

# KEEPING UP WITH TEMPO

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## " The State House For Chins "

The State house was experience that I will never forget! There were many people there for the chins reform at the state house, including news reporters. People were standing up for what they believe in. We need a change for this because so many people are affected by CHINS. Many young people get introduced to court and then have a court record. That day we were a voice being heard! We advocated for kids, youths, and young adults. If you have a record, people treat you differently and they mark you as a problem child. When I was at the State House there was a woman who spoke about her daughter getting into trouble as a preteen. She missed days of school, skipped classes, and was failing her classes. Her daughter was suspended from school for a week. She sat down with the teachers and principle to find out what she could do to get her daughter back into school, and eventually decided to file for a CHINS in order to get help. She didn't get the help she needed and had to appear in court or her daughter was going to be removed from her care. She stated she would never file for a CHINS again. She fought the court and won the case. If the vote for CHINS reform passes, many youths and families will get the help they need and won't have to end up with a record. Unfortunately many representatives refused to talk with us but we were able to pass out pamphlets. It was a great day!

-Juliette



### *What is the CHINS Reform?*

CHINS (Child in Need of Services) is a case in the Juvenile Court which attempts to assist parents and school officials in dealing with youth. CHINS cases deal with children who have run away from home, missed a great deal of school, refuse to follow school rules, or consistently run away from home. Although CHINS was originally set forth to aid troubled youth and their families, over the last 40 years it has come to be more of a curse than a blessing. Many children and youth have been wrongly accused and criminalized, with parents and families often being blamed and separated.

Senator Spilka has lead the effort for the CHINS reform, calling for the change of CHINS to an improved system; FACES (Families and Children Engaged in Services). FACES would create a more community-based system offering better access to services and prevention programs without creating unnecessary involvement with the juvenile court system.

On Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, a rally took place outside the Boston State House for the CHINS reform. Senator Spilka spoke alongside several advocates, addressing the current CHINS system and declaring “If its broke... fix it”. According to Spilka, the current system is failing kids. CHINS kids are either treated like criminals and placed into the court system, or they slip through the cracks without getting the attention and the services they need.

Although the Senate passed reform of the CHINS system last year (S. 1963), it has been stuck in the House Ways and Means Committee. If the legislation does not receive a House vote before the legislative session ends in a few weeks, it will expire. S.1963 is currently awaiting action by the House Ways and Means Committee. Voices are still needed to support the reform. Please contact your local representative and tell them that you support the bill!

“If it’s  
broke...  
Fix it!”



## *What's all the Buzz about National Night Out?*

National Night Out is fast approaching and many have been wondering 'What exactly is National Night Out?' National Night Out is America's night to stand up against crime! People all over the United States will be holding their own events to show their support for this worthwhile event. National Night Out is designed to accomplish a few objectives. Its first objective is to heighten the awareness of crime and drug prevention. Its second goal is to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships. It also attempts to generate support for local anti-crime programs. The last objective of National Night Out is to send a message to those committing the crimes and letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back; crime will not be tolerated.

This year, National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. There are two locations in Framingham where you can show your support. Don't miss out on the chance to be at this historic event. For more information or to get involved, visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/>



## *Having Fun but Being Safe in the Summer Sun*

As the weather continues to get warmer and nice, people are going to be spending more time outside. However, as the heat wave is upon us it is important to be safe out in the summer sun. Here are a few safety tips to make sure you follow will you have fun in the summer sun. The first tip is to drink plenty of water. The New England humidity can be brutal at times, and if enough water is not drunk it can lead to dehydration. The next tip is to take breaks. Going inside or into the shade to get out of the sun is good for your body. It allows it time to recover and replenish what you may have lost. The third tip is to stay cool. Whether it is going into a pool, to the beach, or just in an air conditioned house, find a way to keep cool. This will keep your body from overheating and lessens the chance of suffering from a heat stroke. The fourth and final tip is to use sun tan lotion. Not using enough sun tan lotion can lead to a sun burn, which over time could lead to skin cancer. So wear sun block or sun tan lotion to prevent this problem from occurring. Follow these tips and your summer fun will be spent safely in the sun.





**Big shout out to Juliette, Cal, & Ray for representing Tempo at the DCF Youth Summit! They met Governor Patrick!!**

**A big shout out to the young adults that completely demolished the basement! Thank you Joshua, Eblin, Thalia, Ray, Mike, & Nick for your hard work in helping Justin clear out basement & knock down walls for an upcoming project @ Tempo.**

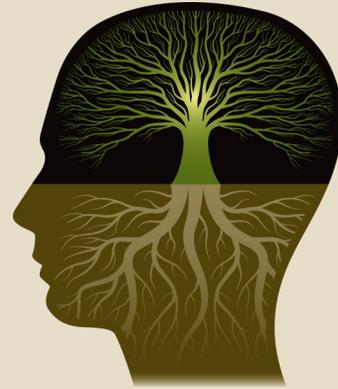
**SHOUT OUT**

**I would like to give a shout out to Angela, Kate-lyn, Shawna, Cal, Juliette, Sarah, Nick, Jessiqua, Mark, Oscar, Eric, & Bonny for taking part in the CHINS rally at the State House!!**

**Kate-lyn is now co-chairing Tempo's Young Adult Advisory Council!**

### “Fact versus Theory”

Letters on pages in books lining shelves  
State findings and theories that history tells  
Are but meaningless jumbles of self-proclaimed knowledge  
Whose mistakes and faults we've yet to acknowledge  
Facts are just theories we've not yet disproven  
Which evolve to new findings which are once again proven  
History repeats herself ten times again  
And fools don't progress from the places they've been  
For once we believed that the globe was a plane  
And those who disputed were labeled insane  
But one man was so mad he demanded proof  
Set sail to the sunset in search of the truth  
And centuries later we all know his story  
Mark calendars in celebration of his brilliant journey  
And the man who once stood for an audience to preach  
Of his dreams and ideas he so loved to teach



Fought lightness with darkness using only his voice  
And showed us that freedom was all in our choice  
We'd already decided how man would divide  
Before he stood up at that podium and cried  
And without agenda or prearranged plan  
Gave hope and equality to the future of man  
As beings we live in our ignorant minds  
Assuming we prove each presumption we find  
And each one we meet believes he is the best  
And claims that he has and knows more than the rest  
But even with all of our great understanding  
We know but so little of the earth which we're standing  
Our eyes have been clouded with self-induced thunder  
Which blinds us from seeing the greatest of wonder  
We've yet to learn lessons of invaluable truth  
Of music and passion, of beauty and youth  
Science is valued in a world full of doubt  
But like tide it engulfs you and pulls you back out  
To a sea full of mysteries yet to be solved  
With depths where discovery has yet to evolve  
We're left with the question of the unknown below  
And the endless above of which little we know  
So you write all you know down in permanent ink  
All that you fathom of all you can think  
And what you have left are just vowels and verbs  
And shelves lined with books full of pages with words

-Jessiqua



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