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JULY NEWSLETTER

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Hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July!







It's National Ice Cream Month!



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DO YOU MISS SEEING YOUR URBAN FRIENDS?

Join us for a Meet and Mingle on Campus!

Food, Drinks, Music, and lots of fun! August 30th from 5-7pm Looking forward to seeing you there!

Get your Student ID while you're here!

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

2022-2023 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Program

The 2022-2023 application will become available on April 1, 2022 and must be completed by the deadline of August 1, 2022.

To get more information and to see if you are eligible, please visit:

- > Website: https://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/earlychildhooded.asp
- > Website: https://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/massgrantawardterms.asp

How to Apply

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can file your FAFSA electronically at https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/ROLES
- Create a MASSAid Student Portal account here if you do not already have one.
- Complete the ECE Scholarship application in the <u>MASSAid Student Portal system</u>.
- Applicants must have an active ECE Professional Qualifications Registry Number to be considered for the ECE Scholarship. If you do not have an active EEC PQ Registry Number, <u>click here</u> for the PQ Registry.

2022-2023 FAFSA for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

The 2022-2023 FAFSA requires your 2020 Federal Tax return and W-2's. The 2022-2023 FAFSA <u>MUST</u> be completed if you are considering using Federal Student Aid for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. By completing the FAFSA, you may also be eligible for other State Grant programs for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

If you need help completing your 2022-2023 FAFSA, please contact **Jessica B.** at 617-960-0253 or by email at <u>Jessica.Barrera@urbancollege.edu</u>.

You can also schedule an appointment online at https://urbancampus.mywconline.com/.

Urban College of Boston's Federal School Code is: 031305

> Website: https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/ROLES

JOHN F. KENNEDY FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

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Early Education Program

NOW HIRING



LEAD AND ASSISTANT PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

- Competitive Benefits
 Package
- FT/PT positions available
- Sign-On Bonus

Submit a resume to gtejeda@kennedycenter.org

To find out more, please visit www.kennedycenter.org

MISSION OF THE KENNEDY CENTER: The Kennedy Center's mission is to provide individuals and families in need services, opportunities, and the tools they require to lead productive and fulfilling lives. The Kennedy Center offers, among other services to the community at large, early education programs following the Head Start and UPK models and curriculums. The goal of this position is to provide a professional opportunity for co-op students in the field of Human Services and/or Early Childhood Education.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

HOUSING WORKS

Housing Works aims to reduce or eliminate barriers to subsidized, affordable, and special needs housing by utilizing a unique ecosystem model, one that places state and federal oversight agencies, for-profit management companies, housing authorities, housing advocates, and the homeless in a position to render each other indispensable services.

> Click HERE to learn more.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY MUSEUM PASSES

The BPL offers limited numbers of free passes to a number of area museums including the Children's Museum, Harvard Museum of Science and Culture, New England Aquarium, and many more.

> Click HERE to learn more.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

Their efficient and effective three-step model provides kids with the essentials they need, free of charge. This enables us to engage communities that have, connecting them with communities that need. Great volunteer opportunities as well.

> Click HERE to learn more.

OPERATION ABLE

Since 1982, Operation ABLE, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, has provided job seekers with training programs and employment services. Our mission and passion is to empower our community of job seekers, the underemployed, those in career transition and military veterans who need job support services to re-enter the workforce.

> Click HERE to learn more.

HELPFUL RESOURCES (cont.)



Are you a parent and a student in the Greater Boston area?

Do you need help with care for your children while you go to class during the day, night, or weekend?

We are here to help you!

Apply for a Sitter or to become a Volunteer by emailing.



Reach out to us we want to help you achieve your goals!

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FAMILY CHILD CARE GRANT



Dear Students,

In collaboration with Citizens Bank, the Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) has co-developed the Family Child Care Startup Grant, a grant and educational training program that seeks to fund up to 14 individuals interested in starting a home childcare program in the cities of Lynn and Springfield, Massachusetts.

The application is open now and closes Friday, 8/5/22.

Here is the link to the web page about the grant: https://bit.ly/AboutChildcareGrant Here is the link to the application itself (this is included in the link above): https://bit.ly/ChildcareStartupGrant

Estimados Estudiantes,

En colaboración con Citizens Bank, la Oficina de Empoderamiento Económico (OEE) ha desarrollado conjuntamente el Family Child Care Startup Grant, un programa de capacitación educativa y de subvenciones que busca financiar hasta 14 personas interesadas en comenzar un programa de cuidado infantil en el hogar en las ciudades de Lynn y Springfield, Massachusetts. Consulte el folleto adjunto.

La aplicación está abierta ahora y cierra el viernes 5/8/22. Por favor ayuda a correr la voz.

Aquí está el enlace a la página web sobre la subvención: https://bit.ly/AboutChildcareGrant Aquí está el enlace a la aplicación (esto está incluido en el enlace de arriba): https://bit.ly/ChildcareStartupGrant



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Dana- Farber Cancer Institute is seeking caring and friendly volunteers for a variety of positions and locations

Locations: Longwood, Chestnut Hill, or Remote

Opportunities include:

- Calling patients prior to or after their first visit at Dana-Farber to provide information and comfort
- Helping patients with wayfinding and providing resources onsite

Please note:

Onsite shifts are available 7am-2pm M- F. Remote shifts available with flexible hours 9-5 M- F. No weekend positions. To volunteer, you must commit to at least one year of volunteering, be over 18, and have documentation of COVID-19 vaccinations and booster.

Click here to Apply: Volunteer Application

If you are interested in multiple locations or roles, please submit just one application and note what you're looking for.

COMBATTING HATE IN MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office is committed to addressing hate incidents whenever and wherever they occur. Along with the impact on individual victims, hate incidents threaten the safety, well-being, and freedom of entire communities. Hate will not be tolerated.



Hate crime or hate incident?

Certain criminal conduct is a hate crime when the perpetrator is motivated by bias or prejudice against another person's race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. Hate incidents are acts of bias that are not crimes.

What laws protect you?

The Massachusetts Civil Rights Act

The Massachusetts Civil Rights Act protects all Massachusetts residents and visitors to Massachusetts against hate-based threats or attacks that interfere with their legally protected rights. This can include, for example:

- · Harassment by neighbors or landlords
- Interference with protected activities, such as accessing reproductive health facilities or casting a vote
- Threats or violence in public spaces

Hate Crimes Law

It is a crime to commit assault, battery, or damage someone's property with the intent to intimidate that person because of their identity. A perpetrator can also be prosecuted if they interfere by force or threat of force with a protected right. Hateful conduct can still be a hate crime even if the perpetrator was mistaken in believing the victim was a member of a particular group or if bias was not the only motivating factor for the conduct.

Anti-Discrimination Laws

The Attorney General's Office enforces Massachusetts law which prohibits discrimination in housing, the workplace, schools, and public spaces. A person's rights may have been violated if:

- A landlord fails to protect a tenant from hate-based harassment by a neighbor
- An employer fails to take action to address a hostile work environment caused by hate or bias in the workplace
- A school fails to take action when students are bullied or harassed based on a protected characteristic
- A business fails to protect its customers from hateful conduct by its employees

Other Consequences

Sometimes, hate-based incidents and speech do not violate the law, including when they are protected by the First Amendment. However, there may be other consequences in those cases. For example, hateful conduct or speech may violate codes of conduct in the workplace, housing, school, or on social media platforms.



What should you do if you experience hate?

Victims of hate should first make sure they are safe and seek medical care, if necessary. Next, victims should consider the following steps:

- · Contact local law enforcement
- Write down the exact words exchanged and a detailed description of the events with dates and times
- Save all evidence and take photos, including of any vehicles involved
- · Get the contact info of any eyewitnesses

How can you be protected?

If you are a victim of a hate incident that interferes with your rights, you may be able to receive court-ordered protections to keep you safe and achieve justice. Depending on the circumstances, the court might:

- Order protection for a victim and others like them
- Require a perpetrator to stay away from a victim
- Prohibit further hateful acts by the perpetrator
- Order monetary compensation for the victim

Who can you call?

Local law enforcement

In the event of a crime, report the incident to local law enforcement by calling 911.

Attorney General's Civil Rights Division

Report hate incidents, crimes, or civil rights violations to the Attorney General's Office.

File a complaint: mass.gov/ago/civilrightscomplaint Email: civilrights@mass.gov Call: (617) 963-2917

Attorney General's Victim Compensation Division

If you, a family member or a loved one has been the victim of a violent crime, you may be eligible compensation to cover uninsured expenses like medical care.

Visit: mass.gov/ago/victimcomp

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

MCAD enforces anti-discrimination laws, including in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

File a complaint: mcad.appointlet.com

Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI investigates federal crimes.

Submit a tip: tips.fbi.gov Call the Boston Office: (857) 386-2000

Learn more

For more information and to find an organization working to combat hate in your community, please visit mass.gov/ago/nohate.

