

## Public Policy Priorities

*Our public policy priorities support our mission to collectively advocate along with the state's 23 Community Action Agencies to advance economic, racial, and social justice and to create communities where everyone thrives. Every day we work together to help MA residents living with low incomes to stabilize their lives and achieve economic prosperity.*



## Our FY25 Budget Priorities



### Creating a Foundation for Economic Opportunity

- Address inequality, promote opportunity and end poverty by supporting Community Action Agencies (7004-xxxx formerly 7002-0025) - \$7.5M  
*See attached fact sheet for information about how Community Action Agencies are investing this resource to support our vulnerable friends and neighbors and strengthen communities.*



### Strengthening Families through Affordable and Accessible Early Education and Care

- Support for Early Education Rate Reserve (3000-1042) - \$60M
- Support for Income-Eligible Child Care (3000-4060) – Embed Early Education Workforce Personal Child Care \$20M
- Support for Head Start (3000-5000) - \$20M
- Support for Child Care Resource Referral Access Management in Early Education Program (3000-2000) – \$20M



### Bridging the Wage Gap

- Resources for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) (1201-0100) - \$1.5M
- Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): Include ITIN Holders, Remove the Dependent Cap

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Creating Opportunity. Changing Lives. Ending Poverty.

## Our FY25 Legislative Priorities

### *Bridging the Wage Gap and Building Wealth*

- An Act to reduce poverty by expanding the EITC and the child and family tax credit, *filed by Senator James Eldridge* ([S.1798](#))
- An Act to increase family stabilization through the earned income tax credit, *filed by Representative Marjorie Decker, Representative Andres Vargas, and Senator DiDomenico* ([H.2762/S.1793](#))
- An Act improving the earned income credit for working families, *filed by Senator Joanne Comerford* ([S.1768](#))
- An Act addressing the racial wealth gap, *filed by Representative Andres Vargas, Senator Paul Feeney, and Treasurer Deborah Goldberg* ([H.1157/S.1999](#))
- An Act to promote economic mobility through matched savings, *filed by Representative Carmen Gentile and Senator James Eldridge* ([H.1023/S.628](#))
- An Act requiring financial education in schools, *filed by Senator Patrick M. O'Connor and Treasurer Deborah Goldberg* ([S.327](#))
- An Act relative to higher education financial literacy counseling, *filed by Representative Bradley Jones* ([H.1272](#))

## FY25 Additional Legislative Priorities

### *Ensuring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging*

- An Act to reform the hate crime statutes *filed by Representative Tram Nguyen, Representative Bud Williams, and Senator Adam Gomez* ([H.1704/S.996](#))
- An Act to promote gender and racial diversity on public boards and commissions in Massachusetts, *filed by Representative Nguyen, Representative Dawne Shande, and Senator Liz Miranda* ([H.3095/S.2029](#))
- An Act establishing the executive office of structural racism *filed by Representative Russell Holmes* ([H.3047](#))

### *Supporting Affordable Housing*

- The Affordable Homes Act *filed by Governor Maura Healey* ([H.4138](#))

### *Addressing Basic Needs*

- An Act establishing a diaper benefits pilot program *filed by Representative Mindy Domb, Representative Smitty Pignatelli and Senator Joan Lovely* ([H149/S.104](#))
- An Act establishing basic needs assistance for Massachusetts immigrant residents, *filed by Representative Antonio Cabral, Representative Judith Garcia, and Senator Sal DiDomenico* ([H.135/S.76](#))
- An Act establishing the Hunger Free Campus Initiative, *filed by Representative Andres Vargas, Representative Mindy Domb, and Senator Joan Lovely* ([H.1293/S835](#))
- An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program, *filed by Representative Mindy Domb and Senator Anne Gobi* ([H.150/S.85](#))

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