

August 2019

Dear BCIL friend,

**BCIL advocacy, activism, and services get results!**

With our allies we secured \$8M in funding for the Alternative Housing Voucher Program in July, which will support 743 vouchers for individuals with disabilities—people who may have been homeless or sleeping on a relative’s couch or facing time in a nursing home.

We provided vital IL services to over 4,000 people during the past 12 months, assisting them to get PCA services, housing, career training, benefits, and much more. Our youth department ran this summer’s Disability Justice League and also started pre-employment training for teenagers with disabilities who attend over twenty area high schools.

And we continued to speak up for **equal access and consumer rights** around One Care, MassHealth, and the MBTA.

To all of you who support these efforts, who are part of these efforts, **THANK YOU!** And to those who want to help the cause, we hope you’ll become a dues-paying member. It’s simple: the more members we have, the more ability we have to provide services and advocacy. Please see the enclosed membership form to see how you can support independent living and disability rights, and, if you’d like to include an additional donation, know that it will be put to good use. You can also go to our website at [www.bostoncil.org/donate/become-a-member/](http://www.bostoncil.org/donate/become-a-member/).

**Thanks for your support!**




Bill Henning, Director



Sergio Goncalves, Board Chair

**Save the Date!**  
**Annual BCIL Trek, Trot & Treat Fun Run**  
**Supporting Disability Rights**  
**Sunday, October 27, 2019**



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