

## Educational Stability for Students in Foster Care

The Department's Educational Stability team works to ensure the enrollment, attendance and opportunity to succeed in school for children and youth in foster care. We collaborate with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) and local school districts to implement the provisions for providing educational stability for students in foster care, as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

ESSA requires that each school district designate a [Foster Care Point of Contact](#) responsible for ensuring the educational stability and rights of students in foster care. Districts should ensure that information about their designated Foster Care Point of Contact is available on the Department's School and District Profiles page through their Directory Administrators.

**The Foster Care Point of Contact in Webster is Shari Haire, Interim Director of Student Support Services. She can be reached at [shaire@webster-schools.org](mailto:shaire@webster-schools.org).**

DCF [area office directors](#) will serve as local POCs to work with districts in support of foster care students.

For more information, please see the link to the DESE website on Educational

Stability. <https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/>