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Best Practices for Emergency Rental Assistance Programs

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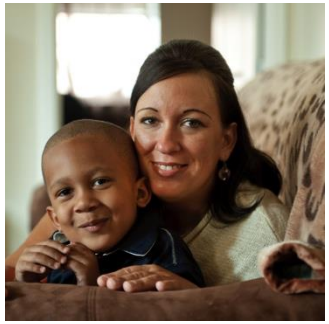
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Massachusetts Eviction Protection and Housing Reform Update







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About CHAPA

What Does CHAPA Do?



Advocate for Opportunity



Expand Access to Housing



Develop the Field

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Eviction Diversion Initiative

$171 MILLION COMMITMENT FOR HOUSING STABILITY PROGRAMS:

- $100 million for emergency rental assistance;
- $48.7 million for homelessness prevention;
- $12.3 million for legal representation for tenants;
- $6.5 million for Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs); and
- $3.8 million for a Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP).

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Massachusetts Eviction Protection Law

CHAPTER 257 OF THE ACTS OF 2020 ESTABLISHES THE FOLLOWING:

- Revised notices to quit for COVID-related evictions;
- Delayed eviction cases if there is a pending application for emergency rental assistance;
- Reporting requirements for the Governor's Eviction Diversion Initiative; and
- A task force to make recommendation on how to improve implementation of the Eviction Diversion Initiative.

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Economic Development Bill with Housing Reform Provisions

H.2520 - AN ACT ENABLING PARTNERSHIPS FOR GROWTH INCLUDES:

- Zoning reform for more affordable housing development, smart growth zoning, and multi-family zoning around public transportation;
- Eviction record sealing requirements;
- Climate resilient affordable housing investments;
- Tenant's right to purchase option; and
- Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) changes.

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Responding to Coronavirus (https://nlihc.org/responding-coronavirus): Recommendations for Congress

Coronavirus and Housing/ Homelessness (https://nlihc.org/coronavirus-and-housing-homelessness): National and Local Updates