

**Additional Statewide Organization
Budget/Policy Priorities for FY17 Consideration**

- **TAFDC Childcare: Reinstate the 2007 policy providing homeless families in shelter** (emergency assistance, domestic violence shelters, substance abuse and recovery residential programs, and on-emergency assistance shelters) **with immediate access to child care vouchers.** *(Statewide support: On Solid Ground Coaliton)*

- **Improve data and reporting for the Emergency Assistance program.** Insert language to require the Department of Housing and Community Development report on reasons that families are determined not eligible for assistance, as well as basic demographics, income, and ages of children. Approximately 50% of families that apply for emergency assistance are determined not to be eligible. This no-cost measure would provide valuable data to understand the Commonwealth's safety net, develop prevention programs, and any unintended consequences to regulations and policies. *(Statewide support: On Solid Ground Coalition, Homes for Families)*