

Homeless Survival Guide

Resources for Persons Who Experience Homelessness in Washington, DC
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Emergency Shelters

D.C. Shelter Hotline: 202-399-7093 or call 311; <http://owpi.dc.gov/service/24-hour-shelter-hotline> Referrals and transport for emergency shelter, blankets, & clothing. Staffed 24/7.

SHELTERS FOR WOMEN

Nativity Shelter (Catholic Charities): 6010 Georgia Ave., NW / 202-829-0420

CCNV Federal City Shelter: 425 2nd St., NW / 202-393-1909; 1,350 beds for adults; Intake daily 24 hours.

Calvary Women's Services: 1217 Good Hope Rd., SE / 202-678-2341 x200; 45 beds for single women. No walk ins.

DC General Cafeteria (Harriet Tubman)
 1910 Mass. Ave., SE Bldg. 27 / 202-795-9966; Single women; 100 beds; showers; case management; 7pm – 7am; Intake begins at 7 pm.

Pat Handy Place Shelter: 810 5th St., NW, 202-733-5378; 213 beds for women; 4 pm-7 am.

House of Ruth Madison Shelter
 651 10th St., NE / 202-667-7001 ext. 320; 39 beds; 4:30 pm-8:45 am.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS

My Sister's Place: 202-540-1064 (24-hour hotline).
House of Ruth DV Hotline: 202-667-7001 ext. 515.
District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH), 202-462-3274, Provides support and placement for DV victims and sexual assault survivors.

SHELTERS FOR MEN

Central Union Mission: 65 Massachusetts Ave., NW / 202-647-7466; 170 beds for adult men.
CCNV Federal City Shelter: 425 2nd St., NW / 202-393-1909. Open 24/7.

New York Avenue Men's Emergency Shelter: 1355 New York Ave., NE / ; 202-832-2359; 360 beds; 7 pm – 7 am; walk-ins welcome.
801 East Housing Assistance Center: 801 East Bldg., 2700 MLK Ave., SE / 202-561-4014; 380 emergency beds; 7 pm–7 am. Shuttle service to downtown DC.

Adams Place Shelter: 2210 Adams Pl., NE, (202) 832-8317 (150 beds).

SHELTERS/TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR LGBTQ+

Casa Ruby: 7530 Georgia Ave., NW / 202-355-5155
Wanda Alston House- Youth LGBTQ+ 300 New Jersey N.W. LGBTQ youth ages 16-24 **Services:** (202) 733-3643
Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) 3045 15th Street, NW, M–F, 10 am–6 pm (202) 768-7801 programming for LGBTQ+, immigrants, pregnant or parenting youth, transitional housing, and they offer several other services.

Day Centers for Homeless Singles

PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN

Bethany Women's Center; 1333 N St., NW / 202-939-2076; Day program for adult women; breakfast, lunch, showers, laundry, counseling, clothing, case management, residential programs and referrals to mental health and substance abuse programs. M-F, 7:30am-4pm; Sat & Sun (& holidays) 9-4pm.

PROGRAMS FOR MEN

Father McKenna Center: 900 N. Capitol St., NW / 202-842-1112; Drop in center for adult men; lunch served at 12pm; clothing distribution 1st and 3rd Tues. M-F, 8am-4pm.

PROGRAMS FOR LGBTQ+

SMYAL: 410 7th St., SE / 202-546-5940. Youth Housing Program, email Nathaniel.currie@smyal.org or call 202-567-3166 for an intake interview.
Casa Ruby: 7530 Georgia Ave., NW / 202-355-5155; Hot meals, case management, immigration legal services, clothing, toiletries. M-Sat. 12-8pm.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL

Adams Place: 2210 Adams Pl., NE / 202-832-8317; M-F 8:30-4:30 pm. lunch, showers, job search, laundry, case management
Downtown Day Services Center: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church 1313 New York Ave. NW. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. M-F services: meals, showers, laundry, bathrooms, housing services, harm reduction services, healthcare, computers, legal assistance, and job support.
Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St., NW / 202-737-9311
 Drop in center: breakfast, social services, referrals, resume help, and showers. M-F 8:30am-12pm; 1-2: adults. M-F 2-4pm: women & children.
Friendship Place: 4713 Wisconsin Ave., NW / 202-364-1419
 Drop in center for men and women: referrals to shelter, case management, medical and psychiatric cares. M, W, & Th 8:30-11:30am, M 1-4pm; W 1-3pm, Th 1 -3pm
Miriam's Kitchen: 2401 Virginia Ave., NW/ 202-452-8926 ext. 1. Day program for men and women: breakfast & dinner, case management, art studio, clothing, toiletries. Open M-F 6:30-9:45 am; 2:30-5:45pm. Open on all holidays.
Georgetown Ministries; 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW / 202-338-8301 Offers case management, showers, laundry, computers, psychiatric care, clothing and food. 7days/week,

Emergency Rental Assistance

ERAP Funding for back rent or security deposit. Apply at several locations (*call for appointment*):

Housing Counseling Services: 2410 17th St., NW #100 (in an alley, not directly on the street)/ 202-667-7006; Central Intake Phone 202- 667-7339 M-F 9am-5pm; W 9am-8pm.
Catholic Charities Southeast Family Center: 2812 Pennsylvania Ave., SE / 202-338-3100; **M 9am-11am (by telephone only)**
Salvation Army Social Services: 1434 Harvard Street NW, Suite B / 202-332-5000; M-F 8:30am-12pm; 1-4:30pm.
Virginia Williams Family Resource Center: 920 Rhode Island Ave., NE / 202-526-0017; M-Th 8:30am-4pm. Need picture ID; proof of homelessness.
The United Planning Organization: 2907 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE (202) 562-3800
The Greater Washington Urban League: 2901 14th Street, NW, (202) 265-8200

Homeless Family Shelters

Virginia Williams Family Resource Center
 920 Rhode Island Ave., NE / 202-526-0017
All families in need of emergency shelter must apply at this location, Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4 pm, Fri. 8:30am-12pm. During hypothermia season (November 1 to March 31) families can call UPO hotline at 202-399-7093 after 4pm and on weekends for eligibility and referral services.
Shirley's Place Day Hospitality Center: 1338 G Street, SE / 202-544-3150; Day program for homeless families; computers, showers, laundry, and kitchen; referrals for emergency funds and rental assistance for Ward 6 residents. Intake: M-F 8am-6pm.

Homeless Youth Shelters

Sasha Bruce Youthwork: 741 8th St., SE / 202-675-9340 / 202-547-7777; Emergency shelter and other services for runaway and homeless youth. Open 24/7.
Covenant House; 2001 Mississippi Ave., SE / 202-610-9600; Emergency shelter and other services for youth ages 12-24; May also contact National Runaway Safeline 1-800-RUNAWAY or visit www.1800runaway.org; 24/7
Elizabeth House: a safe haven available for pregnant women between the ages of 12 and 18, and their infants. The main intake building of Covenant House will complete the intake.

Case Management

Miriam's Kitchen: 2401 Virginia Ave. NW / 202-452-8926 x1; 6:30 – 9:45 am and 2:30 – 5:45 pm
Father McKenna Center/ St. Aloysius Parish 900 N. Capitol St., NW / 202-842-1112
Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St., NW / 202-737-9311
SOME: 711 O St., NW / 202-797-8806
Bread for the City: 1525 7th St., NW / 202-265-2400; Intake T 9-11am, Th 1-3pm; 1640 Good Hope Rd., SE / 202-561-8587; Intake: M-Th 9-11:30am

Meal Programs		Medical and Mental Health Care	Substance Abuse Programs				
<p><u>NORTHWEST</u></p> <p>Charlie's Place/St. Margaret's: 1830 Connecticut Ave., NW / 202-232-2995; Breakfast, social services, classes. T-F, 6:30-8:00 am; Sat: 8:00am-9:00 am.</p> <p>Martha's Table: 2114 14th St., NW / 202-328-6608; no cost mini market onsite, 10am-5pm daily. Can shop every 30 days. Meal onsite at 4pm daily. Grocery giveaway M-Su 10am-4pm; Clothing giveaway M-F 12pm – 5pm (Need to bring any type of identification).</p> <p>Martha's Table's Mobile Food Truck: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 2nd and H Street NW; 5:20 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Pennsylvania Ave and 19th Street NW; 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 15th and K Street NW</p> <p>Miriam's Kitchen: 2401 Virginia Ave., NW / 202-452-8926, ext 1. Meals: M–F 6:30–8am and 4:45-5:45pm</p> <p>Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St., NW / 202- 737-9311. www.thrivedc.org. Breakfast for all: M-F 8:30-10:30am (M, W, F) Hot, 8:30-9:30 (T, Th) cold. Dinner for women/children M-F: 2-4pm. Offers referrals, transportation, laundry, shower, resume & re-entry support.</p> <p>So Others Might Eat (SOME): 71 O St., NW / 202-797-8806; Breakfast served daily 7-8:30am; lunch daily 11:30-1pm. Also offers showers, clothing (ID required), substance abuse program, job counseling, medical and dental clinic.</p> <p>Loaves and Fishes/St. Stephen's: 1525 Newton St., NW / 202-232-0900; Lunch on Sat & Sun (& Mon holidays) 12-2p.m.</p>		<p><u>NORTHWEST (continued)</u></p> <p>Open Table (Church of the Pilgrims): 2201 P St., NW: Sun: 1-1:30pm (Lunch). Call ahead for location of program. 202-387-6612</p> <p>Sacred Heart Dinner Program: Shrine of the Sacred Heart 3211 Sacred Heart Way 16th & Park Rd NW; 202-234-8000 M- F; Doors open 4:30pm-6pm</p> <p><u>NORTHEAST</u></p> <p>1st Baptist Church of Deanwood: 1008 45th St., NE / 202- 396-0534; Hot meals served M-F, 4:45-5:45pm, at rotating churches. Call ahead for location of program.</p> <p>Capital Area Food Bank Hunger Lifeline: 202-644-9807 (Mon- Fri 9am-5pm) To find food in your area: www.dcfocfinder.org www.capitalareafoodbank.org/get-help/ www.dchunger.org/get-help/</p>		<p>Unity Health Care and Unity Health Van: 202-469-4699 (scheduling line for all Unity sites) / 202-276-3381(mobile medical van); Free health care for homeless individuals.</p> <p>Clinica Del Pueblo: 2831 15th St., NW / 202-462-4788; Bilingual health care and mental health services for low income individuals. Offers youth services, HIV/AIDS testing, substance abuse services. M, T, F 8:30am-5:30pm; W, R 8:30am-9:00pm.</p> <p>Health Care for Homeless Veterans (the VA): 50 Irving St., NW / 202-745-8577; Offers health services to homeless veterans.</p> <p>National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1-877-424-3838 / 24/7 free referral service; enrollment in VA healthcare not required.</p> <p>So Others Might Eat (SOME): 60 O St., NW / 202-797-8806 ext. 1042; Walk-in Hours: 8am to 11am, M-F; Dental Clinic: 202-797-8806 ext. 1041; Walk-in Hours: 8am to 11am</p> <p>Bread for the City Medical Clinic: 1525 7th St., NW / 202-386-7020 Open M, T, Th 8:30am-5pm, W 8:30am-7pm, F: 8:30am-12pm</p> <p>Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP): 202-673-9319.</p> <p>Dep't. of Behavioral Health Same Day Urgent Clinic: 202-442-4202.</p> <p>DBH Access Helpline (for psychiatric emergencies): 1-888-793-4357.</p>		<p>DC Department of Behavioral Health (detox): 75 P. St, NE/ 202-727-8473 / dbh.dc.gov. Intake for detox programs; inpatient and outpatient treatment programs. M-F 7am-6pm. (For same-day service, arrive before 3:30 pm).</p> <p>Clean & Sober Streets: 425 2nd St., NW / 202-783-7343; Long-term residential and outpatient treatment & counseling. Must have referral from APRA.</p> <p>CATAADA House: 802 Rhode Island Ave., NE /202- 832-8336 x203; Outpatient drug treatment services. Intake M-F 9:30-1pm. Must have referral from APRA.</p> <p>Andromeda Drug Abuse Program: 1400 Decatur St., NW / 202-291-4707; Outpatient substance abuse treatment & counseling for Latino population. M-F 9-5pm.</p> <p>So Others Might Eat (SOME): 60 O St., NW / 202-797-8806; Outpatient substance abuse treatment & referrals to inpatient program for homeless individuals. Walk ins M-F 8-11am & 1-3 pm. Appt. call ext. 1116 or 1032.</p> <p>Neighbors Consejo: 6323 Georgia Ave NW, Suite 206 / 202-234-6855; Inpatient and outpatient drug counseling, health care, translation services, and employment services for Latinos and immigrants. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p>Harbor Lights (Salvation Army): 2100 NY Ave., NE / 202-269-6333. Inpatient & outpatient treatment for adults. DC residents only, required referral from Dep't. of Behavioral Health. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p>Thrive DC: One-on-one counseling, case management, and treatment referrals. Weekly Men's Substance Abuse Education (Wednesday) 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Weekly Women's Substance Abuse Education (Friday) 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	
<p><u>Employment</u></p> <p>D.C. Dep't. of Employment Services (DOES): 4058 Minnesota Ave., NE / 202-724-7000; Open M-Th 8:30am-4:30pm; F 9:30am-4:30pm.</p> <p>Jubilee Jobs: 2712 Ontario Rd., NW / 202-667-8970 2419 Minnesota Ave., SE / 202-758-3710</p> <p>JHP/Jobs Have Priority: 425 2nd St., NW (CCNV lobby) / 202- 393-7117. Open M-F 8:30am-4:30pm; Employment Intake Tues. 10:30. Need a referral from outreach agency or shelter where you're residing.</p> <p>Thrive DC: T&Th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Employment Workshops in the Computer Lab</p>		<p><u>Free Legal Services</u></p> <p>Ayuda: 6925B Willow St. NW; 1413 K Street NW, Immigration legal aid (202) 387-4848</p> <p>Bread for the City - 1640 Good Hope Road SE, 1525 7th Street NW, 202-386-7616, 202-561-8587 Call M-Th 9 am to 5 pm. Legal Aid for Housing, Public Benefits, Family, Immigration</p> <p>Casa Ruby: LBTQ+ Immigration Legal Services 7530 Georgia Ave., NW / 202-355-5155</p> <p>DC Employment Justice Center: 1525 7th St. NW / 202-828-9675 (W: sign up starts at 5, goes until 8pm); 1640 Good Hope Rd. SE (last Saturday of month, 10am-12pm); 2814 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (1st/3rd Fridays 12 – 3 pm).</p> <p>Legal Aid Society: 202-628-1161; 1331 H St. NW, Suite 350 / M 12:30-6pm, Th 12:30-4pm; 2041 MLK Ave., SE, Suite 201 / M & Th. 10:00am-1:30pm; Family law, housing, access to public benefits, consumer issues, immigration, and appellate law.</p> <p>Family Court Self-Help Center: 500 Indiana Ave., NW, Room JM-570; 202-879-0096 / Walk-ins: M-F 8am-5pm; Free guidance for family law matters.</p> <p>Neighborhood Legal Services: Call (202) 832-6577 Telephone intake available MWF from 10am to 3pm. Walk-in intake available MWF 10am to 3pm, 2412 Minnesota Avenue, SE; 4609 Polk Street, NE; 64 New York Ave. NE-Family, Domestic Violence, Housing, Immigration, Public Benefits law</p> <p>Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless: 1200 U street NW -202-328-5500- Public Benefits, Subsidized Housing & Tenant Rights, Shelter Complaints /Denial s, Street Rights</p>		<p><u>Laundry</u></p> <p>Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St., NW / 202-737-9311.</p> <p>Bethany Women's Center (women): 1333 N St., NW / 202-939-2077.</p> <p>Father McKenna Center (men): 900 N. Capitol St., NW / 202-842 -1112; First 6 men; M-F (show up by 8:15 to get on list). Georgetown Ministries: 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW / 202-338-8301; first 5 people</p> <p>Downtown Day Services Center: 1313 New York Ave. NW. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m</p>	<p><u>Showers (Call-First)</u></p> <p>SOME: 71 O St., NW / 202-797-8806 men 7am-9:30am, women 10am-10:45am.</p> <p>Father McKenna Center/St. Aloysius Parish: 600 N. Capitol St., NW / 202-842-1112; First 20 men; M-F 8:00 am -10:00 am (Sign-up list becomes available at 7 am).</p> <p>Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St., NW, Suite G1 / 202-737-9311.</p> <p>Water Ministry at St. Columba's Church: 4201 Albemarle St., NW / 202-363-4119; M, T, Th, F 11 am-1 pm.</p> <p>Christ House: 1717 Columbia Rd., NW / 202-328-1100; M, T, Th, F – Sign-up sheet available at 12:30pm, must see doctor or social worker on-site first.</p> <p>Georgetown Ministry Center: 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW / 202-338- 8301. First 20 people.</p> <p>Daytime Services Center: 1313 New York Ave. NW. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m</p>		