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**Adult Education: ESOL, Literacy, GED**

**ABCD Young Parents Program**
19 Temple Place, Boston
617-357-6000
Individual counseling and support, GED preparation, parenting classes, career development
Serves expectant parents, parents aged 16-21
Must be on Dept. of Transitional Assistance benefits to participate
A referral is needed

**American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services**
244 Harrison Ave, Boston
617-426-1070
ESOL, Serves Mandarin Chinese, English, Yue Chinese (Cantonese)
Must be 16 years old

**BCYF Blackstone Community Center**
50 West Brookline St, Boston
617-635-5162
GED and ESL classes
Call to make an appointment

**Boston Public Schools Department of Adult Learning Center**
55 Malcolm X Blvd, Roxbury
617-635-9300
Offers classes to parents of enrolled children in family learning, basic education, ESOL, and GED prep
High school credit earning classes for adults, adult diploma program, ESL, in evenings

**Bunker Hill Community College Adult Education Program**
175 Hawthorne St, Chelsea
617-228-2108
Call to make an appointment

**Cambridge Community Learning Center**
5 Western Ave, Cambridge
617-349-6363
Must be over 16 years old and not enrolled in high school
Basic education, English language, GED program, transition to college courses, and citizenship services
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Centro Latino
105 Windsor St, Cambridge
617-661-9406
Basic education for Latinos, Spanish language literacy, ESOL, GED, and college transition

Chinese Progressive Association
28 Ash Street, Boston
617-357-4499
Serves only Chinese Americans

East Boston Adult Education Center
119 London Street, East Boston
617-567-7873
English, GED, computer, and citizenship classes

Intergenerational Literacy Program
99 Hawthorne St, Chelsea
617-466-5154
Offers literacy classes to immigrant parents

International Institute of New England
1 Milk Street, Boston
617-695-9990
Serves immigrants, victims of human trafficking, and refugees
Amharic (Ethiopian), Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Tigrinya

Jamaica Plain APAC
30 Bickford St, Jamaica Plain
617-522-4830
Job training, ESOL classes, job search assistance, resume building, food pantry, clothing for children
Call to make an appointment

Jewish Vocational Service
29 Winter Street, Boston
617-451-8147
Must be 18 years old, call for specific eligibility requirements
Amharic (Ethiopian), Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Italian, Russian, Somali

Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts
8 Faneuil Hall Market Place, 3rd Floor, Boston
1-888-466-1313
Must be over 16 years old

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Notre Dame Education Center
200 Old Colony Ave, South Boston
617-268-1912
Serves English, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Spanish
Call to make an appointment

Project Hope
550 Dudley St, Roxbury
617-442-1880 ext 218
For education classes, must be a woman 18 years or older
Call to make an appointment
Basic literacy and ESL; GED preparation; Training Programs: Healthcare and Childcare professions; Career & College Advising.
To learn more, sign up to attend an Open House which are held every first and third Friday of the month from 9:00 – 10:30 am. For more information about Open Houses, visit www.prohope.org/openhouse_faq.htm.

Rosie’s Place
889 Harrison Avenue, Boston
617-442-9322
Serves women age 18 years and older, best suited for non-traditional women who are experiencing homelessness and/or poverty. ESOL classes, private tutoring (for ESOL, Literacy, GED, or citizenship classes), computer classes.

Smart From the Start
255 Medford St, Charlestown
617-635-5169
Family support and advocacy, GED and ESOL classes, financial literary courses, prenatal outreach programming
Serves only family with children 0-5 years old
Call to make an appointment

South End Neighborhood Service Center
554 Columbus Ave, Boston
617-267-7400
Income must be 125% of Federal Poverty Level or less
A referral is needed to receive services

West End Branch Library
151 Cambridge St, Boston
617-523-3957
Must have a library card – bring photo ID and proof of Massachusetts residence to get a card

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Women’s Lunch Place
67 Newbury Street, Boston
617-267-1722
Serves women, male children up to age 16
Serves English and Spanish
Call to make an appointment

Post Secondary Education: College

Roxbury Community College
1234 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury Crossing, Boston
617-427-0060
- **Certificate and Job Training Programs**: [http://www.rcc.mass.edu/workforce-development/continuing-education/certificate-programs](http://www.rcc.mass.edu/workforce-development/continuing-education/certificate-programs)
- **Many Programs of Study**: [http://www.rcc.mass.edu/future-students/programs-of-study](http://www.rcc.mass.edu/future-students/programs-of-study)
- **Financial Aid Information**: [http://www.rcc.mass.edu/future-students/financial-aid/how-to-apply](http://www.rcc.mass.edu/future-students/financial-aid/how-to-apply)
- **How to Apply**: [http://www.rcc.mass.edu/future-students/how-to-apply/steps-to-apply](http://www.rcc.mass.edu/future-students/how-to-apply/steps-to-apply)

Urban College of Boston (UCB)
ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) at 178 Tremont Street, Boston
617-348-6325.
UCB is a two-year college that provides inner-city residents who might otherwise never go to college a highly supportive environment that integrates a college education with career preparation and skill development. It encourages and enables students to transfer to four-year institutions to complete their bachelor’s degrees. It offers courses in multiple languages, including Spanish and Chinese. Additionally, it offers college credit for job-training and staff development programs.
- **How to Apply**: [http://www.urbancollege.edu/](http://www.urbancollege.edu/)
- **Additional Services**: Through its connection with ABCD, UCB offers students extensive support services: day care, referral health services, personal counseling and job placement
- **Financial Aid**: Urban College is authorized to provide federal Pell Grants to eligible students.
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Job Training

YMCA Training, Inc. is a 5-month training program for jobs in Medical Office, Insurance, Banking, and Administrative and Office support. The program includes internships, job matching support, tutoring, mentoring, and additional health and wellness resources.

- **Eligibility:** High school diploma or GED
- **Schedule:** The program is Monday-Friday, 9am – 4 pm
- **Contact info:** Contact David Pina at 617-542-1800, ext 128 or www.ymcaboston.org/traininginc
- **Location:**

Operation Able provides job training opportunities to individuals aged 45 and older in a variety of professions, including Green and Renewable Energies, Medical Terminology, Microsoft Office, Quickbooks, and more!

- **Eligibility:** Age 45 and older
- **Attend an Info Session:** Wednesdays @ 10:00 am, http://www.operationable.net/jobseekerinfosession.html
- **Contact info:** 617-542-4180
- **Location:** 174 Portland Street, 5th floor, Downtown Boston. Near North Station

Goodwill’s Training Programs: The HELP & First Step

- The **HELP Program** is an eight week Human Services training program that provides hands on experience to help participants become residential counselors, job coaches, outreach workers, youth workers, advocates, and more! For more info, call 617-541-1499
- The **First Step Program** will also help you advance your career through career planning, career readiness and skills training, access to internships, and assistance with budgeting and finances. To learn more, call 617-541-1276
- **Location:** 1010 Harrison Ave, Boston MA

Financial Assistance for Education

- **MassRehab:** Meet with a Vocational Rehab Counselor @ The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to learn about what your options are for funding. MassRehab may be able to provide financial assistance, and they can help point you towards other resources.

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- **Eligibility:** must be disabled, unemployed/underemployed, AND a resident of Massachusetts eligible to work in the United States.
- **Getting Started:** Welcome Session, Referral, Waiting List
  - Welcome Sessions are every Wednesday at 10:00 am.
  - After a group welcome session, complete a referral with a counselor.
  - Wait on 90-day waiting list before can begin meeting with a counselor.
- **Where to go:** If you live in Boston, Charlestown, Chelsea, Dedham, East Boston, or Revere, you should go to the Boston Office. If you live in Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Somerville, Waltham, or Watertown, go to the Somerville office.
  - **Boston Office:** 18 Tremont Street, Suite 200, 617-357-8137
  - **Somerville Office:** 5 Middlesex Ave, 3rd Floor, 617-776-1331
- **Social Security PASS:** Plan to Achieve Self-Support. If you are disabled and receiving SSI, you may be eligible to receive financial help saving money towards education or school expenses if it is related to a specific work goal. You can work with a Vocational Rehab counselor from MassRehab on this, or you can contact your local Social Security office for more information about how to apply. For the Boston region, call 866-467-9731, ext. 11318 or ext. 11315
- **American Student Assistance:** ASA can help you find scholarships if you are income eligible, choose a college, complete applications, and get advice on financial aid options. You can meet with an advisor and use their computers and resources – all for FREE!
  - The Boston Office is at the Boston Public Library in Copley, M-F 9-6:30, F & S 9-4:30. Call 617-536-0200.
- **FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You can apply for federal grants, loans, and work-study. Additionally, your FAFSA information may also help you get state or school aid.
  - **Eligibility:** You must be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen, have high school diploma or GED, and be enrolled in a program and maintain academic progress. For more info, visit [https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm](https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm)
  - **How Do I Apply?** Complete the **FREE online application**, and it will be processed within 3-5 days. [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/). You can also submit a paper FAFSA by mail, and it will be processed within 7-10 days.
  - **When Should I Apply?** The FAFSA application for the 2014-2015 year is due June 30, 2015, but it is highly recommended to apply as soon as you can after January 1 since some schools and states have earlier deadlines.
  - **What Else Should I Know?**
    - FAFSA will ask for your tax return information for the current year, so you will need to have this information in order to apply.

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- You will need to re-apply each year, and your eligibility may change depending on your changing financial circumstances.

- **State Government Aid**: Through the MA Department of Higher Education’s Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) there are additional financial aid options including scholarships, grants, and waivers. These options include the state’s No Interest Loan program, MASSGrant, GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), and more!
  - The Office of Student Financial Assistance is located in Revere, MA at 454 Broadway, Suite 200. Phone: 617-391-6070
  - For more information, visit [http://www.osfa.mass.edu/](http://www.osfa.mass.edu/)
  - There are many more Massachusetts-specific financial aid programs: http://www.osfa.mass.edu/default.asp?page=aidPrograms

- **Financial Aid & Scholarships from the College You Plan to Attend**: Most schools have their own financial aid and scholarship programs you can apply for. Often they use the FAFSA information to determine your eligibility. Find your school’s Office of Financial Aid for more information.

- **Scholarship Help for Low-Income Women**
  - The **Patsy Takemoto Mink Fellowship** each year gives scholarships of $3,000 to assist low-income women to achieve an educational objective. To apply, go to their web site at [www.patsyminkfoundation.org/edsupport.html](http://www.patsyminkfoundation.org/edsupport.html)

- **Scholarship Help for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence**
  - The **Women’s Independence Scholarship Program (WISP)**

- **Additional Student Aid Resources**

- **Beware! Avoid Scams, For-Profit Schools, and For-Profit Lenders**
  - **Applying to financial aid via the FAFSA is FREE**. There are companies that will try to charge you to apply for financial aid – avoid them! It can be a scam.
  - **Only apply to FAFSA at the official website** - at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Other sites might be similar – but there is only ONE official site.
  - **For more information about avoiding scams**: [http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/scams](http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/scams)
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Free Computer Access

For free internet access to do more research, you can visit some of the following places in the area:

- **Boston Public Library**: Free WiFi, **2-hour laptop loan** within library
- **Boston Career Link**: 1010 Harrison Avenue Boston, MA  617-536-1888
- **Job Net**: 210 South Street – 1st Floor Boston, MA  617-338-0809
- **Rosie’s Place iPad Lab**: M 1:30-3:00; T 1:00-3:00; W 1:00-3:00; Fridays 9:30-11:30, 1:30-3:30
- **Roxbury Resource Center**: 2201 Washington Street Roxbury, MA  (617) 989-9150
- **The Work Place**: 29 Winter Street – 4th Floor, Boston  617-737-0093, 1-800-436-WORK (9675)