



MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS A MEMBER

**THE CHILDREN'S LEAGUE
OF MASSACHUSETTS**

JOIN THE CHILDREN'S LEAGUE TODAY!

Our League is a statewide association that *leads the charge on expanding the availability, accessibility, and quality of children's services in the Commonwealth.* Through public policy and education, we advocate for data-driven, trauma-informed, culturally appropriate, and outcome-focused supports that will ensure all children have safety, permanency, and well-being.



WHO WE ARE

Our League

The Children's League is a statewide membership association that leads the charge on expanding the availability, accessibility, and quality of children's services in Massachusetts. Our league is comprised of dozens of organizations that provide direct services, advocacy, and education benefiting children, youth, and families.

Our Priorities

CLM focuses on a wide variety of issues, primarily centered on the child welfare system but connecting to issues that affect vulnerable children, youth, and families, as well as community-based providers of services, such as:

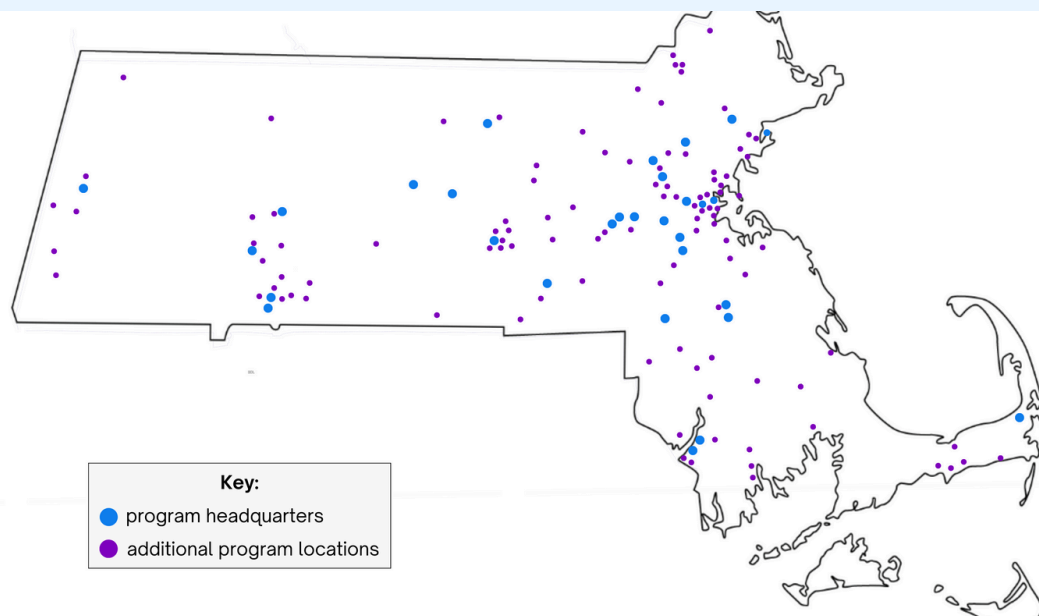
- Promoting **safety and well-being** for children and youth;
- Providing a **continuum of supports and services** for families;
- Supporting **permanency and stability** for youth in the foster care system;
- Strengthening access to health care, including **mental and behavioral health care**, for vulnerable youth;
- Improving **education outcomes** for children in foster care;
- Ensuring **success for youth aging out of state care** without permanency;
- Maintaining a stable, robust, and valued **children's service workforce**;
- Addressing **elements of poverty** that destabilize families, including affordable housing, nutrition, and childcare;
- Addressing **intersectional issues that impact child welfare**, such as juvenile justice, disproportionality, and racial and LGBTQ equity.



OUR MEMBERS

Our Members are drivers of *change and committed service providers, educators, researchers, and passionate advocates* for child and family well-being. Together, we leverage our expertise to identify and dismantle barriers to child safety and well-being.

18 Degrees • Advocates, Inc. • Ascentria Care Alliance • Bay State Community Services • Bethany Christian Services • Boys Town New England • Brandon School & Residential Treatment Center • Bridges Homeward • The Brien Center • Center for Human Development • Centerboard • Child & Family Services • Children's Friend (An Affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation) • Citizens for Juvenile Justice • Communities for People • Community Providers of Adolescent Services (COMPASS) • Cotting School • Cutchins Programs for Children & Families, Inc. • Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health • Evergreen Center • Fall River Deaconess Home • FamilyAid • Family Nurturing Center • Friends of Children • Gándara Center • Heading Home • Hillcrest Educational Centers • High Point Treatment Center • Hillcrest • The Home for Little Wanderers • HopeWell • Justice Resource Institute • Kennedy-Donovan Center • The Key Program • LUK, Inc. • Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) • Massachusetts Alliance for Foster Families (MAFF) • Massachusetts Children's Alliance (MACA) • Massachusetts MENTOR • More Than Words • Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) • Nature Connection • New England Community Services • NFI Massachusetts, Inc. • North Suffolk Community Services • Old Colony YMCA • Open Sky Community Services • Pathways for Children • Parent/Professional Advocacy League (PPAL) • Plummer Youth Promise • RFK Community Alliance • Rise Above Foundation • Roxbury Youthworks • St. Ann's Home and School • Saint Vincent's Services • Stetson School • Stevens Treatment Programs • Treehouse Foundation • Wayside Youth and Family Support Network • YOU, Inc. • Youth Villages



Learn more about our Members and their services at www.childrensleague.org/our-members

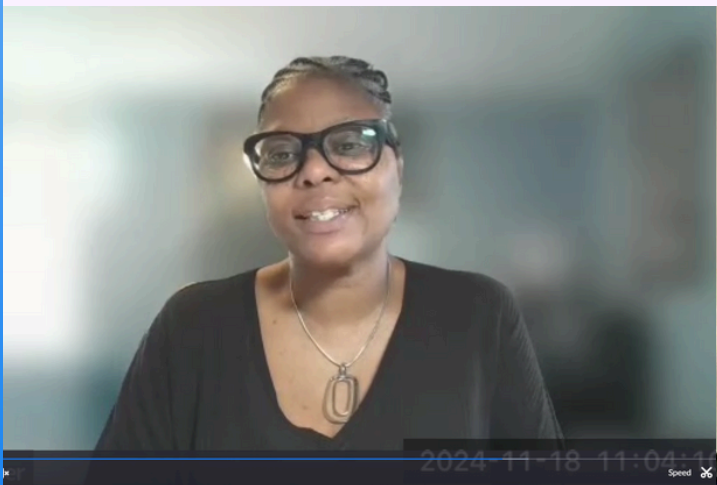
MEMBER BENEFIT

MEMBER MEETINGS

Monthly Member Meetings provide an avenue to regularly converse and collaborate with *key child welfare changemakers in Massachusetts*, including legislators, state officials and agency leadership, and local and national experts in the field.

2025-2026 Member Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 22	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, October 27	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, November 17	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, January 26	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, March 23	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, June 22	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Left: DCF Commissioner Staverne Miller speaking at a CLM Member Meeting
Right: Representative Jay Livingstone and Senator Robyn Kennedy's legislative aide speaking at a CLM Member Meeting

MEMBER BENEFIT MEMBER MEETINGS

Speakers From Past Member Meetings:

- ▶ **Executive Office Leadership**, including EOHHS Secretary Kate Walsh; Undersecretary for Human Services Mary McGeown
- ▶ **State Legislative Leadership**, including Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee of Children, Youth, & Families Senator Robyn Kennedy and Representative Jay Livingstone
- ▶ **State Agency Leadership**, including DCF Commissioner Staverne Miller; OCA Director Maria Mossaides; DMH Commissioner Brooke Doyle; DYS Commissioner Cecely Reardon; EEC Commissioner Amy Kershaw; Former DCF Commissioner Linda Spears
- ▶ **Federal Leadership**, including Elaine Zimmerman, Region I Administrator for the federal Administration for Children and Families
- ▶ **Expert Guests and Panels**, presenting and fostering discussion on key issues, including Shaplaie Brooks, Executive Director Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth.



L to R: EEC Commissioner Amy Kershaw, OCA Director Maria Mossaides, DYS Commissioner Cecely Reardon, and CLM Leaders at a CLM Member Meeting



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MEMBER ISSUE FORUMS

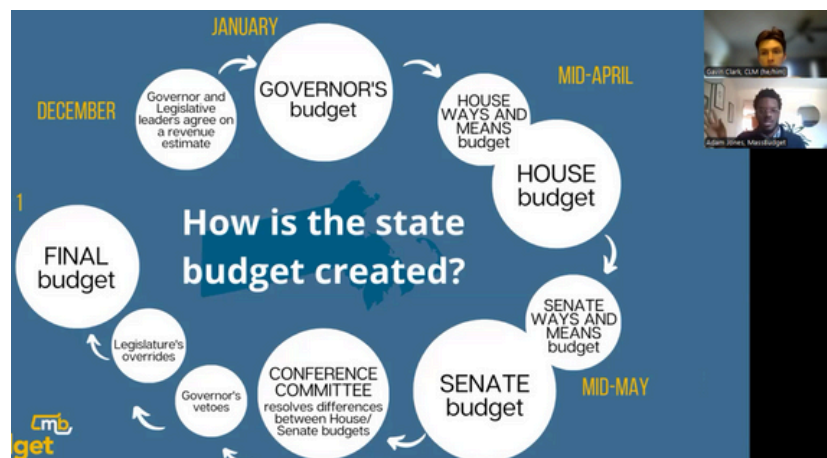
Monthly Member Issue Forums offer focused discussion with Members on *specific policy or practice issues*, *highlight advocacy opportunities*, and bring in experts to dive deep into topics of interest to members.

This Year's Member Issue Forum Schedule

Friday, September 12th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 10th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, November 14th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, December 12th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, January 9th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, February 13th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 13th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 10th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 8th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Friday, June 12th	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Past Topics

- Children's services workforce recruitment and retention strategies
- Addressing youth homelessness
- Juvenile justice issues
- Immigration guidance
- Support for direct care staff
- Advocacy and legislative training



Budget Advocacy Training with Adam Jones, Policy Analyst, from Mass Budget

MEMBER BENEFIT TASK FORCES & COALITIONS

CLM's task forces and coalitions are *Member-led and outcome-focused* groups developing recommendations and advocacy plans to address human service provider challenges and improve policies, laws, and funding to enhance the continuum of care for children and families.

These Member-led groups provide CLM members with the opportunity to leverage their professional expertise and experiences into actionable advocacy outreach and collaborative solution development and implementation with similarly situated providers, individuals with lived experience, state agency leadership, coalition partners, and legislators.

Which child welfare issues do CLM task forces and coalitions address?

Adoption Task Force

Focuses on *strategies to address permanency through adoption* for youth in the DCF system, as well as long-term sustainability for adoptive families through professional and natural support networks and life-long connections.

Foster Care Task Force

Advocates for policy, budget, and legislative solutions to *address the challenges faced by the essential comprehensive foster care system and these foster families*.

Family Preservation Coalition

Advocates for *improvements in the continuum of services available to families in need*. This includes emphasis on upstream supports and addressing systemic barriers to increase providers' capacities to stabilize families and keep children safe and at home.

Transition Age Youth Coalition

Mobilizes experts in youth and emerging adult programs to advocate for key supports concerning the most pressing *issues facing youth aging out of care*, such as for permanency, housing, employment, and education opportunities.



MEMBER BENEFIT TASK FORCES & COALITIONS

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) Task Force

Educates and coordinates with key stakeholders on **FRCs' services, impacts, challenges, and needs**, enhances best practices, and advocates for legislation, policies, and funding that strengthen FRCs' abilities to meet the unique needs of the vulnerable populations they serve.

Peer Group for New CEOs and Executive Directors

Connects new executive leaders within our Membership to ***collaborate on shared issues.***



Senate President, Karen Spilka, speaking at CLM's Family Resource Center Legislative Briefing



CLM's Executive Director, Rachel Gwaltney, is joined by FRC program leaders Sharon Collins Newton, Daurice Cox, Tamires Cacheto, and Rosalind Baker

MEMBER BENEFIT TOOLS FOR ADVOCACY SUCCESS

CLM provides our Members with exclusive content throughout the year, which advances CLM's legislative agenda and budget priorities and keeps Members updated on crucial state agency, legislative, budget, and administrative news.

► Member Newsletters, Action Alerts, and Bulletins

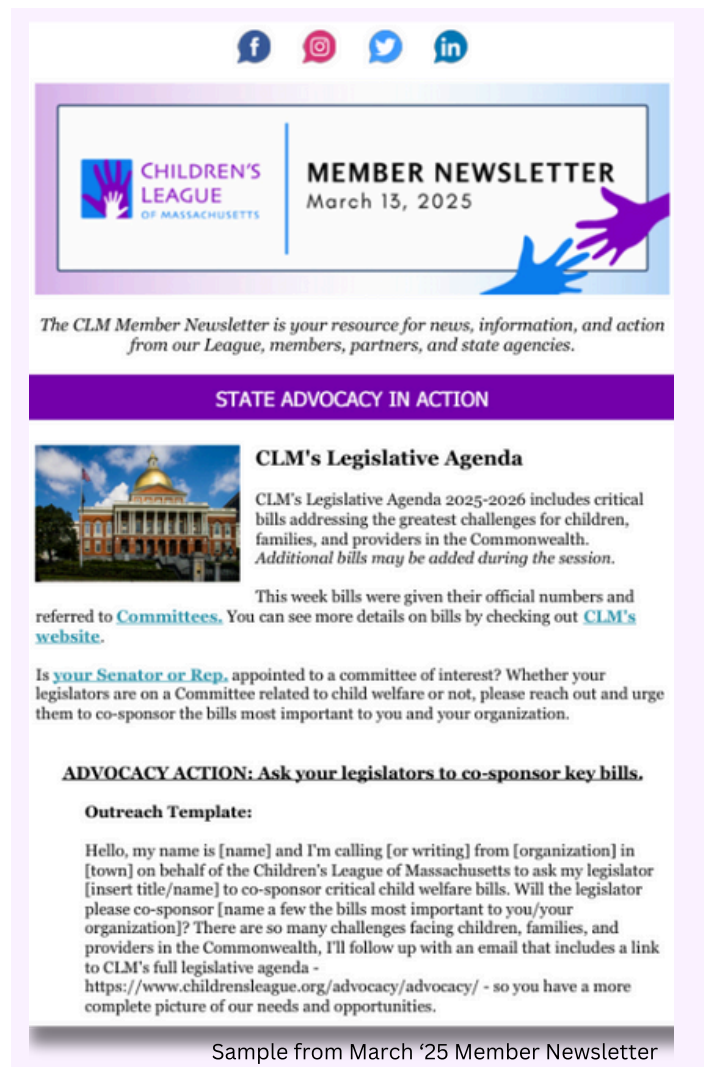
- **Newsletters** provide bi-weekly overviews on the state's child welfare sector including policy, research, funding, new initiatives, and guidance, as well as timely notices of new opportunities.
- **Action Alerts** notify Members about our League's advocacy agenda and immediate ways to take action to advance our legislation and budget priorities.
- **Bulletins** provide time-sensitive updates on shifting child welfare policies and deadlines, CLM events, and important announcements.

► Public Education and Outreach Toolkits

CLM provides content, messaging, and resources to support our Members in conducting their own advocacy to elevate visibility and understanding of specific bills and additional issues at the state and federal level.

► Training Webinars

CLM hosts periodic advocacy training courses on the legislative and budget process. These trainings inform organizational leadership, policy teams, and direct service staff alike on how they can influence policy and the budget as an individual and as an organization.



MEMBER BENEFIT TOOLS FOR ADVOCACY SUCCESS

Fact Sheets, Reports, and Blog Posts

CLM publishes fact sheets, reports, and blog posts on priority legislative agenda items and issues to update and educate members, legislators, and partners on the importance of specific issues. CLM members participate by providing data, offering statements, and sharing stories on important and relevant topics concerning children and family well-being.

Members-Only Web Portal

The Member Portal on our website provides access to resources, materials, information, and updates to stay informed and mobilize for change at the federal, state, local, and programmatic level.

At the Children's League of Massachusetts, we recognize November as National Adoption Month. The state of Massachusetts has begun to bounce back from COVID-19 reductions in adoption efficiency, however we acknowledge more can be done to serve children in care across the state.

2,227

The number of children in care in Massachusetts who have not yet met their permanency goal of adoption.

823

The number of children aged 0-17 who exited from care via adoption in 2023 in Massachusetts. Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Multiracial children were less likely to exit care via adoption compared to other children.

40.4 Months

The median amount of time a child waits to be adopted after home removal in Massachusetts. This figure is still several months greater than the median wait times before the COVID-19 pandemic. By comparison, the national median amount of time a child waits to be adopted is 32.4 months.

97.9%

The percentage of children aged 0-12 who exited care to permanency compared to exiting care to non-permanency.

68.4%

The percentage of children aged 13-17 who exited care to permanency compared to exiting care to non-permanency.

<1%

The percentage of teens who exited from care via adoption from the state of Massachusetts in 2023. Teens are significantly less likely to exit care to permanency than their younger counterparts.

Data Retrieved from the most recently

CLM's Fact Sheet on Adoption

General NewsTask Forces & CoalitionsAdvocacy & Communications ResourcesMembership Resources & Benefits

MARCH 17, 2025

Recap: Legislative Training Meeting

To prepare our members for this legislative session's advocacy opportunities, CLM hosted a legislative advocacy training on Friday, March 14, 2025. Members in attendance shared their experiences speaking with legislators at public hearings or in legislative offices. CLM's Legislative Advocacy Train...

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FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Recap: CLM Budget Training

In collaboration with Mass Budget, this training helps prepare our members for our 2025 State House Advocacy Day on May 21. Our next training in this Advocacy Day series is our Legislative Training on March 14. Mass Budget Policy Analyst, Adam Jones, lead the training where he discussed the basics o...

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FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Know-Your-Rights Resources

Below are resources from various organizations to support our members and the individuals they serve given federal policy concerns. As we gather additional resources, we'll add to the list. State Agency Guidance Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) School House Connection Pu...


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JANUARY 30, 2025

Recap: CLM January Member Meeting

Thank you to our January Meeting guest speaker, Jessica Chicco, from the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition, state agency partners, and members who engaged in productive dialogue. Highlights from Jessica Chicco's informative "Know Your Rights" presentation - State Legislat...

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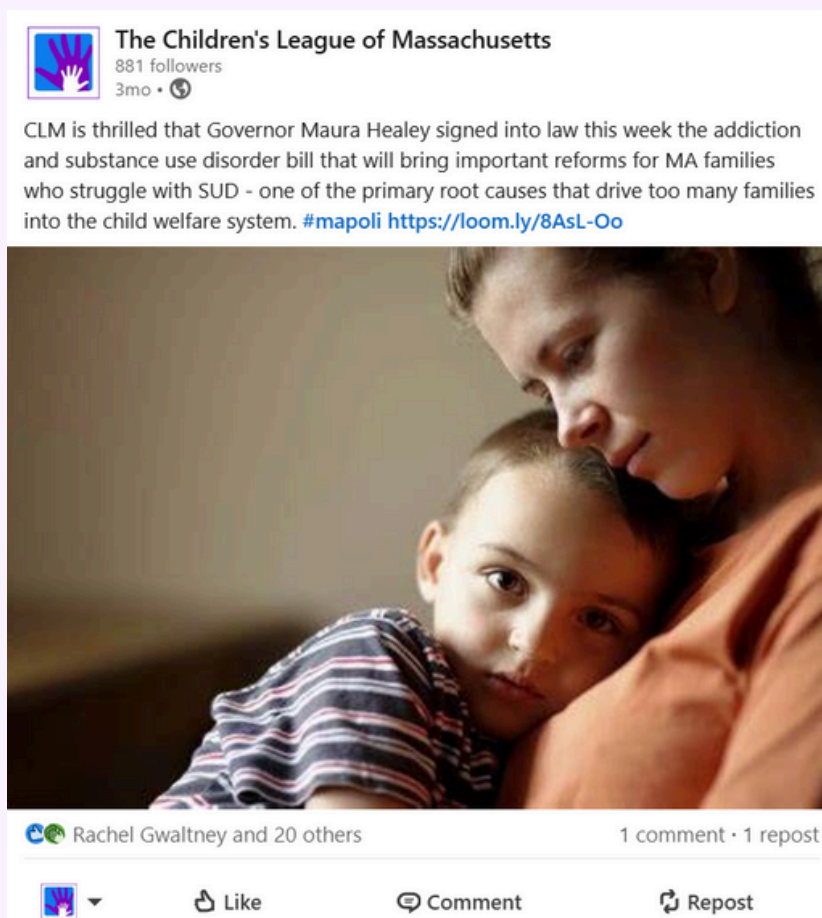
AMPLIFYING MEMBER VOICES

CLM sets the standard for effective and impactful digital engagement through targeted communications efforts across [social media platforms](#), [engaging website posts](#) on relevant content, and regular communications through our [Member newsletters](#) and [task force email listservs](#).

CLM provides opportunities to [amplify your organizational outreach through our communications network](#) to highlight your organization's jobs, events, trainings, and news to a wider audience.

Our League Consists of Informed and Engaged Members

- **1,900+** email subscribers
- **5,340+** social media followers/likes across Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram, Threads, and LinkedIn
- **24K+** website views over the past year



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MEMBER BENEFIT

25% DISCOUNT ON ACCREDITATION SERVICES

Interested in pursuing accreditation? Need to renew your accreditation?

Social Current provides CLM members a **25% discount!**

Accreditation helps child service providers:

- Deliver quality services to clients
- Ensure continuous quality of services
- Support staff
- Inspire confidence in legislators, donors, funders, and the community
- Demonstrate compliance with regulation, law, or judicial orders

Social Current accredits the full continuum of social and human services, including:

- Child, youth, and family services
- Behavioral health services
- Aging services
- Homeless services
- Services for persons with developmental disabilities
- Residential services
- Financial education and counseling services
- Employee assistance services
- Adoption home study programs
- Q RTP Services (Approved under Family First)
- Additional social services



[Read more about Social Current and their solutions](#)



[Learn more about Social Current's Accreditation process](#)

[Register for an "Intro to COA Accreditation" webinar](#)

How to Receive This Benefit:

If you are renewing or applying for accreditation through Social Current, the discount can be applied by indicating that your organization is a member of the Children's League of MA. Verification of your membership status will be requested upon Social Current's receipt of your application.

To check whether your organization is already utilizing the discounted accreditation benefit, contact Rachel Gwaltney at rachel@childrensleague.org.

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[Click here to complete your application online!](#)

And enter the password Children25

Or print and complete the form below and submit
via mail or email

ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

Company/Organization Name: _____

Main Office Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Total Organizational Revenue: _____

Website http://_____

Facebook _____

Twitter _____

Instagram _____

Organizational Logo: Please send to membership@childrensleague.org

Is the organization accredited by Social Current (formerly the Council on Accreditation)?

Members receive a 25% discount on their accreditation with Social Current.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Are you a current member of any of the following membership organizations?

☐ ABH ☐ ADDP ☐ maaps ☐ The Provider's Council

☐ Other _____



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ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS

Authorized Representative

President/CEO: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

The president, CEO, or executive director serves as the organization's Membership Representative unless otherwise noted. They are authorized to represent their organization during meetings, in casting votes, and in carrying out other membership duties as permitted under CLM's bylaws.

Alternate Representative

President/CEO: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- ☐ Permanently replace authorized representative
- ☐ Only in the event the authorized representative is absent

Organizations can appoint another senior or executive staff member to serve as the authorized membership representative. If interested, please provide their information above and level of representation.

Accounts Payable

The designated point of contact for Accounts Payable serves as the organization's primary representative for invoice and payment processing, unless otherwise specified.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Direct Line: _____ Email: _____

Additional contacts (Optional)

Staff Member: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

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Title: _____ Phone: _____



NEW MEMBER FORM

ABOUT YOUR SERVICES

Please submit relevant information about your organization's work with children, youth, and families. This information is optional to submit but will allow CLM to provide your organization tailored outreach and communications around those services. This information will also provide CLM the ability to better advocate for those services in our outreach with legislators, state agency staff, and other stakeholders.

Approximate number of children and youth served annually across programs _____

Approximate number of families served annually across programs _____

Approximate number of staff across programs _____

List of Program Sites (if more than one):

Please only include town/city and zip code

What services does your organization provide? (Select all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive Foster Care Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral & Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Education Schooling (Chapter 766 Schools) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate Care Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Care Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Education or child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Transition-age youth support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Resource Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Homelessness Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Organization provides the following indirect services? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Public Education about children, youth, and family services
- ☐ Lobbying and advocacy about children, youth, and family services
- ☐ Research on children, youth, and family services
- ☐ Grant funding on children, youth, and family services
- ☐ Other _____

What state agencies do you regularly connect with or track via a contract, grant funding, advocacy efforts, etc.? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ EOHHS ☐ DCF ☐ DYS ☐ DMH ☐ DPH ☐ DTA ☐ EEC ☐ MassHealth
- ☐ Other _____



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DUES CALCULATIONS

CLM's annual membership dues are calculated using an organization's direct child, youth, and family services applied against our dues formula.

[Read Membership Dues FAQ.](#)

[Download and submit Excel version of this page instead](#)

Child & Family Revenue Source	Enter Revenue Amount	Multiply	Enter Total Revenue x Percentage
DCF		x 100%	
DYS		x 100%	
DMH		x 100%	
Other EOHHS Revenue		x 100%	
Local Education Agencies (LEA) / Chapter 766		x 50%	
Other LEA/766 Revenue		x 50%	
DPH		x 50%	
Third Party Billing		x 50%	
Other Behavioral Health Revenue		x 50%	

Revenue Eligible towards Formula (Sum of the Above Column)	
Multiply Then Add	x .08% + \$500
Total Dues Amount <i>Minimum Dues \$500</i> <i>Dues Capped at \$23,000</i>	



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Dues Payment

Please do not send checks with the new member form at this time. CLM staff will review the dues calculation page and invoice members for their total dues amount.

If you have a preference of when you'd like to be invoiced, please select below.

- ☐ Please invoice prior to June 30th
- ☐ Please send invoice after July 1st
- ☐ No preference

Add to My Bill

Members can become sponsors of CLM by making a contribution any amount. Sponsors will receive additional recognition in our materials and on our website.

- ☐ Yes I would like to sponsor at \$_____
- ☐ No
- ☐ Interested in exploring this opportunity in the future, but not at this time.

Submission Instructions

Electronic Form: [click here](#) and enter the password Children25

Inquiries?

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