

## **Resources for Families (The back-to-school edition!)**

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As kids head back to school, families that you are working with may find themselves struggling to ensure their kids have the school supplies they need to succeed. We have put together a resource list that we hope can help fill that gap. Keep in mind that some programs are time-sensitive (meaning that some have events coming up), but many will have leftover materials that may be available even after an event has passed. We unfortunately aren't able to independently verify whether supplies are still available in each program listed below.

Thanks to our many attorney and social worker colleagues statewide who helped generate this list. Although we have done our best to include the programs we were able to find, this is admittedly not an all-inclusive list, so if you know of any additional resources to add to the list (or whether some should be removed), please let us know!

### **Statewide**

One Can Help

<https://onecanhelp.org/>

Backpacks for Kids Foundation

<http://www.backpacksforkids.net/>

Schools on Wheels

<https://www.sowma.org/get-involved/individual-group-volunteers>

Project Just Because

<https://www.projectjustbecause.org/>

### **Barnstable County**

Homeless Prevention Council (Lower and outer Cape)

<https://www.hpccapecod.org/backpack-to-school>

The Family Pantry of Cape Cod (Harwich and surrounding areas)

<https://www.thefamilypantry.com/>

Cape and Islands United Way, Inc.

[www.uwcapecod.org](http://www.uwcapecod.org)

### **Berkshire County**

Berkshire Community Action Council Rulers for Schoolers (Berkshire county)

<https://www.findhelp.org/berkshire-community-action-council-%2528bcac%2529--pittsfield-ma--rulers-for-schoolers/5391052241633280?postal=01201>

Child Care of the Berkshires, Inc. (Berkshire county)

<https://www.findhelp.org/child-care-of-the-berkshires%252C-inc.--north-adams-ma--parentchild%252B/6269859957047296?postal=01201>

Berkshire United Way (Pittsfield and surrounding areas)

[www.berkshireunitedway.org](http://www.berkshireunitedway.org)

Northern Berkshire United Way (North Adams and surrounding areas)

[www.nbunitedway.org](http://www.nbunitedway.org)

### Bristol County

United Way of Greater New Bedford (New Bedford and surrounding cities)

<https://unitedwayofgnb.org/>

United Way of Greater Fall River (Fall River and surrounding cities)

[www.uwgfr.org](http://www.uwgfr.org)

Greater Attleboro Area Council for Children (Attleboro and surrounding cities)

<https://www.councilforchildren.org/backpack-program>

### Essex County

Debbie's Treasure Chest (Lawrence)

<http://www.debbiestreasurechest.org/>

YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts (Lawrence)

<https://ywcanema.org/getting-involved/backpack-project/>

Lazarus House Ministries (Lawrence)

<https://lazarushouse.org/>

The Pettengill House (Salisbury)

<https://pettengillhouse.org/home.aspx>

SPUR Community (Lynn, Marblehead, Salem, and Swampscott)

<https://www.spur.community/student-success-landing-page>

Beverly Bootstraps (Beverly, Manchester, Essex, Hamilton or Wenham)

<https://beverlybootstraps.org/what-we-do/youth-family/>

United Way of Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley (Merrimack Valley)

<https://unitedwaymassbay.org/>

### Franklin County

United Way of Franklin and Hampshire Region (Franklin and Hampshire county)  
<https://uw-fh.org/>

Hockomock Area YMCA (Franklin, Hockomock areas)  
<https://www.hockymca.org/backpack-drive/>

### Hampden County

United Way of the Pioneer Valley (County-wide)  
<https://www.uwpv.org/stuff-the-bus>

Wings of Love (Greater Springfield)  
<http://www.wingsoflovene.com/BackpackDrive.htm>

### Hampshire County

United Way of the Pioneer Valley (South Hadley and Granby)  
<https://www.uwpv.org/stuff-the-bus>

United Way of Franklin and Hampshire Region (Franklin and Hampshire county)  
<https://uw-fh.org/>

### Middlesex County

NFI Family Resource Center (Lowell and surrounding cities)  
<https://www.nfima.org/services/behavioral-health/lowell-family-resource-center/>

HOPE Sudbury (Sudbury/Lincoln-Sudbury)  
<https://www.hopesudbury.org/requestbackpack>

Union Congregational Church (Groton)  
<https://uccgroton.net/backpack-drive-2019/>

Concord's Community Services (Concord)  
<https://www.livingconcord.com/event/backpack-drive/2022-08-11/>

Hope Fellowship Church (Cambridge)  
<https://www.hopefellowshipchurch.org/events/back-to-school-festival-1>

The Wish Project (Lowell)  
<https://www.thewishproject.org/backpack-attack/>

Loaves and Fishes (Ayer, Devens, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, Shirley)  
<https://loavesfishespantry.org/>

The Salvation Army (Lowell)

<https://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/MA/Lowell>

Natick Service Council (Natick)

<https://natickservicecouncil.org/seasonal-holiday-programs/>

United Way of Tri County (Framingham and surrounding cities)

<https://www.uwotc.org/>

East End House (Cambridge)

<https://eastendhouse.org/>

Cambridge Community Center (Cambridge)

<https://thhtfam.org/shows/ccc-back-to-school-drive-cambridge-community-center-cambridge-ma>

United Way of Acton-Boxborough (Acton and surrounding areas)

[www.abuw.org](http://www.abuw.org)

#### Norfolk County

Quincy Family Resource Center (Quincy)

<http://www.quincyfamilyrc.org/>

Interfaith Social Services (Quincy)

<https://interfaithsocialservices.org/backpack-drive/>

#### Plymouth County

Plymouth Family Resource Center (Plymouth and surrounding areas)

<https://plymouthfamilyrc.org/volunteer/>

Plymouth Community United Way (Plymouth and surrounding areas)

<https://www.pccsk12.com/Home/Components/News/News/25383/19?backlist=%2FOur-schools%2Fplymouth-canton-educational-park>

United Way of Greater Plymouth County (Plymouth and surrounding areas)

[www.uwgpc.org](http://www.uwgpc.org)

#### Suffolk County

The Salvation Army (Dorchester)

<https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/massachusetts/back-to-school/>

Cradles to Crayons (Boston)

<https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/the-latest/events/>

ICNA Relief (Boston)

<https://www.icnarelief.org/newengland2/>

United Way of Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley (Boston and surrounding areas)

<https://unitedwaymassbay.org/>

### Worcester County

Gardner Community Action Committee (Gardner)

<https://gardner-cac.org/backpack-project/>

The Saint Boniface Women's Guild (Lunenburg)

<https://stboniface-lunenburg.org/news/backpack-and-school-supplies-drive>

Catholic Charities (Worcester)

<https://www.ccworc.org/>

United Way of Central Massachusetts (Worcester and surrounding areas)

<https://unitedwaycm.org/>

United Way of North Central Mass. (Athol and surrounding areas)

<https://uwncm.org/>

United Way of South Central Massachusetts (Southbridge and surrounding areas)

<https://www.uwscm.org/>