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Eviction Diversion Initiative: Free Legal Services

Through the COVID-19 Eviction Legal Help Project (CELHP), there is a substantial expansion of free legal help for low-income tenants as well as low-income owner-occupants of 2-3 family properties navigating the eviction process. These services can be used **before** the eviction process begins, as well as once a notice has been received, and can be used in coordination with community mediation services (www.resolutionma.org). For the legal services income eligibility is capped at 200% of federal poverty level.

Legal services will be available in every region and can be found at www.evictionlegalhelp.org. Households can also call 2-1-1 and learn more at the Department of Housing and Community Development's website, www.mass.gov/CovidHousingHelp.

Legal help is available right now for income-eligible tenants facing eviction. We strongly encourage tenants and landlords to learn about legal help as well as community mediation resources. Eligible tenants and landlords should seek help as soon as possible, before a court filing occurs.