



1. For General Questions and Info

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- Common Start campaign-- <https://commonstartma.org/>
- Common Start Legislation - <https://commonstartma.org/bill>
- View program recording (in English, with English, Spanish, or Portuguese subtitles: <https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/cape-cod-area>

2. Panelist Biographies and Contact Info

- Panelists' bios on the League's website or www.lwvcapecod.org or https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/common_start_panelists_biographies.pdf
- Noelle Pina, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce--email: Noelle@capecodchamber.org
- Amy O'Leary, Strategies for Children: aoleary@strategiesforchildren.org and Fact Sheets for each community in MA <http://www.strategiesforchildren.org/FastFacts.html>
- Sandy Faiman-Silva: Common Start campaign or Cape & Islands Chapter Common Start: <https://commonstartma.org/> or email sfaiman@aol.com or CapeIslands@commonstartma.org
- Janae Mendes: For help with creating and sharing your personal story, or questions about the bill, please email Janae at janae.jm8@gmail.com

3. To Reach Massachusetts legislators

- Legislators who sponsored the Common Start bill: Kip.Diggs@mahouse.gov and Susan.Moran@masenate.gov
- Your elected representatives-- <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/>

4. Q/A Session

Q: Number of childcare facilities in Barnstable County...the number in each town?

A: From Rafaela Fonseca: I would say far more than 70 in Barnstable Town

Q: Under the legislation, is it true that childcare would be free for families earning less than 50% AMI, but, earning one dollar more than that would change it to 7% of income?

A: Once fully implemented, families below 50% of statewide median income (50% of SMI today is \$62,668 for a family of four, or \$42,614 for a single parent with one child) would be able to access early education and childcare options for free. Families with incomes above that threshold would pay no more than 7 percent of their total household income.

Q: How can someone find childcare in their area?

A: Find childcare in MA & Search by community- <https://www.mass.gov/guides/find-a-licensed-family-group-or-school-age-child-care-program>

Q: Best ways to advocate for the bill with my legislator?

A: Personal stories written to legislators are most effective. You can write a letter to your local news. Share a post from the Common Start Coalition on social media. Talk about it with your friends and family.

Q: How can I find data about children in my community?

A: <http://www.strategiesforchildren.org/FastFacts.html>