



Welcome To the Youth Opportunity Center  
NEWSLETTER



## APRIL 2025 SO FAR...

APRIL SHOWERS BRINGS MAY FLOWERS

CHECK OUT YAB CALENDAR

[April YABB.pdf](#)

YOUTH SERVICES TRIP TO STATE HOUSE.

[https://www.mahomeless.org/files/ugd/6c63ec\\_932a2935959045b9b067746e11349ef5.pdf](https://www.mahomeless.org/files/ugd/6c63ec_932a2935959045b9b067746e11349ef5.pdf)

A BIRTHDAY WISH



PS: Don't forget to stop and smell the roses. 😊

So, April is here, and like the start of a new year so is the youth opportunity center ready for a new season for all the right reasons. I just can't believe how quickly time goes by though. Just two months ago we braved the remaining wintery season, and as we welcome Spring, here come April showers bringing us May flowers. I've



always liked that saying because it reminds me of a fresh start, new beginnings and the opportunity to embrace growth. In fact, if you didn't already know, this is a poem

among others written by, Thomas Tusser, an English poet and farmer; the actual poem reads, '*Sweet April showers Do Spring May flowers.*'

But hey, speaking of flowers, what is your favorite flower? Is it red roses, yellow or pink? how about Lilies, Sun flowers or perhaps *Wildflowers*? who wouldn't go wild for flowers, right? Ugh, but not everyone is a fan though. By the way, my favorite of flowers are red roses.

Also, I found an interesting article in relation to this saying. [The Origin of "April Showers Bring May Flowers"](#)

By, Ariana Villanueva

The phrase is often used to encourage perseverance and optimism in the face of adversity. It reminds us that setbacks and challenges are a natural part of life's cycle, and that they can ultimately lead to greater resilience, strength, and personal development. By weathering the "showers" of life, we can emerge stronger and more prepared to enjoy the "flowers" of success and fulfillment that follow.

Overall, the modern meaning of "April showers bring May flowers" is one of hope, resilience, and the belief that difficult times can lead to brighter days ahead. It serves as a reminder to stay positive and keep moving forward, even when the road ahead seems challenging.

*Meanwhile, at the Youth Opportunity Center/ YouthBuild Program, the young adults have been busy with their own creativity of fresh beginnings. They learn carpentry, culinary, and are educated academically; they're learning essential life skills and giving back to the community. Also, at the drop-in center they're learning creative painting, writing letters to congress, learning gardening and putting together a film on the topic of homelessness, to name a few. It's been a challenge and hard work for most. However, the outcome is a rewarding experience.*

**Check us out:** <https://www.instagram.com/communityteamwork/>

#### A TRIP TO THE STATE HOUSE

Here are some of our youth services dedicated teams advocating at Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. Massachusetts State House Legislative Action Day/ April 7, 2025

From front we have on my right, Veasna (Mao) Kang, Youth Services Program House Manager; Savannah Ryder, Youth Family Foundations, Case Manager; Antonia Bryant, Youth Advocate; behind her stands, Srey Lunn, Housing Case Manager; Mu Paw, Housing and Homeless Services Case Manager; Zoe Geller, Youth Family Foundations Housing Case Manager; and Socheata Mam, Youth Services Lead Intake Case Manager. See above sidebar for detailed information on their pre-event training session.



Happy Birthday to Megan Riley, Intake & Assessment Manager, and Lyllian Ith, Youth Navigator who both share birthdays on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you both good health and unlimited success in your careers. 🎂

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Know someone interested in getting connected that is between the ages of 16-24? click on this link and fill out the form, Youth Services Connection Request:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/communityteamwork1/youthservicesconnectionrequest>

Until Next Issue ~ Evy,

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