

FALL 2018



onefamily scholars



New Scholars at Fall Orientation - August 2018

## NEW SCHOLARS and GRADUATES

**Seventeen** new One Family Scholars joined this year's class in August! Welcome!

Congratulations to **Jessica Aparicio** who graduated from UMASS Boston and **Nakiba Nelson** who graduated from Regis College this summer!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join One Family's coaches for a *Sunday in the Park* on September 30th from 12 - 2 pm. RSVP via email now!
- The *FAFSA* will be available on October 1, 2018 for the 2019-2020 academic year. Mark your calendars and fill it out at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).
- The Spring 2019 *One Family Scholars application* will become available on October 1, 2018. Tell a friend to tell a friend!
- Winter 2018: Bring in the holiday spirit at One Family's annual *Gingerbread Decorating Social*. Date TBD.

# It's Never Too Late!



Becoming a One Family Scholar means having much needed support through the many stages of your college career.

Natalie Grannum became a Scholar in the fall of 2016. A single mom of three, she worked together with her coach Judith Marks who gave her guidance on balancing college life with being a parent. Soon Natalie finished her associate degree in human services at Bristol Community College in 2017.



Natalie and her children at her son's graduation - June 2018

Her goal after graduation is to work either through the public school system or the state. However, her ultimate dream is to open her own family advocacy agency because she sees a real need to educate families. Natalie's dreams for her three children are for them to become successful in life through education. Her two eldest have proven to be right on track and are now attending Suffolk University and University of Southern California.

She then continued on to Bridgewater State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work and was re-accepted to OFS.

*"You will have a great organization that will support you all the way and you will gain so much by educating yourself and in return, you can get that job you want."  
- Natalie Grannum's advice to future Scholars*



(L-R) Brad Kramer, Val Paric, State Senator Jamie Eldridge, Matthew Miller

## Policy In Action!

In early August, members of One Family's leadership team met with State Senator Jamie Eldridge at his State House office, to discuss One Family's Credential to Career Coaching program, and efforts to promote pathways to self-sufficiency for low-income families in Massachusetts, including families who are homeless or at risk.

# RESOURCES

## Employment

### **Help Fight Housing Discrimination!**

Suffolk Law's Housing Discrimination Testing Program (HDTP) is working in partnership with the Boston Fair Housing Commission to eliminate housing discrimination in the Boston metro area through testing, enforcement, and education. HDTP is currently seeking individuals who are willing to serve as housing discrimination testers. To register, contact Nadiyah J. Humber at [njhumber@suffolk.edu](mailto:njhumber@suffolk.edu). For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2PWOWD7>

veterans, and refugees. Scholars, contact your coach for a referral.

More information can be found at <https://www.newlifefb.org/receive>.

**Solutions At Work** offers homeless and low-income families children's items and professional clothing for new jobs to meet their needs as they achieve self-sufficiency. For interview-appropriate clothing, shoes, and accessories contact the SolutionsWear manager, Heather Dabreu at (617) 576-0039. For help with children's clothing, toys, books, and baby equipment, contact the Children's Clothing Exchange Manager, Tara Riopelle, at (617) 576-0039.

## Professional Development

Contact financial wellness advisor **Dillon C. Harvey** if you are interested in learning more about his mission to empower families with financial knowledge through education on retirement, long-term care and more! Contact Dillon at [Dcharvey13@gmail.com](mailto:Dcharvey13@gmail.com) or (917) 653-0730 for more information.

**Christmas in the City** provides holiday assistance to families in need, with children ages 17 and under. To receive help, you must sign up ahead of time! Visit <https://bit.ly/2LVfgdp> for more information.

## Other Resources

**New Life Furniture Bank of MA** provides furniture and household goods to individuals and families who are transitioning from a homeless environment, victims of fire, military

**Free Holiday and Christmas Assistance in Hampden County.** Donate toys, or parents with children can apply for gifts. Children need to be from Hampden County and under the age of 13. Visit <https://bit.ly/2Q05GsZ> for more information.