



MAC Highlights 2014

With your support, we accomplished amazing results for children in 2014.

For over 45 years, MAC has responded to the needs of children who are vulnerable because of poverty, race, limited English or disability and does not intend to stop. With education reform continuing to occupy a high priority on the state's policy agenda, and with the severe economic crisis facing Massachusetts families, MAC is needed now, more than ever.

Below is a sample of victories from 2014 that we and our allies achieved:

- Passage of the **Autism Omnibus Law**
- Passage of the **Safe and Supportive Schools Law** and appointment to the new Safe and Supportive Schools Commission
- Implementation of a new dual language school in East Boston
- **Over 80 students** from around the state getting better services and supports because of our legal advocacy and case representation
- Increased funding for **Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment**, a program enabling over 100 young adults with intellectual disabilities to attend college
- Issuance by the state of the new **Chapter 222** school discipline regulations that are designed to keep more students safely in school
- Improved **recruitment and hiring of teachers** by the Boston Public Schools
- MAC's advocacy helped secure a commitment to establish a **Boston School Committee Task Force** on Achievement and Opportunity Gaps to address disparities affecting students of color.
- **Over 10,000 downloads** and purchases of Helping Traumatized Children Volumes I & II
- Final revisions to the **BPS Code of Conduct** aligned with the new state regulations
- Expansion of our innovative **Youth Leaders Fellowship**, providing young adults with intellectual disabilities or autism valuable employment and advocacy opportunities while also informing and enhancing MAC's work
- Response to nearly **1,000 Helpline calls** and provision of **training to over 1,000** parents, professional and youth

These accomplishments are made possible with the help and support of our partners, service-providers, volunteers, funders and donors.

We thank you.