



## **Jewish Family & Children's Service Accepted as a One Family Scholars Community Partner**

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(Waltham, MA) We are excited to announce that JF&CS has been accepted as a One Family Scholars Community Partner. Through this partnership, JF&CS will be working to help break the cycle of poverty and family homelessness for low-income single parents in Massachusetts by promoting pathways to economic independence.

JF&CS has a long history of helping families with low income. Our Center for Basic Needs Assistance (CBNA) is a comprehensive response to issues most commonly facing people with low income in our community and is integrated with all JF&CS programs. CBNA programs include emergency financial assistance, a food pantry, pro bono legal services, and benefits advocacy.

Established in 2004, One Family envisions, and is currently helping to build, a Commonwealth where all families have secure housing, access to education leading to employment, and the ability to build assets to create a brighter future. The One Family Scholars Program values higher education as the surest pathway out of poverty for families.

JF&CS CEO Rimma Zelfand shared,

The One Family Scholars program is an extraordinary resource that will be invaluable for our eligible JF&CS clients. We are proud to have been chosen as an official partner. Both of our agencies are continuously working to help our clients move from crisis to stability and independence, and in working together, we can be that much more impactful.

One Family Director of Programs Matthew Miller echoed this, saying,

We are delighted to be working with such a wonderful organization that shares our vision and aspirations for assisting low-income single parents to obtain college degrees that will enable them to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

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### **About Jewish Family & Children's Service**

For 150 years, Jewish Family & Children's Service has provided exceptional human service and health care programs, guided by Jewish traditions of social responsibility, compassion, and respect for all members of the community. With an integrated network of more than 40 programs serving communities throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts, JF&CS helps people of all faiths and backgrounds meet life's challenges. JF&CS programs focus on serving particularly vulnerable populations including children and adults with disabilities or mental illness, new mothers and their infants, seniors living with chronic conditions, and people experiencing financial crisis, hunger, or domestic abuse. Visit [www.jfcsboston.org](http://www.jfcsboston.org) for more information.

## **About One Family**

One Family is dedicated to preventing family homelessness in Massachusetts. We do this work through advocacy, education and innovation. One Family's ultimate aims are supporting housing stability and asset development for those we serve. In addition to advocating for programs and policies that will help families afford secure housing, our direct service programs position families to increase income by entering family-sustaining careers. Both our One Family Scholars (OFS) program and our newest Credential to Career Coaching (C2C) program are targeted to providing parents who are homeless or at-risk with the information and coaching they need to enter professions through which they can support themselves and their children, and which will allow them to build assets for the future. For more information, visit our website: [www.onefamilyinc.org](http://www.onefamilyinc.org).

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