

# COMPASS School

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The COMPASS School is a therapeutic day-school that serves students aged 6-21 with disabilities including emotional impairment, behavior disorders, and other disorders that require special education in an individualized environment.

Students are referred from school districts. Students attend COMPASS on the basis of their individual needs either for a short-term period of evaluation or a long-term placement at COMPASS.

## Comprehensive Support & Stabilization (CSS)

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Currently, we contract with 18 area MA Department of Children & Families (DCF) Offices to provide comprehensive services to children and families involved in the child welfare system. COMPASS Family Specialists and Clinicians work to develop, support and strengthen the skills that families need to provide a safe and supportive environment for their children.

COMPASS serves as a liaison between the families and the public school, social service, and/or juvenile justice systems, and meets with clients and their families several times a week in the home and in the community. Comprehensive Support and Stabilization (CSS) is responsive to the individual, evolving needs of the client and family.

# The John J. Lydon Help Fund

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The John J. Lydon Help Fund offers small grants to families to help them avert crises when they are in immediate need of food, clothing or support for housing. COMPASS assists those who receive grants to develop a longer term plan to ensure their self-sufficiency.

Giving to the John J. Lydon Help Fund enables us to provide clients experiencing emergencies with rapid access to financial resources and aid with planning. Sometimes it takes only one grant from the fund to help a family through a difficult stretch.

Consider making a donation today!  
*COMPASS is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit.*

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Community Providers of  
Adolescent Services  
(COMPASS)



*A leading provider of  
special education and  
human services for  
youth and families in  
Massachusetts.*

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## Developmental Services

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The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has determined that many individuals new to the DDS program will benefit from working with a professional who is familiar with his or her social and environmental circumstances.

COMPASS provides mentorship, teaches life skills and connects clients to resources in their community.



## East Project

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The East Project serves victims of human trafficking who have been sexually exploited. The program uses a holistic, individualized approach, helping clients to access a range of services to assist them in addressing their needs.

We offer a 10-week prevention program for girls aged 12-18 to support them in a variety of community settings to develop and strengthen their skills and raise awareness of high-risk behaviors.

## Program Impact

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**1,000+**

Individuals served each year

**20+**

School Districts

**18+**

DCF & DDS Offices

## Core Values

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Capacity Building  
Comprehensive  
Cultural Competence  
Individualization  
Partnerships  
Professional Development  
Reflectiveness  
Relationships  
Respect  
Responsiveness  
Teams  
Timeliness

## History of COMPASS

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COMPASS's first services were special education, outreach and tracking, and foster care in the Greater Boston area. As the reputation of COMPASS' successes and expertise began to grow, it started to have a wider base for referrals outside of Greater Boston and into Central and Northern Massachusetts.

Today, COMPASS is considered to be one of Massachusetts' leading providers of special education and human services. It specializes in providing comprehensive and individualized education, stabilization, transition, counseling, support and enrichment services.

*Our mission is to equip individuals with skills to become self-sufficient, productive members of their communities and society.*

### Languages

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Vietnamese, Czech and Portuguese.

