

The first half of 2026 marked meaningful growth for Massachusetts Appleseed. Through expanded partnerships, increased volunteer engagement, and strengthened legal rights education resources, we continue working toward our mission of ensuring that young people across Massachusetts have access to practical, user-friendly legal information.



AT GLANCE



PRO BONO &
VOLUNTEER HOURS

1,000+



HANDBOOK
USERS

737



HANDBOOK WEBSITE
VISITS

1,187



YOUTH/ADULTS
PRESENTED TO

213



**EXPANDING
PRO BONO IMPACT**

Our legal rights education work is powered by a dedicated network of attorneys and volunteers. Together, we have leveraged more than 1,000 hours to review and update the Massachusetts Homeless Youth Handbook while expanding access to legal rights education.

OUR COLLABORATORS INCLUDE:

- Ropes & Gray LLP
- Covington & Burling LLP
- Vertex Pharmaceuticals
- Proskauer
- And Many More!



**MASSACHUSETTS
HOMELESS YOUTH
HANDBOOK**

MOST VIEWED CHAPTERS



HOUSING
& LEASES



SAFETY &
STABILITY



EDUCATION
& SCHOOLS

These chapters highlight the ongoing demand for practical and accessible legal rights information on issues that most directly impact young people and create pathways to safety, stability, and success.



**LEGISLATIVE
PROGRESS AND
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
PRESENTATIONS**



ADVOCATED
FOR 15 BILLS



13 KNOW
YOUR RIGHTS
PRESENTATIONS

As the two-year 2025–2026 legislative session comes to a close this July, we advocated for all 15 bills on our legislative agenda and presented 13 Know Your Rights presentations to 213 youth and adults.



**NEW ON-DEMAND
LEGAL RIGHTS
EDUCATION HUB**

CURRENT VIDEOS AVAILABLE



HOMELESS YOUTH
HANDBOOK OVERVIEW



KNOW YOUR
RIGHTS ON HOUSING



LGBTQ+
RIGHTS

The Hub expands access to legal rights education beyond written materials by offering free, on-demand videos in English and Spanish that can be accessed by anyone.