



Health Law Advocates is a non-profit public interest law firm that serves some of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations. HLA provides pro bono legal representation to low-income Massachusetts residents who have been unjustly denied health care access and those who are burdened with unaffordable medical debt.



Health Care For All is a statewide consumer health advocacy organization in Massachusetts. HCFA seeks to create a patient-centered health care system that provides comprehensive, affordable, accessible, culturally competent, high quality care and consumer education for all Massachusetts residents, especially the most vulnerable among us.



ABH is a statewide association representing over eighty community-based mental health and addiction treatment provider organizations. Our members are the primary providers of publicly-funded behavioral healthcare services in the Commonwealth, serving approximately 81,000 Massachusetts residents daily and over three-quarters of a million residents annually, and employing 37,500 people.



The CMHC is an innovative children's mental health system reform effort uniting more than 140 organizations in mental health, healthcare law, child welfare, family advocacy, and health policy into a dynamic coalition working together for systemic change.



Gosnold is the leading provider of addiction and mental health services on Cape Cod. Founded in 1972, our rich history of innovative programming and commitment to excellence has made Gosnold a program of choice for addiction treatment. Throughout our history we have been committed to developing innovative programs that meet the needs of patients and families.



Founded over forty years ago in 1969, Massachusetts Advocates for Children's (MAC) mission is to be an independent and effective voice for children who face significant barriers to equal educational and life opportunities. Children with disabilities in Massachusetts have always been a priority focus of MAC, beginning in 1971 when MAC exposed widespread exclusion of students with disabilities from public schools. Building on its explosive investigative report, *The Way We Go to School*, MAC then helped spearhead enactment of Chapter 766, the nation's first special education law enacted 40 years ago. MAC has continued over the years to provide comprehensive training, technical assistance, monitoring, and advocacy services to children and their parents. MAC actively monitors compliance with local, state and federal special education laws, and has successfully represented low-income students in impact litigation. In addition, MAC has successfully advocated for state policy changes in areas such as transition, MCAS participation, school discipline, and parent rights. Projects have focused on the educational needs of children with autism, children who experience trauma and a Boston-based project targeting equity issues in education reform.



Massachusetts Psychiatric Society (MPS) represents the majority of psychiatrists in Massachusetts. MPS members are physicians who are committed to providing outstanding medical/psychiatric care through accurate diagnosis and comprehensive treatment of mental health and emotional illnesses. We seek to achieve this goal by promoting public and professional education, legislation that addresses the needs and rights of the mentally and emotionally ill, and by advocating for the allocation of public and private resources for treatment, research, and education.



The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of children through direct services to children and families and public advocacy on their behalf.

MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ADVISORS COMMITTEE

MHLAC is an agency within the Supreme Judicial Court that represents low-income persons with mental health disabilities and provides information on mental health legal matters to people throughout the Commonwealth, clinicians, family members, the judiciary, and the legislature. MHLAC has represented persons appealing insurance company denials of mental health care coverage for over 20 years.



The mission of NAMI Mass is to improve the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families. NAMI Mass carries out its mission by building awareness and working to change the perceptions of mental illness thereby reducing stigma. We work at the grass roots, state and national levels to motivate policy change and increase funding and services for people with mental health needs.