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**DATE PROGRAM/**

**ALLIANCE BEGAN**

Alliance was launched in  
October, 2017

# SHARED SERVICES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, MA

**SERVICE DELIVERY AREA**

The Massachusetts Shared Services approach includes statewide work (Shared Services on the web) as well as local work in the Boston metro area. The work began in 2017, when the Cambridge/Somerville Shared Services Alliance was launched as a pilot project that included 10 center-based programs. In January 2019 the site-based work will expand to include both center- and home-based programs in Boston.

**POPULATION SERVED**

**CAMBRIDGE/SOMERVILLE ALLIANCE**

Participating members currently include six non-profit, independent center-based programs that collectively serve approximately 280 mixed income children, one Head Start agency serving over 275 low-income children, one for-profit center serving 50 mixed income children, and an out of school time program serving 40 low income children. Over 100 staff members are collectively employed by centers that participate in the Cambridge/Somerville Alliance. All centers are state licensed in good standing and most are NAEYC accredited. In 2019, the Alliance will expand to include 10 family child care providers in the City of Cambridge.

**BOSTON ALLIANCE**

Participating members in the Boston Alliance currently include 8 non-profit, multi-site independent center-based programs that collectively serve over 900 children and 141 family child care homes that collectively serve over 800 children. All programs in the Boston Alliance predominantly serve low-income children. All centers are state licensed in good standing and most are NAEYC accredited.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

- Accounting & Financial Reporting

**FUNDING**

**Funding source for Alliance startup:** Start-up support was provided by the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, The Gisela B. Hogan Foundation, The Cambridge Community Foundation, and Cambridge Birth to Grade 3 Partnership. Seed funding for Alliance expansion into Boston was provided by The Boston Foundation and longer-term funding to carry out this work through 2021 has been provided by Boston Children's Collaboration for Community Health.

**Funding source for ongoing Alliance implementation:** Ongoing funding continues to be provided by the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, The Gisela B. Hogan Foundation and Cambridge Birth to Grade 3 Partnership. Additional funding will be sought to expand infrastructure for statewide expansion.

**Do Alliance members pay fees for services received? Yes**