an independent state agency charged with providing information, advice, advocacy and legal representation to individuals with mental health issues in Massachusetts. MHLAC provides legal assistance to youths, including DYS involved youths, on matters related to mental health services and special education.

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee's (MHLAC's) DYS Project

http://www.mhlac.org/DYS_Project.htm

(617) 338-2345

(800) 342-9092 (toll free)

MHLAC's DYS Project provides legal advice and representation. The project can be reached at ext. 124.

Youth Advocacy Department (YAD) of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS)

<http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org>

(617) 989-8112 (Boston)

A list of other YAD offices is available at <http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/contact/contactyad.html>.

YAD, within the state public defender agency (CPCS), provides lawyers to represent juveniles in delinquency and youthful offender cases. YAD also provides lawyers in hearings on the revocation of a grant of conditional liberty for indigent youths involved with DYS. YAD also offers social services, psychological assessments, case management, and referrals to community services. YAD's Community Notebooks, a resource for youths in the juvenile justice system, are available at <http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/outreach/outreach-communitynotebooks.html>. YAD has offices across the state.

EdLaw Project

<http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/edlaw/edlaw.htm>

(617) 989-8100 ext. 8150

An advocacy organization, jointly operated by the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts and the Youth Advocacy Department (YAD), working to ensure the rights of Boston youths to a quality education. Provides legal representation for children facing expulsions, suspensions or disciplinary proceedings, or in matters concerning special education. To be eligible for legal services, the youth must reside in Boston and meet legal services income guidelines. The EdLaw Project has a special focus on advocacy for court-involved youths.

Juvenile Defense Network (JDN)

<http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/jdn/jdn-about.html>

(617) 989-8100 ext. 8127

JDN is a training and support project to aide juvenile defense lawyers in Massachusetts who represent children in delinquency and youthful offender cases. JDN is an initiative of the Youth Advocacy Project. The JDN resource page includes a listing of DYS contacts by region.

Health Care For All (HCFA)

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

(617) 350-7279

TTY: (617) 350-0974

(800) 272-4232 (helpline)

HCFA is a Massachusetts organization dedicated to making quality, affordable health care accessible to everyone, regardless of income, social or economic status. HCFA offers information referral and personal and legal advocacy. The HCFA Helpline provides information and advice

regarding health care questions.

Health Law Advocates (HLA)

<http://www.hla-inc.org>

(617) 338-5241

HLA is a non-profit organization providing legal services to eligible clients in discrete areas of health law. HLA's Children's Mental Health Access Project works to improve access to mental health services for children throughout Massachusetts, using advocacy, education and promotion of systemic change. The project seeks to represent children denied access to essential mental health services. The program has a particular focus on youths involved with the Department of Children and Families.

Children's Law Center of Massachusetts

<http://www.clcm.org>

(781) 581-1977

The Children's Law Center of Massachusetts is a legal services agency that provides direct representation for children and youths in juvenile justice, child welfare and educational matters. The center has a pro bono panel of 80 lawyers who provide direct representation to indigent children in education matters. Training and supervision of lawyers is provided by the center. The Center is located in Lynn and their service area is limited to the Northeast part of Massachusetts.

Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project at Boston College School of Law

<http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/jrap/>

(617) 552-2350

The Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project specializes in cross-system representation of youths (particularly girls) involved in the juvenile justice system. The project serves the Roxbury and Dorchester areas, as well as Lowell.

Juvenile Justice Center of Suffolk University Law School

<http://www.law.suffolk.edu/academic/clinical/iic/iic.cfm>

(617) 305-3200

The clinic serves the Boston Juvenile Court, South Boston and West Roxbury, using law students to represent juveniles charged with crimes. Staff attorneys and clinical supervisors help in the defense of clients.

Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard University School of Law

<http://www.law.harvard.edu/academics/clinical/cij/>

(617) 496-8143

Harvard Law School students, supervised by Criminal Justice Institute attorneys, represent both adults and juveniles on a variety of matters from misdemeanors to felonies. The clinic services Dorchester Juvenile &

Roxbury District Courts.

Children and Family Law Program of the Committee for Public Counsel Services

http://www.publiccounsel.net/Practice_Areas/cafl_pages/civil_cafl_index.html

(617) 482-6212

The Children and Family Law Program of the Committee for Public Counsel Services provides legal representation to indigent parents and children in state intervention/child welfare matters, including care and protection proceedings, CHINS cases, actions to dispense with parental consent to adoption, state-agency-sponsored guardianships, and any other proceeding regarding child custody where the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is a party or where the court is considering granting custody to DCF.

Disability Law Center (DLC)

<http://www.dlc-ma.org/>

(617) 723-8455

(800) 872-9992

TTY: (800) 381-0577

DLC is a non-profit organization responsible for providing protection and advocacy for the rights of Massachusetts residents with disabilities. DLC provides information, referral, technical assistance and representation regarding legal rights and services for people with disabilities.

Center for Public Representation (CPR)

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

(617) 965-0776 (Newton)

(413) 586-6024 (Northampton)

CPR is a public interest law firm, with offices in Newton and Northampton, which provides legal representation to people with mental illness and disabilities in community and institutional settings. CPR has expertise in representing children and adolescents with mental illness.

Prisoners' Legal Services

<http://www.mcls.net/>

(617) 482-2773

(800) 882-1413 (free line for non-prisoners anywhere in Massachusetts)

(617) 482-4124 (prisoners in county facilities may call collect on this number)

***9004# (prisoners in DOC facilities can call on this speed-dial number, which is pre-authorized on all state prisoner PIN cards)**

Prisoners' Legal Services, formerly Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, is an independent state agency that provides civil legal services to people in Massachusetts prisons and jails including youthful offenders sentenced to prison or jail. The office does not provide criminal defense services. Prisoners' Legal Services is particularly concerned with health care, including mental health care, brutality, extreme conditions of confinement, and segregation.

Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (CLUM)

<http://www.aclu-mass.org>

(617) 482-3170

CLUM works on issues of juvenile justice, including efforts to remedy or eliminate school policies that disproportionately exclude students of color from the Massachusetts school system by channeling them into the juvenile justice system. CLUM also works to redress the over-representation of minority youths at every point of the juvenile justice system.

Mental and physical health services

Website on *Rosie D.*, prepared by the Center for Public Representation. Available at <http://www.rosied.org/>.

This website provides information and resources to parents, attorneys, advocates, providers and other professionals regarding ongoing changes to the children's mental health system in Massachusetts as a result of the implementation of the judicial order in the *Rosie D.* class action lawsuit. The *Rosie D.* Order applies to children and adolescents under the age of 21 who reside in Massachusetts and are eligible for MassHealth; are diagnosed with a serious emotional, behavioral or psychiatric condition meeting the federal definitions of serious emotional disturbance; and are determined through a mental health evaluation to need home-based services. The Commonwealth is overseeing implementation through its Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI). New services became available beginning on June 30, 2009.

Mass. Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP) web site

<http://www.masspartnership.com>

The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP) manages mental health and substance abuse services for more than 350,000 MassHealth members across the Commonwealth. One section of the MBHP web site contains extensive information about the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI), which is implementing the *Rosie D.* judgment. This section includes a list of the regional Community Service Agencies that will be key providers of CBHI services at http://www.masspartnership.com/doc/CSAWinnersforPosting03_6_09.pdf.

Mass Health Contact List

http://www.compartners.org/pdf/contact/statewide_contact_list.pdf

A list of state health agencies providing health care, mental health and substance abuse services.

**The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
Patient Referral Line**

<http://www.massleague.org/HealthCenters.htm>

(800) 475-8455

A community health center provides physical and mental health services. A center can also provide a social worker to help you locate other resources. Centers assist in applying for medical insurance.

The Emergency Services Programs (ESP) Resource Guide

<http://www.mass.gov/dmh> under DMH Resource Guides

This Department of Mental Health (DMH) guide lists all ESPs statewide, their location, corresponding cities and towns and toll-free crisis numbers.

Boston Medical Center (BMC)

<http://www.bmc.org>

(617) 414-5000

BMC provides health care, including for those without medical insurance.

Boston Emergency Services Team (BEST)

<http://www.northsuffolk.org/services-1.html>

(800) 981-HELP

BEST is an emergency room alternative to people experiencing mental health crises.

Health Care for All Health Care Helpline

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

(800) 272-4232

The Health Care Helpline helps callers who are uninsured or have questions about how to access free or low-cost health care.

JRI Health: Sidney J. Borum Center, Boston

<http://www.jri.org>

(617) 457-8140

The Sidney J. Borum Center specializes in adolescent mental health care, serving ages 13-29. It offers a variety of services including free substance abuse treatment, AIDS testing and a residential school program.

Youth Service Providers Network (YSPN)

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

(617) 202-4383

YSPN is a partnership between the Boston Police Department and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston serving youths involved with the police and living in Boston. YSPN can provide access to licensed clinical social workers in district police stations who will work with youths to find appropriate social services. Youths referred to the YSPN can receive various forms of assistance from social workers: 1) intake and assessment, 2) short-term case management, and 3) on-going clinical services. To access YSPN services, contact your local Boston Police district station. Youths confined to DYS may be able to continue receiving YSPN services. Parents or guardians who would like these services to continue in DYS settings should talk to their child's YSPN social worker.

Boston Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs, Inc. (ASAP)

<http://www.bostonasap.com/>

(617) 482-5292

Boston ASAP is an outpatient alcoholism and drug treatment clinic. Ask for an intake worker at the number listed above.

24-hour Massachusetts Substance Abuse Helpline

<http://www.helpline-online.com>

(800) 327-5050

Try the following agencies to find a support group in your area:

Narcotics Anonymous

(617) 426-9444

Alcoholics Anonymous

(617) 426-9444

Al-anon/Alateen Family Groups

<http://www.ma-al-anon-alateen.org>

(508) 366-0556

Al-anon/Alateen Family Groups provide support to family members of people struggling with alcohol addiction.

Additional resources for drug and alcohol rehabilitation can be found in the Boston Youth Survival Guide 2008-2009, which you can link to at <http://www.hryn.org/Research%20and%20Needs%20Assessment>.

Advocacy and support organizations

Citizens for Juvenile Justice (CfJJ)

<http://www.cfjj.org>

(617) 338-1050

CfJJ is an independent, non-profit, public policy advocacy organization working to improve the juvenile justice system in Massachusetts. CfJJ advocates, convenes, conducts research, and educate the public on important juvenile justice issues. CfJJ hosts juvenile justice forums on hot topics and trends in the juvenile justice system that are free and open to the public. CfJJ has information on their web site about the Massachusetts juvenile justice system.

Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN)

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

(617) 236-7210

(800) 331-0688

FCSN is a center for parents and parent organizations to work together on behalf of children with special needs and their families. FCSN operates a Parent Training and Information Center which offers a variety of services to parents, parent groups, and others who are concerned with children with special needs.

Parents Engaged in Education Reform (PEER)

<http://www.fcsn.org/peer/home.htm>

PFRR is a project of the Federation for Children with Special Needs whose purpose is to increase the participation of parents of children with disabilities and their organizations in school reform efforts.

Parent Professional Advocacy League (PAL)

<http://ppal.net/>

(617) 542-7860

(866) 815-8122

PAL is the statewide organization of the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. PAL provides support, education, and advocacy around issues related to children's mental health. PAL provides educational programs for families. NAMI and PAL also jointly offer Visions for Tomorrow, an 8-10 week course to help parents and primary caregivers of children and adolescents. These programs are offered in English and Spanish.

Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC)

<http://www.massadvocates.org>

(617) 357-8431

Massachusetts Advocates for Children, formerly Massachusetts Advocacy Center, is a private non-profit organization advocating for children who face barriers to equal educational and life opportunities. MAC's Children's Law Support Project (CLSP) pursues legal needs of Massachusetts' low income children. MAC accepts calls from families seeking advice, information or representation on concerns related to special education, school exclusions (suspensions or expulsions), the needs of children exposed to family violence, schooling disrupted by homelessness, autism, and MCAS.

Massachusetts Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI-Mass)

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

(781) 938-4048

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI's support and public education efforts are focused on educating America about mental illness, offering resources to those in need, and insisting that mental illness become a high national priority. NAMI also offers Family-to-Family, a free, 12 week psych-educational course for family members of older adolescents and adults.

The Equity Project

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

The Equity Project is a national initiative to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youths in juvenile delinquency courts are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness. The Equity Project examines issues that impact LGBT youths during the entire delinquency process, ranging from arrest through post-disposition.

National Juvenile Justice Network

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

(202) 467-0864 x105

This organization helps statewide juvenile justice coalitions to advocate for fair, equitable and developmentally appropriate adjudication and treatment for all youths and families involved in the juvenile justice system.

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

(877) 871-0744

TTY: (877) 871-0665

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve all youths, including youths with disabilities and other vulnerable youth. NCWD/Youth offers a range of technical assistance services to state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils and other workforce development system youth programs.

Department of Mental Health Parent Support

<http://www.mass.gov/dmh>

DMH Parent Support is available to all parents of children and adolescents with behavioral, emotional or mental health problems, whether or not their child is a DMH client. DMH funds at least once parent coordinator position in each of its six geographic areas. Parent coordinators facilitate parent support groups that offer emotional support, provide education about mental health problems and treatment, teach advocacy strategies, and teach parents self-help skills.

Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change (MFOFC)

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

A statewide, grassroots coalition of individuals with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses and their families. MFOFC believes that supports for individuals and families can be more flexible and better designed to respond to the actual needs people have. MFOFC provides information, leadership training and support to families, and also has regular regional meetings for families and individuals.

Family TIES of Massachusetts

<http://www.massfamilyties.org>

(781) 774-6736

A statewide information and parent support project of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) for families of children with special needs or chronic illness. It is run by parent coordinators in each regional DPH office.

General resources

United Way's First Call for Help 211 (within Massachusetts)

Dialing 211 within Massachusetts connects callers to an Information & Referral Specialist who can provide information on a wide range of immediate needs, including basic subsistence, health care, education, income security, and other programs and services. The specialist will assess the caller's needs and determine the service provider best equipped to handle each situation.

Education resources

Urban PRIDE, Roxbury

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

(617) 989-3929

Urban PRIDE was founded to empower and support parents of children with disabilities in inner city Boston to improve the lives of children at home, in school and in the community. Urban PRIDE has served over 1500 traditionally underserved families with a variety of different strategies including one-on-one direct support, individual/small group training, consultation activities, parent support groups and collaboration with other child and family provider organizations.

After School Collaboration for Educational Success at the Jamaica Plain Community Center

(617) 635-5244

This program offers interactive and educational tutoring and enrichment for ninth grade students who want to improve their academic level and develop their life skills.

BPS Alternative Education School/Program Profile

<http://www.altedbps.org/programs.htm>

This website offers resources for court-involved youths in the Boston area who are not ready to re-enter traditional public schooling.

Massachusetts Adult Literacy Hotline

<http://sabes.org/hotline/>

(800) 447-8844

The Massachusetts Adult Literacy Hotline provides information on GED and adult education programs.

Moving Ahead – Pathways to Success on the MCAS

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/as/pathways/>

This website features information on a variety of MCAS preparation programs.

TERI College Planning Center

<http://www.tericollegeplanning.org>

(617) 536-0200

The TERI College Planning Center has sites in Boston, Brockton, and Chelsea. Education advisors provide free one-on-one guidance and resources to help young people and adults plan for college and identify sources of financial aid.

The Bottomline, Inc.

<http://www.bottomline.org>

(617) 524-8833

The Bottomline, Inc. has centers in Boston and Worcester. This college access program offers intensive one-on-one services and support to low-income and first-generation-to-college students who are motivated to earn a degree.

Additional resources for education can be found in the Boston Youth Survival Guide 2008-2009, which you can link to at <http://www.hryn.org/Research%20and%20Needs%20Assessment>.

Employment resources

If a youth receives special education services, the youth’s IEP should include vocational training where appropriate. In such a case, see also the above listings under “Education resources.”

Massachusetts School to Career: Local Partnerships, prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/connect/stc/partners.html>

This web site lists local partnership offices by geographic area. These offices collaborate with businesses, school systems and community organizations to support work-based learning activities for youths.

Massachusetts School to Career: Workforce Investment Boards, prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/connect/stc/wib.html>

This web site lists workforce investment board offices by geographic area. Workforce investment boards offer students ways to work and learn. One of the roles of the local boards is to appoint a youth council with whom to coordinate youth-related plans and activities.

The Commonwealth’s One-Stop Career Centers, prepared by the Massachusetts Division of Career Services

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/alt/pathwaycenters.html>

This web site provides a list of One-Stop Career Centers, This list includes the names and contact information for each center’s High School Private Industry Council (PIC) Career Specialist.

The Center for Youth Development and Education (CYDE)

<http://www.cyde.us/>

CYDE provides career development opportunities for youths, particularly high risk youths. CYDE coordinates the youth components of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in Massachusetts. As part of this role, CYDE provides technical and policy support to workforce investment boards and youth councils.

The Work Place, Boston

<http://www.theworkplace.org>

(617) 737-0093

The Work Place provides a variety of services to young adults who have graduated from high school but not yet passed the MCAS. These include: free community college remediation classes, career counseling, job readiness, and information on alternative education. Services are also available to ex-offenders having trouble finding employment.

ABCD Career Explorations, Boston

<http://www.bostonabcd.org/programs/youth-development/career-explorations/>

(617) 348-6546

ABCD Career Explorations provides year-round job placement and case management services. It offers older and out-of-school youths an opportunity to gain basic skills and explore career options within a particular field.

New England Job Corps

<http://www.jobcorps.gov/contact/boston.aspx>

(617) 788-0186

The Job Corps is a federally-funded jobs program. Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 get a better job. Students can enroll to learn a trade, earn a high school diploma or GED and get help finding a good job.

YouthBuild, Boston

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

(617) 445-8887

YouthBuild is a national, non-profit organization that helps unemployed and undereducated young people ages 16-24 work toward their GED or high school diploma while learning job skills such as construction, architecture, landscaping, carpentry, entrepreneurship, life skills and professional development that will equip them to support themselves and help develop personal and neighborhood responsibility.

Artists For Humanity, South Boston

<http://www.afhboston.com/>

(617) 268-7620

Artists For Humanity works to help at-risk youths become self-sufficient through paid employment in the arts. The Artists For Humanity EpiCenter is a multi-use facility for youth and the arts in the Fort Point Channel Arts District of Boston.

Additional resources for employment can be found in the Boston Youth Survival Guide 2008-2009, which you can link to at <http://www.hryn.org/Research%20and%20Needs%20Assessment>.

Housing resources

Transition Age Supported Housing (TASH) Program of the Northeast Area of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

DMH has developed the pilot TASH for young adults, beginning at age 18, who are receiving DMH services. These young adults are given rental assistance for a period of time, trained in independent living skills and symptom management, and given vocational assistance.

Mass Access: The Accessible Housing Registry

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

The Mass Accessible Housing Registry is a free program that helps people with disabilities find rental housing in Massachusetts, primarily accessible and barrier-free housing. The database tracks accessible and affordable apartments throughout the state, maintaining information about their availability.

Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Related Resources

<http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/>

Click on Find a Service Provider under the Key Resources section on the lower left side of the page. Provides links to Local Housing Authorities, the Department of Transitional Assistance, Neighborhood Housing Services Offices, Community Development Corporations, Community Action Agencies, Independent Living Centers, Shelter Referral/Placement Services, Temporary Shelters and Homelessness Prevention Agencies.

Local Housing Authorities (LHAs)

<http://www.mass.gov/dhcd/publications/howto.htm#LHAs>

Click on Contact Listings at the bottom of the page and then Local Housing Authority Listing. This web site provides access to the 253 LHAs across the state. These LHAs manage public housing developments, that is, apartments that are built and subsidized by either the state or federal

government. There are approximately 90,000 units of state and federally assisted public housing in Massachusetts.

Additional resources for homeless youths can be found in the Boston Youth Survival Guide 2008-2009, which you can link to at <http://www.hryn.org/Research%20and%20Needs%20Assessment>.

Social organizations

Boys & Girls Clubs of Massachusetts

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

The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs is to inspire and enable young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Massachusetts 4-H

<http://www.mass4h.org/>

The Massachusetts 4-H program is focusing its resources in three areas: animal science, communications, community service, science, and leadership.

Massachusetts Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

<http://www.ymca.net/>

The mission of the YMCA is to work to build healthy spirits, minds and bodies.

Massachusetts Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

<http://www.ywca.org>

The YWCA's mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. The YWCA provides safe places for women and girls and builds strong women leaders.

United Way

<http://www.liveunited.org>

There are several regional United Way organizations within Massachusetts. They offer a range of programs for youths.

Girls Incorporated

<http://www.girlsinc.org>

Formerly Girls Clubs of America, Girls Incorporated helps girls be strong, smart and bold by providing a range of educational programming and leadership training. Some programs are also open to boys.

Jewish Community Centers (JCCs)

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

JCCs offer a wide range of educational, cultural, social and recreational programs for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Camp Fire USA

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

Camp Fire USA is a not-for-profit youth development organization. Locations provide all-inclusive, coeducational programs including youth leadership, self-reliance, after school groups, camping and environmental education, and child care.

Computer Clubhouses

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

Computer Clubhouses are after-school learning centers where young people learn about computers and other forms of technology. They are located in communities where children have limited access to technology. Clubhouse volunteers teach computer and problem-solving skills in areas of interest such as web pages, animations and videos, Internet searches, computer games, and computer-generated art and music.

21st Century Learning Centers

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

(413) 586-4900

A project of the Collaborative for Education Services, the centers are multi-service agencies providing after school programs for youths in western Massachusetts.

Boston After School and Beyond

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

(617) 624-8133

Boston After School and Beyond is a public-private effort to provide out-of-school time programs for Boston youths. The web site provides links to after-school resources across Massachusetts.

Youth Options Unlimited (Y.O.U.), Roxbury

<http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/yoboston/en/>

(617) 541-2600

Youth Options Unlimited provides a broad range of services to court-involved youths from 14 to 24 years of age. The program strives to empower and motivate young people so they may gain the education, employment, and career advancement to be successful in the workplace, in the community, and in their lives.

Whittier Youth Service & Enrichment Program of Whittier Street Health Center (WYSE)

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

(617) 989-3032

WYSE is a peer leadership program that provides youths with jobs as community health educators. WYSE is part of a comprehensive support network that offers health services, tutoring, mentoring, and a number of specific programs, that all help to encourage positive youth development. WYSE offers: “On Our Own” (co-ed ages 10-12), “Decisions” (females only ages 14-18), “Young Men of Color” (males only ages 14-18) and “Youth Making A Difference” (co-ed, ages 14-18).

Caribbean U-Turn

<http://caribbeanuturn.org/>

(617) 296-6789

U-Turn is a faith based, non-denominational ministry reaching out to young at-risk Caribbeans of Greater Boston. Working with the Boston Youth Strike Force, the Court, Probation Officers, the MBTA, and the Boston School Police, U-Turn identifies youths of Caribbean descent who appear to be at-risk. The project provides a six-month peer leadership training, therapeutic services, and mentoring, after school services, homework supervision and a drop-in center for youth.

Youth and Police in Partnership (YPP) Program of Children’s Services of Roxbury

<http://www.csrox.org/ypp.html>

(617) 989-9463

YPP, run with the Boston Police Department, works to improve the relationship between inner-city youths, community residents and the BPD. The program serves to educate youths and provide resources and skills. The program offers Roundtable Discussions between youths, police, and community; speaker presentations regarding youth violence prevention; community safety, and youth violence prevention and community safety best practices models.

Additional resources for social organizations can be found in the Boston Youth Survival Guide 2008-2009, which you can link to at <http://www.hryn.org/Research%20and%20Needs%20Assessment>.

Crime and violence prevention

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Violence Intervention Services

<http://www.mass.gov/dph/violence>

This website has links to violence prevention programs run by the Department of Public Health's Division of Violence and Injury Prevention.

Boston Center for Youth and Families Streetworkers Program (617) 635-4920

Boston TenPoint Coalition (BTPC)

<http://bostontenpoint.org/>

(617) 524-4331

BTPC is an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and lay leaders working to mobilize the Christian community around issues affecting Black and Latino youth. Their Crisis Intervention Services program offers coordinated support to neighborhoods and community to break the cycle of violence and minimize the inflammatory effect of violent crimes.

CORI record request

Employers are allowed or sometimes required to perform a CORI check before hiring someone. Youths can request CORI records at http://www.state.ma.us/chsb/cori/cori_forms.html.

Mentoring organizations

Big Brothers Big Sisters

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches caring, responsible adults with children.

Best Buddies Massachusetts

<http://www.bestbuddiesma.org>

(617) 778-0522

(866) 33-BUDDY (toll free)

Best Buddies provides opportunities for one-to-one friendships and employment for people with and without mental retardation.

Scouts New England

<http://sne.tripod.com/ma.htm>

This website lists Massachusetts Scouting Information.

Additional resources for mentoring can be found in the Boston Youth Survival Guide 2008-2009, which you can link to at <http://www.hryn.org/Research%20and%20Needs%20Assessment>.

Civic engagement

The Center for Teen Empowerment

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

(617) 536-4266

The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. (TE) inspires young people, and the adults who work with them, to think deeply about the most difficult social problems in their schools and communities, and gives them the tools they need to work with others in creating significant positive change. TE has a long history of collaborating with the Boston Public Schools and has sites in Boston and Somerville. See the web site at <http://www.teenempowerment.org/programs/> for a list of sites.

Massachusetts YMCA Youth and Government program

<http://www.maymcayag.org>

(617) 720-2810

The Youth and Government program teaches teens in grades 9-12 how they can participate in the democratic process.

Multicultural Youth Tour of What's Now (MYTOWN), Boston

<http://www.mytowninc.org>

(617) 536-8696

MYTOWN is a non-profit organization that uses history as a youth development and community building strategy. By discussing the accomplishments of local change-makers, MYTOWN demonstrates the need for young people to assume community leadership and ownership.

Roxbury Environmental Empowerment Project of Alternatives for Community and Environment

<http://www.ace-ej.org/>

(617) 442-3343

The project develops environmental justice leadership among youths in the Roxbury area through an environmental justice curriculum, internship program, and youth-led projects.

Critical Breakdown, Boston

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

A project of the American Friends Service Committee, Critical Breakdown is a hip-hop activist program that encourages youths to use creativity to

explore solutions to poverty, oppression and injustice.

Youth Empowerment Project of Boston Mobilization, Cambridge

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

(617) 492-5599

The project runs workshops in the Greater Boston area in both high schools and middle schools. Their curriculum includes anti-racism work.

Project HIP-HOP (Highways Into the Past - History, Organizing & Power), Boston

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

(617) 427-7950

This is a youth-led organization using hip hop culture and the history of resistance to injustice as tools for engaging and developing young people as activists and organizers. Project HIP-HOP is particularly interested in building the skills of young people who are often labeled “at-risk.

Freedom House, Dorchester

<http://www.freedomhouse.com>

(617) 445-3700

Freedom House is a nonprofit, community-based organization working in Boston’s communities of color. They have projects focused on education and leadership development.

Reflect and Strengthen, Dorchester

<http://www.Reflectandstrengthen.org>

(617) 445-2355

Reflect and Strengthen is an organization for girls and women ages 13-30 from the working-class, urban communities of Boston. The organization seeks positive social change through creative expression, political education and community building.

Zumix, East Boston

<http://www.zumix.org>

(617) 568-9777

Zumix seeks to empower youths through music to make positive change in their lives, communities and the world.

Sexuality resources

Fenway Community Health Center Helpline

(617) 267-9001 or (888) 340-4528

<http://www.fenwayhealth.org>

Fenway Community Health Center Peer Listening Line

(617) 267-2535 or (800) 399-7337

<http://www.fenwayhealth.org>

Fenway Community Health Center's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Helpline and Peer Listening Line offer free, confidential information, advice and referrals for a range of issues in a safe, non-judgmental space.

BAGLY – GLBT Network of Massachusetts

<http://www.bagly.org/network>

BAGLY is a peer-run, adult-supported organization that provides a variety of services and support for LGBTQ youths, especially minority youths. Services and activities include youth-led harm reduction, support groups, and leadership and activism development sessions. BAGLY's website lists LGBTQ resource centers across the state.

Spiritual engagement

The Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence

<http://spiritualdevelopmentcenter.org/>

(612) 399-0235

The Center is a global initiative to advance the research and practice of this domain of human development.

Search Institute

<http://www.search-institute.org/>

(612) 376-8955 or (800) 888-7828

Search Institute is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide leadership, knowledge, and resources to promote healthy children, youths, and communities. In particular, see the pages entitled "Faith Communities" and "Spiritual Development."

Web-based resource lists

Mass Resources

<http://www.massresources.org>

A statewide list of resources including a youth activities directory.

Boston Resource Net

<http://www.bostonresourcenet.org>

A searchable list of organizations and agencies in Eastern Massachusetts that provide human services, including services to youths.

Boston Youth Service Providers Collaboration and the Alternative Education Alliance

<http://www.bostonyouthservices.net/>

Members of the Boston Youth Service Providers Collaboration and the Alternative Education Alliance work cooperatively to provide integrated, year-round services to Boston youth.

Provides links to member organizations.

Project INTERFACE

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

(617) 332-3666 ext. 411

Project INTERFACE has collected and categorized on the web a wide range of resources about children's mental health and related topics for the benefit of parents, educators and mental health professionals in the communities it serves which include Boston, Newton, Waltham and Wellesley.

Publications

General issues

“DYS Regional Community Resource Guides” by the Commonwealth Corporation and the Massachusetts Department of Youth

Services. Available at <http://www.commcorp.org/resources/grid.cfm?ID=35&view=all>.

The guides were developed by Commonwealth Corporation in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services and created for the five DYS regions: Southeast, Metro, Northeast, Central and West. The Guides contains education resources, including alternative and non-traditional high school programs and GED programs, employability resources, including Career Centers, job search and training resources, and social services supports.

“Community Notebooks,” by the Youth Advocacy Department (YAD).

Available at <http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/outreach/outreach-communitynotebooks.html> and at (617) 445-5640.

YAD has produced notebooks featuring specific programs and services in the Boston area on the following topics: Girls Edition, Out-of-School Time, Health and Counseling, Education, Worcester GED/Job Readiness Resource Guide, Worcester After-school Program Guides, and Worcester Summer Program Guide.

“From a Parent’s Perspective,” written by Linda Smelstor and published by Citizens for Juvenile Justice (2000). Available at <http://www.cfjj.org/Pdf/Handbook2.pdf>.

This guide deals with the rights of parents of committed youths.

“The Handbook on the Legal Rights of Minors,” by the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (2001)

This handbook covers multiple topics, with an emphasis on the rights of youths with mental health issues. Some chapters have been updated and are available at <http://www.mhlac.org/>. Contact (617) 338-2345 for more information.

Criminal law

“Kids and the Law: A User’s Guide to the Court System,” by Rebecca Pries and Carol Rosensweig (3rd ed. 2002). Available for purchase from Adolescent Consultation Services, Inc. at (617) 494-0135 or <http://www.kidsandthelaw.org/>.

This English-Spanish book guides families of court-involved youths through the Massachusetts juvenile court system. Also available in Khmer-English.

Various pamphlets, by the Youth Advocacy Department. Available at <http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org>. This website posts pamphlets for youths and for parents that deal with the arrest and later court appearances.

Education

“Community Notebook, Education Edition,” by the Youth Advocacy Department (2010). Available at <http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/outreach/outreach-communitynotebooks.html> and at (617) 445-5640.

The Education Edition of the Community Notebook is intended as a primer to the educational system in Massachusetts. A listing of advocacy resources and helpful websites is also included.

“Helping Traumatized Children Learn,” by Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC) (2005). Available at <http://www.massadvocates.org>.

“Children Affected by Domestic Violence or Homelessness: Helping Children Stay Safe and Succeed in School,” by Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC) (2005). Available at <http://www.massadvocates.org/home>.

“Student Records in Massachusetts,” by the Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts. Available at http://www.clcm.org/community_education.htm.

“School Suspension and Expulsion,” by the Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts. Available at http://www.clcm.org/community_education.htm.

“Supplemental Educational Services,” by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/nclb/parents.html?section=ses>. Schools receiving federal Title I funding must offer supplemental educational services to eligible children if the school is in its second year of Needs Improvement status. Student eligibility is based on family income level and youth academic achievement level. This web site provides more information about obtaining these services.

“MCAS Performance Appeals,” by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcasappeals/filing/guidelines.html>.

This web site describes the appeal process for a student who has repeatedly failed the grade 10 MCAS tests (score less than 220). A student who can demonstrate knowledge and skills in the subject area can appeal a failed test.

“A Family Guide to Getting Involved with Correctional Education,” by T. Osher & B. Huff for the National Evaluation Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children Who Are Neglected, Delinquent or At Risk (2008). Available at <http://www.neglected-delinquent.org>.

“In School, The Right School, Finish School: A Guide to Improving Educational Opportunities for Court-Involved Youth,” by the National Children’s Law Network (2005). Available at http://www.illinoisprobono.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.dsp_content&contentID=4400.

Special education

“A Parent’s Guide to Special Education,” by the Federation of Children with Special Needs and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Available at <http://www.fcsn.org/parentguide/pgintro.html>.

Parent’s Notice of Procedural Safeguards,” by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (2010). Available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/prb/>.

“IEP Process Guide,” by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (2001). Available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/iep/>.

“Is Special Education the Right Service: A Technical Assistance Guide,” by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (2001). Available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/iep/>.

List of Massachusetts Approved Private Special Education Schools, by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/spedpvtlist/>.

This web site provides a list of approved Massachusetts in-state day and residential private special education school programs. Eligibility of special education students for day and residential school placements is dependent upon a decision of the educational TEAM that such a placement is required and subsequent documentation of that decision in the student’s Individualized Educational Plan.

“Directory of Member Schools,” by the Massachusetts Association of 766 Approved Private Schools (MAAPS). Available at <http://www.spedschools.com> or by contacting MAAPS at (781) 245-1220.

New England Residential School Directory, by New England Psychologist. Available at <http://www.masspsy.com/residential/index.html>.

This web site provides a list of residential schools in New England.

“Special Education in Massachusetts,” by the Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts. Available at http://www.clcm.org/community_education.htm.

Housing

Finding Public and Subsidized Housing, by Mass. Law Reform Institute (2009). Available at <http://www.masslegalhelp.org/housing/finding-housing-booklets>.

This handbook provides information about the nuts and bolts of government-funded housing programs in Massachusetts.

How to Obtain Housing Assistance in Massachusetts, by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (2004). Available at <http://www.mass.gov/dhcd> under “Key Resources.”

This publication details how to obtain housing assistance.

Insurance

MassHealth Advocacy Guide: An Advocate’s Guide to the Massachusetts Medicaid Program (2009 with 2010 update), by Vicky Pulos, Mass. Law Reform Institute. Available at <http://www.masslegalservices.org/MassHealthAdvocacyGuide>.

This publication includes an overview of the MassHealth program, eligibility criteria, covered services, premiums, and appeal rights.

Mental health and substance abuse services

“A Guide for Staff Who Work with Children and Families,” by the Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (2010). Available at <http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/masshealth/cbhi/cbhi-guide.pdf>. A guide for accessing MassHealth home and community-based behavioral health services for youth under age 21.

“The Parents’ How-to Guide to Children’s Mental Health Services in Massachusetts (2nd ed.),” by the Boston Bar Association and others (2009). Available at http://www.bostonbar.org/theguide/bba_theguide_jan2009.pdf or by contacting the Boston Bar Association at (617) 742-0615. This booklet describes how to access appropriate resources for youths with mental health needs.

“Community Notebook, Health and Counseling Edition,” by the Youth Advocacy Department (YAD) (2008). Available at <http://www.youthadvocacydepartment.org/outreach/outreach-communitynotebooks.html> and at (617) 445-5640.

The Health and Counseling edition of the Community Notebook focuses on young people’s health as an important factor in their overall development into successful members of their communities.

“Making Sense: A Parent’s Guide to Mental Health Resources,” by the Boston Public Health Commission. Available at <http://www.talklisten.org/>.

This guide provides good explanations of groups, therapies, and emergency/intensive mental health services and how to access them.

“Making Sense: A Parent’s Guide to a Child’s Psychiatric Hospitalization,” by the Boston Public Health Commission. Available to order or download at <http://www.talklisten.org/>.

“Psychopharmacology for Children and Adolescents: An Overview,” by Robert D. Fleischner, Center for Public Representation (2001).

Available at <http://www.centerforpublicrep.org> under “Juvenile Justice” section of “Litigation and Consulting Services.”

Resource List by the Foundation for Children with Behavioral Challenges. <http://www.explosivekids.org/resources/links.html>

This site lists web sites on topics related to raising a behaviorally challenging child, including links on helping such a child at school.

Massachusetts Youth & Young Adult Substance Abuse Services Directory by the Department of Public Health (2011). Available at [http://www.yac-yac.info/uploads/1_MA_Youth_YA_SA_Services_Directory ELECTRONIC VERSION.pdf](http://www.yac-yac.info/uploads/1_MA_Youth_YA_SA_Services_Directory_ELECTRONIC_VERSION.pdf).

Federal and state laws and regulations

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): 20 U.S.C. 1400
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/>

Federal regulations implementing IDEA: 34 C.F.R. 300
http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/34cfr300_02.html

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/>

Massachusetts statute relating to Department of Youth Services: Mass. Gen. L. ch. 18A
<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-18a-toc.htm>

Massachusetts statute relating to Protection and Care of Children, and Proceedings Against Them: Mass. Gen. L. ch. 119
(Juvenile Delinquency Code can be found at Mass. Gen. L. ch. 119, §§ 52-84.)
<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-119-toc.htm>

Massachusetts statute guiding DYS in treating and rehabilitating committed juveniles: Mass. Gen. L. ch. 120
<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-120-toc.htm>

Massachusetts Department of Youth Services regulations: 109 CMR (not currently on web but available for purchase from State Bookstore Catalog at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/spr/sprcat/agencies/109.htm>)

Massachusetts special education statute: Mass. Gen. L. ch. 71B
<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-71b-toc.htm>

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) special education regulations: 603 CMR 28.00

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr28.html>

Massachusetts mental health statute: Mass. Gen. L. ch. 123

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/gl-123-toc.htm>

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) inpatient regulations: 104 CMR 27.00

http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dmh/regs/reg_104cmr27.pdf

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC) regulations for the licensure or approval of residential programs serving children: 102 CMR 3.00

http://www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/residential_regs.pdf

