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Housing help and more

Colocations connect you with local resources

Excellent customer service is our priority. To better serve you, MBHP staff travel regularly from our downtown Boston office into the communities we serve. Meeting MBHP in your community means a more convenient appointment for you, and gives you a chance to connect with local community resources. Below are a few examples of how colocations could help you. A complete list of colocations can be found on this page.

MBHP at CONNECT, new twice a week

Since 2012, MBHP has partnered with CONNECT in Chelsea to bring our housing assistance services to people in the Chelsea and Revere areas. In December of 2015, we increased our presence. MBHP pressure is now available at CONNECT twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays.

Meeting with MBHP at CONNECT lets you meet with the variety of resources provided by CONNECT and the MBHP staff. It makes it easier to find resources in one location. People’s resources can help you get a higher-paying job, apply for food or health benefits, further your education, or take control of your finances.

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Rodbury Community College and MBHP serving students

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RCC students looking for more information about Section 8, Single Stop, or to set up an on-campus appointment with MBHP, can contact Lisa Carter at 617.773.7452 or lcarter@rcc.mass.edu.

And if you’re looking to expand your local community resources, RCC offers more. Lifelong Learning classes for people looking to earn a certificate, make a career change, improve their skills, expand their knowledge for professional or personal growth, or simply take a class. Courses offered are non-credit and cater to learners of all ages and backgrounds. More information at www.rcc.mass.edu/LL, or contact Lisa Carter at 617.773.7452 or lcarter@rcc.mass.edu.
Our Housing Consumer Education and landlord counseling services to tenants is a vital part of maintaining a safe home, we help keep it that way. We conduct inspections to ensure the Safety and health of the RAFT financial assistance do this is through administering the Rental Voucher Program. There are three different entry mechanisms to MBHP's Programs serve. To achieve our mission of stability, increase economic security, and provide services, we work closely with a broad array of service providers and neighborhood-based organizations.

MBHP’s Programs

MBHP is accepting RAP applications

MBHP reaches Success with Secure Jobs

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Secure Jobs is a partnership between MBHP and Jewish Vocational Service to help people get job training and placement assistance while they are still living in housing. Brenda attended an information session and decided to enroll. JVS helped her find and apply for jobs, accompanying her to interviews and helping her cover the travel expenses. With their help, Brenda earned a full-time job.

“I feel very happy because I like the job I’m in,” she says. “I’m paying my rent on time, which is very important to me, and my phone is taken care of.” Brenda is happy to continue her school and continue buying food for her house. She says she thanks the sense of independence that she has gained.

Brenda is already spreading the word, telling her friends and family about the Secure Jobs program. If you are interested in learning more about Secure Jobs or a similar program, let your MBHP contact person know, or send an email to info@mbhp.org.

MBHP Mission

To learn more, call 617.425.6700, email ResourceLine@mbhp.org, or visit MBHP’s website at www.mbhp.org. Registration is required for the workshops below. Register online at www.mbhp.org, or contact 617.425.6605 or workshops@mbhp.org.

Workshop dates and times are subject to change. Visit our website for up-to-date information.

10–11:30 a.m. Start Right Workshop

10–11:30 a.m. Affordable Housing Basics

Participants enrolled: 140

Goal: 150

Actual enrollments: 147

Actual placements: 5

The average of $31.65

52% of the jobs are full-time.

10% are in healthcare.

MBHP’s Mission is to ensure that the region’s low and moderate income individuals and families have choice and mobility in housing and retaining decent quality of life. To achieve this mission, MBHP’s programs and initiatives are designed to address aspects of housing instability, economic self-sufficiency, and social justice. To improve the quality of the lives of those we serve, we work closely with a broad array of service providers and neighborhood-based organizations.

MBHP strives to make homelessness stay in their homes or find other suitable living arrangements, other than be the shelter system. One way we do this is through administering the RAFT financial assistance program. Once a family or individual is stably housed in a safe, affordable home, we help keep it that way. We conduct inspections to make sure apartments meet all health and safety standards and offer education, training, and counseling services to tenants and landlords.

For more information on the many programs and services MBHP offers, please contact, visit at www.uptownhubway.com or call Uptown Hubway at 617.425.6700.

Massachusetts offers many opportunities to get lost in nature, and getting outdoors can be fun and healthy for adults and for children. New to hiking? Below are some tips to make sure you stay safe.

MBHP staff will come up with the best solutions for you, which may include:

•  geiger Gibson Health center
•  Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation
•  Boston City Hall
•  Start easy with a short trail on a gentle slope. Be sure to stay on the trail—it’s easy to get lost and bad for nature when you go off course. To learn more, visit 617.425.6700, email ResourceLine@mbhp.org, or stop by MBHP’s office on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday from 10–11:30 a.m. and sign up at a workshop where you can talk to a MBHP staff member. Our staff is happy to answer any questions you have, which may include RAFT funding or other programs you may be eligible for. For more information and eligibility requirements please visit, visit www.mbhp.org for more information.

Financial aid resources

It’s back to school time, and not just for kids! Are you thinking about continuing your education? College is expensive, but there are many types of aid available. Here are two types of aid that you can apply for, to help make your student budget and advice for avoiding scams.

StudentScholars.org shares information on scholarships from nonprofits and private colleges, as well as universities and various career fields.

Some organizations offer their own scholarships:

•  CollegesScholarships.org is the website of the College Scholarships Foundation.

•  Scholarship America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with the goal of helping students pay for college. Scholarships are available to students of all ages, and the application process is simple. For more information, contact Scholarship America, 1000 Village Green Circle, Suite 200, West Chester, OH 45069.

•  Fastweb.com/college-scholarships is a website where you can learn about scholarships and grants, and answers about various aid available, how to apply for aid, how to manage student loans, and advice for avoiding scams.

So you’ve spent a few months of your time on your own, and you’ve come up with the best solutions for you, which may include

•  Food.

•  Compassion and loyalty.

•  Knowing I can help someone in a positive way.

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1% in healthcare.

•  Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing (no jeans!), close-toed shoes and socks that cover your ankles.

•  Use a map. You can find trail maps online and at local libraries.

•  Bring water. It’s very important to stay hydrated!

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Meet MBHP: Roy Montoya

Roy Montoya started at MBHP in July 2004. A former jockey, he now spends his days cycling around Greater Boston, inspecting apartments to make sure that they are safe for Section 8 participants because everyone should have a safe, decent place to call home. I was related to most of the people in our town. I love my job on my yard or go somewhere where I can watch races. I like to bike, but I haven’t had it for ten years.

Food. I enjoy Mexican food. My favorites are tamales and enchiladas. Compassion and loyalty. Knowing I can help someone in a positive way. I feel very happy because I like the job I’m in. I’m leaving my phone at home, or at least in my pocket. Take a minute to look around and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of nature. Let’s go ride a bike—subsidized Hubway memberships available through Hubway and the City of Boston Public Health Commission, and New Balance Hubway has partnered to offer subsidized Hubway memberships for eligible MA residents. Eligible members pay just $5* each month to access Hubway’s network of more than 1,500 bikes from 160 stations in Boston and beyond, and the program includes a free helmet. Visit thehubway.com to access an interactive map of Hubway stations near you.

MBHP’s Programs

MBHP is accepting RAFT applications! Has an energy set you back financially? Do you need help catching up? RAFT may be able to help you.

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) can help pay or rent utility bills, find needed clothing or secure deposits, basic furniture, or other moving costs. Last year we provided support to help more than 3,000 families deal with financial crises.

To learn more, call 617.635.4765, email Resourcedev@mbhp.org, or stop by MBHP’s office on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to set up an appointment where you can talk about your situation.

If you are an important support in your family, who include take RAFT funding or other programs you may be eligible for. For more information about the programs and services you might be eligible for, visit our website or call our Customer Contact Center at 617.425.6700.

MBHP reaches Secret Jobs goals

MBHP and JSV recently concluded the third year of the Secret Jobs program. Below are the numbers from that year. Participated enrolled

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MBHP Mission Statement

MBHP’s mission is to ensure that the region’s low- and moderate-income families and individuals find and retain safe, decent, and affordable housing; all of our programs and initiatives are designed to enhance their quality of life in terms of housing stability, increase economic self-sufficiency, and to promote efficient service delivery while working collaboratively with a broad array of service providers and neighborhood-based organizations.

MBHP’s Programs

These are three different entry points for accessing our programs and services.

We help homeless families and individuals find and maintain affordable housing through rental assistance programs, and help people maintain stable and healthy tenancy. We conduct inspections to keep rental properties safe for our clients. They all had to live through adversity in one way or another.

Meet MBHP: Roy Montoya

MBHP offers information on utility assistance?

Looking for tips on how to search for a new apartment or home? Wondering about various subsidized members, the first hour of every bicycle trip is free, but there are usage charges after that. Visit thehubway.com for details.

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Goal:

Increasing stability with Secure Jobs

Maintain employment for at least one year after graduating from MBHP.

MBHP helps families deal with financial crises.

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Brenda attended an information session and decided to enroll. JVS helped her find and apply for jobs, accompanying her to interviews and helping her cover the travel expenses.

“I feel very happy because I like the job I’m in,” she says. “I’m paying my bills on time, which is very important to me, and my kids are doing well in school and buying clothes for them. She says she also feels the sense of independence and income security they are safe for Section 8 households. But with no job, she still did not feel stable. She could not pay her phone bill, and without a phone she could not get her electricity set up. Not being able to speak English made things even more frustrating. Fortunately, Brenda was able to get electric utility assistance through the MBHP-run program called RAFT.

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Career Spotlight: 10 tips for a great job interview

It can be difficult to get a job, and there are many steps. One of the most important is the job interview. How do you make a good first impression in a short time? There are many simple things you can do to sharpen your interviewing skills. Mary Lee, the workshop and recruitment manager at Career Collaborative, shares some of her favorites.

1. Learn about the company ahead of time. Research it online. Find out what the company does and makes. It will special! Be prepared in case the interviewer asks, “So, what do you know about this company?”

2. Write out your answers ahead of time for common interview questions like “What is your greatest strength?” “Tell me about a time you faced a setback.” “What makes it special.” Be prepared to answer questions you have been asked before, feel the pressure of actually sitting in an interview, and then be sure to respond to the employer’s thank-you note or email.

3. A firm handshake makes a great first impression. You want the employer to know you are a friendly person.

4. If you are shaking hands with the employer, say your first and last name loud enough for the employer to hear. Let a silence between your first and last name and last name reach out. If your name is unusual, you may want to say, “My name is ________, my first name is ________, but you can call me ________.”

5. Smile. You want the employer to know you are a friendly person.

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7. Dress up for the interview no matter what position you are going for. It shows you want the job.

8. Don’t decide the employer doesn’t like you just because he or she isn’t smiling. Some employers are just very serious during job interviews. Give your interviewer 10 percent, no matter how the employer behaves. You may find that out later that the employer liked you a lot the whole time.

9. At the end of the interview, ask the employer a business card. Then be sure to send the employer a thank-you note or email.

10. Act the role of the job you are interviewing for! If you see want to be a receptionist, be friendly. If you are interviewing for an administrative assistant position, act organized. If your name is interviewing for a housekeeper position, try to come across as a person who is honest and hard working. Make it easy for the employer to imagine you in the job.

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250 New Rutherford Ave
Boston (Single Stop, USA)
717.228.3333
(for BHCC students only)

Codman Square NDC
578 Washington St, Dorchester
617.825.4224, Ext. 148

CONNECT
4 Garnett Ave, Chelsea
617.889.3735, Ext. 0

Interfaith Social Services
105 Adams Street, Quincy
617.773.2003, Ext. 16

Quincy College
1203 Hancock Street, Quincy
617.405.5967
(for Quincy College students only)

MBHP at CONNECT, new twist on campus appointments

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MBHP at CONNECT, contact Evelyn Rodriquez at 617.889.3735, Ext. 0.

Roxbury Community College and MBHP serving students
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4 Germain Ave, Chelsea
617.889.7755, Ext. 16

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MBHP is also pleased to offer Section 8 re-certification appoint- ments at select colocations. Appointments at these locations are by referral only, ask your MBHP Program Representative for more information.

Codman Square
Tobot Bernard Apartments
103 Tobot Ave, Dorchester Center

CONNECT
4 Germain Ave, Chelsea

Somerville Homeless Coalition
1 Davis Square, Somerville
617.425.6612

Watch CDC
24 Crescent Street, Welham, # 201 (781) 891.6605, Ext. 200

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Rutland Community College and MBHP serving students
Do you attend Rutland Community College? If so, you do not need to leave campus to have your housing questions answered. You can meet with an MBHP staff member on campus to discuss your housing related questions and concerns. This is made possible through a partnership with ICC’s Single Stop, which offers students a wide array of services including benefits screening, free tax preparation, health insurance assistance, SNAP, and child care assistance.

You can contact Anne Rousseau at 617.859.0400 ext. 0.

mbhp Outreach Case Manager Matthew Gibson meets with a client at CONNECT.