

Spring 2019

**WE'VE
MOVED!**

Starting January 15th,
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onefamily scholars



New Scholars at Spring Orientation - December 2018

Welcome New Scholars!

Twelve One Family Scholars joined this year's class in December. Welcome!

They attend various schools and major in a wide range of subjects including **human services, nursing, criminal justice, dance, early childhood education, and economics.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Current Scholars don't forget to submit:
 - 2019-20 SAR
 - Spring Tuition Bill & Schedule
 - Check Requests
 - Final grades from the Fall!
- Current students be mindful of your school's Add/Drop periods!
- One Family's annual *Leadership Retreat* will be on Friday, March 22, 2019!
- File your taxes by April 17th!
(More info on tax help on page 4)

Partner Spotlight

COMPASS WORKING CAPITAL

Meet Compass, a valued partner of One Family and an integral part of the One Family Scholars program:

Compass supports families to save for the future and reach their financial goals. They currently operate financial coaching programs for families in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and support other organizations across the country to do similar work.

Compass has operated a variety of financial coaching and savings programs for over 15 years. The largest program they run is called the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, which is for people who receive federal housing assistance.

They partner with public housing authorities and other housing providers to bring their model for this federal program to their residents.

In addition to their FSS programs and their partnership with OFS, they have also run other programs through the years - all designed to support families to reach their financial goals and become more financially secure.

In exciting news, [Carlos Langa](#) will be taking over the coaching and program management for Compass' partnership with One Family. Carlos has been with Compass for four years and is currently a Coach and Program Manager in Compass' Lynn location. He is an Accredited Financial Counselor and a lawyer, and he is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, and French (also intermediate in German as if that wasn't enough!) Welcome Carlos!



"I look forward to meeting and working with all of you!"

-Carlos Langa

CONGRATS



Claudia [De Andrade](#)

Develie [Francois](#)

Tiffany [McSweeney](#)

Jacqueline [Cox](#)

Jillian [Brown](#)

Lenira [Andrade](#)

Manuela [Evans](#)

Jessica [Espirusanto](#)

Natasha [Barthe](#)

Public Policy

Scholars, Alumni, and Credential to Career participants are making their voices heard and establishing important relationships with their representatives at the State House with the help of One Family!

C2C participant [Roxanna de la Rosa](#) joined Val Paric and Brad Kramer at the State House to meet with her state representative, [Rep. David Linsky](#) (D-Natick).



Scholar Alumna [Katie O'Leary](#) joined Matthew Miller & Brad Kramer at the State House to meet with her state senator, [Sen. Bruce Tarr](#) (R-Gloucester).

Scholar [Katharine Kruysman](#) joined Matthew Miller and Brad Kramer at the State House to meet with her state senator, [Sen. Vitiato "Vinny" deMacedo](#) (R-Plymouth).



Get To Know One Family

Get to know One Family's Director of Public Policy, [Brad Kramer](#)!

What are your day-to-day responsibilities?

My day-to-day responsibilities are making the voices of families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness heard, advocating for effective solutions to the problem of family homelessness, and raising awareness among policymakers of the direct services provided by One Family.

What was your job before One Family?

Prior to joining One Family, I worked as an attorney and public policy advocate at state

agencies and nonprofits serving vulnerable populations, and as a consultant providing legal and public policy guidance to clients.

Favorite sports team?

New York Yankees (a genetic trait which I inherited, but did not pass along to my children).

What was your first job?

Summer camp waiter (it was definitely not my calling).

Tell us about your family.

My wife Beth and I have been married for 18-1/2 years. We have two awesome teenagers, Maisie and Gabe.



Resources

Educational

The Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC), in partnership with the University of Massachusetts at Boston (UMB), is providing the **Summer Program to Advance Research Careers (SPARC)**, a 12-week intensive research experience focused on emerging technologies (ET) in cancer and cancer disparities. The program is open to students who are first or second-year students at UMass Boston, Bunker Hill Community College, Roxbury Community College, or MassBay Community College. Find more information at <https://bit.ly/2hPRvdu>.

Other Resources

Check out **Just-A-Start's** new program where they offer free mediation services to Somerville residents when they face a difficult housing situation or dispute. Just-A-Start's mediators are certified and experienced dispute resolution professionals. Contact Just-A-Start today by emailing Tessa at tessabyer@justastart.org or calling (617) 918-7517.

The **Boston Tax Help Coalition** prepares and files taxes for eligible individuals and families for FREE! If you worked in 2018 and earned less than \$54,000, you may be eligible. Find out more at <http://www.bostontaxhelp.org/>.

Aunt Bertha is a free online directory of social service programs including free or reduced cost services like medical care, food, job training and much more! All you need to do is enter a zip code. Check it out at <https://www.auntbertha.com/>.

Did you know that if you receive SNAP benefits you are able to buy fruits and vegetables from approved Massachusetts farms and farmers markets through the **Healthy Incentives Program**. Visit <https://bit.ly/2Jvgj3L> for more information!

ABCD provides fuel assistance to income-eligible residents in Boston, Brookline, Newton and seven communities north of Boston including Malden, Medford, Everett, Melrose, Stoneham, Winchester and Woburn. The program runs from November 1st through April 30th. For more information visit <https://bostonabcd.org/service/fuel-assistance/>.

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