

Immigration restrictions on Head Start threaten program’s work

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vides access to early learning, health, and nutrition, as well as help for adults to find work, according to the federal government. The roughly \$12 billion program served more than 778,000 children and pregnant women in fiscal 2023.

In Massachusetts alone, Head Start assists more than 11,000 children and their families each year, including connecting children to medical, dental, and vision screenings, according to the state organization.

Immigrants who are in the country without authorization have generally not been eligible for public benefits like food stamps. But some federally funded community programs, like Head Start, have not blocked immigrants from receiving help.

President Trump ran on a platform that called for a crack-down on illegal immigration, and his administration has used federal agents to detain and deport thousands of immigrants since taking office. And on Thursday, the US Department of Health and Human Services announced the Head Start ban over concerns taxpayer money should be used to benefit Americans, and not immigrants in the country illegally.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Trump’s HHS secretary, said in a statement that the government previously has “diverted hard-working Americans’ tax dollars to incentivize illegal immigration.”

Kennedy said the ban “restores integrity to federal social programs, enforces the rule of law, and protects vital resources for the American people.”

The ban would apply to Head Start, along with other federally funded programs, including Community Services Block Grants, mental health, workforce, transitional housing assistance, and substance use and treatment services, according to

HHS. Heather Yountz, an attorney with the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, said the ban was “shameful” and is part of a larger effort to target immigrant children, including by allowing ICE to enter schools and cutting spending on legal services for children seeking asylum.

Yountz raised several con-

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cerns about the order, which she believes is open to legal challenge.

“Trump’s action will have a chilling effect on all immigrants, not just low-income babies and toddlers,” Yountz said in an email.

The federal ban comes months after the Trump administration considered eliminating Head Start funding to help pay for tax cuts. The administration ultimately did not carry out the move, but it left advocates worried.

Sharon Scott-Chandler, the president and CEO of Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), which oversees Head Start services for children living in Greater Boston and the Mystic Valley, said her organization was still trying to understand how the ban will affect their operation.

In 2024, ABCD Head Start served around 2,000 families and more than 2,100 children, according to the organization.

“We want children to grow up and be productive, educated,

healthy young people and then citizens,” Scott-Chandler said in an interview. “So I think creating barriers [and] creating distinctions between children is going to have an impact on how we can make communities healthier.”

People who rely on ABCD for assistance, but are worried about the ban, should continue coming to the organization, she said.

“We don’t close the door on anyone,” Scott-Chandler said.

Critics like Gladys Vega, president and chief executive officer of Chelsea-based La Colaborativa, which provides medical care and access to meals to Latino immigrants, said the ban’s impact will be felt by American citizens. Many immigrant households include both people who are citizens and those who aren’t, she said.

“We believe that no child should be neglected, left behind, or punished for the status of their parents,” Vega said.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, in a statement, said Head Start has been a critical part of providing early childhood education.

“At the City level, we’ve seen how much the entire community benefits when we remove barriers for working families to access critical supports and when our youngest students have the best preparation for Kindergarten,” Wu said.

Elizabeth Sweet, the executive director of the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition, called for the ban to be rescinded.

“Cutting off access to essential early education opportunities for immigrant children is deeply harmful and misguided,” Sweet said.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Glenn P. Garrett, Meghan A. Garrett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation, dated November 24, 2019 and recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 52256, Page 36, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation to AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation, recorded on January 31, 2023, in Book No. 57642, at Page 93

AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation to Planet Home Lending, LLC, recorded on March 27, 2025, in Book No. 59803, at Page 337

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PLANNING BOARD, CITY OF MELROSE**

The Planning Board of the City of Melrose will hold a public hearing in the Cassidy Conference Room, 2nd fl of City Hall, 562 Main St, Melrose MA on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 7:00PM on the application of 59-61 Crystal Street, LLC c/o Theodore Lantzakis for a Site Plan Review in accordance with §235-3.2 of the Melrose Zoning Ordinance and a Special Permit under §235-11.4 for a reduced number of required parking spaces. The proposal involves demolishing the existing structure and constructing a four-story mixed-use building with commercial space on the first and second floors and 16 residential units above, located at 681-687 & 689-697 Main Street in Melrose, on a lot consisting of 8,561 sf and shown on Assessor's Map D8 0 12 & D9 0 14.

The complete application can be reviewed at www.cityofmelrose.org/planning-board or in the Office of Planning and Community Development, City Hall, 2nd floor, 562 Main St. Interested persons may provide comments to the Board during the hearing or by email to planningboard@cityofmelrose.org, or mail to OPCD, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA.

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Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **July 31, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** Proposals will be opened at that time.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.mass.gov/service-details/leasing-property-to-the-commonwealth Under Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Lease Space, click on "COMMBUYS" and then click on "Find It". You may also email leasing.dcammm@mass.gov or call 857-204-1355 to request a copy of the RFP, referencing Project Number 202503200. For further information, email PM Jennifer Hart@mass.gov. This notice is also available at www.mass-publicnotices.org.

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