

Massachusetts Health Programs- Defined Medical Population

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Department of Children and Families (DCF)

The Department of Children and Families is the Massachusetts state agency charged with the responsibility of protecting children from child abuse and neglect.

www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/DCF/

Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH)

The Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is the principal contact point for MA residents of all ages who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Among the special services provided are: statewide interpreter referral service, specialized bilingual case management and advocacy services, independent living training services, and peer support referrals. Serving in an advocacy capacity, the agency helps people get the services they need and assists agencies in making services communication accessible.

www.mass.gov/mcdhh

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) provides the highest quality rehabilitation and social services to blind individuals, leading to independence and full community participation. MCB accomplishes this critical mission by working in partnership with legally blind consumer, families, community agencies, health care providers and employers.

www.mass.gov/mcb/

Refugee and Immigrant Health Program

The mandate of the Refugee and Immigrant Health Program is to control communicable diseases among refugees and newly arrived immigrants and to improve the general health status of the State's refugee populations.

www.mass.gov/dph/refugee

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Formerly known as Department of Mental Retardation. This Department is dedicated to creating, in partnership with others, innovative and genuine opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate fully and meaningfully in, and contribute to, their communities as valued members.

www.mass.gov/dds

Department of Mental Health

The Department of Mental Health, as the State Mental Health Authority, assures and provides access to services and supports to meet the mental health needs of individuals of all ages, enabling them to live, work and participate in their

communities. The Department establishes standards to ensure effective and culturally competent care to promote recovery. The Department sets policy, promotes self-determination, protects human rights and supports mental health training and research. This critical mission is accomplished by working in partnership with other state agencies, individuals, families, providers and communities.

www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dmh/

Office of HIV/AIDS

MDPH Office of HIV/AIDS has provided a variety of services throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Currently services range from prevention and education to HIV antibody counseling and testing, client services, health and support services. Through partnerships with community-based agencies, that emphasize commitment to the importance of multicultural health, the Office is able to maximize the public's access to services that significantly improve the quality of life for people with HIV and AIDS and their families.

www.mass.gov/dph/aids

Massachusetts /Rhode Island Poison Control Center

Servicing Massachusetts and Rhode Island with a 24 hour helpline. Staffing contains: physicians, licensed nurses, and pharmacists that are medically trained in toxicology. 1-800-222-1222

www.maripoisoncenter.org

Injury Prevention and Control Program

Mission of the Injury Prevention and Control Program (IPCP) is to reduce the rates of injuries at home, at school, in the community, on the road, and at play, and to improve emergency medical services for children.

www.mass.gov/dph/injury

Bureau of Environmental Health

The Bureau of Environmental Health (BEH) has a broad mission of protecting the public health from a variety of environmental exposures. The BEH responds to environmental health concerns and provides communities with epidemiologic and toxicological health assessments.

www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/environmental-health.html

Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition

The Nutrition Division programs help to ensure that all families have the healthy foods they need, and the knowledge, resources and the care necessary to live a healthy life.

www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/nutrition.html

Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program

Mission is to reduce the health and economic burden of tobacco use by: preventing young people from starting to smoke, helping current smokers to quit, protecting children and adults from secondhand smoke, and identifying and eliminating tobacco-related disparities.

www.mass.gov/dph/mtcp

Organ Transplant Services (OTS)

The Office of Organ Transplant Services develops health policies regarding organ transplant issues; serves as a liaison to donation agencies; and administers the Organ Transplant Fund, which receives contributions through Massachusetts Income Tax Returns. The Organ Transplant Fund was established to assist residents of the Commonwealth with the costs of medically approved transplants.

www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/organ-transplant-services.html