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# 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

**Bakhita Women's Shelter (Catholic Charities):** 6010 Georgia Ave., NW; 202-829-0420, 7pm-7am  
**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.  
**Harriet Tubman (DC General Cafeteria)** 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:** 1009 11<sup>th</sup> St. NW; 202-733-5378; 213 beds for women; 4 pm-7 am.  
**House of Ruth Madison Shelter** 651 10<sup>th</sup> St., NE; 202-667-7001 ext. 320; 39 beds; 4:30 pm-8:45 am.  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS**  
**My Sister's Place:** call 1-844-443-5732 (DC Victim Services 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 victim.

### SHELTER FOR MIGRANTS (*Refugio para migrantes*)

**Office of Migrant Services Welcome Center (Centro de Bienvenida):** 2100 New York Ave NE; 202-699-4793. Open 24/7; can assist with meals, transportation, shelter if available. *Abierto 24/7; puede asistir con comida, transporte, refugio si está disponible*

### SHELTERS FOR MEN

**Central Union Mission:** 65 Massachusetts Ave., NW; 202-745-7118; 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; 7pm-7am; walk-ins welcome.  
**801 East Housing Assistance Center:** 801 East Bldg., 2700 MLK Ave. SE; 202-561-4014. 396 emergency beds; 7pm-7am. Shuttle service to downtown DC.  
**Adams Place Shelter:** 2210 Adams Pl., NE; 202-832-8317. 150 beds. Shuttle services to downtown DC.

### SHELTERS/RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ+

**Wanda Alston House:** LGBTQ youth (ages 18-24). 1377 R St. NW #200; 202-465-8794.  
**Living Life Alternative:** 400 50<sup>th</sup> St. SE; 202-560-5457.  
**DC Safe Haven:** 331 H St. NE; 202-525-2652. Programs for LGBTQ+  
**DC Center for LGBTQ+ Community:** 2000 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW #105; 202-682-2245; M-F 12-6pm & Sat 11am-3pm  
**Latin American Youth Center (LAYC):** 3045 15th St., NW; M-F, 10am-6pm; 202-768-7801. Programs for LGBTQ+, immigrants, pregnant or parenting youth, transitional housing, and 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. M-F, 8am-4pm.

### FOR ALL:

**Shirley's Place Day Hospitality Center:** 1338 G Street, SE; 202-544-3150. Intake: M-F 8am-4pm. Day program: computers, showers, laundry, and kitchen; referrals for emergency funds and rental assistance for Ward 6 residents.

### PROGRAMS FOR ALL

**Adams Place:** 2210 Adams Pl., NE; 202-832-8317. M-F 7am-7pm. Lunch, showers, job search, laundry, case management.  
**Downtown Day Services Center:** 1313 New York Ave. NW (New York Avenue Presbyterian Church); 202-383-8810. M-F 9am-5pm; Sat 10am-3pm. 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. Tues-Fri 10am-12pm & 1-3pm. Drop-in center: breakfast, social services, referrals, resume help, and showers.  
**Friendship Place:** 4713 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-364-1419. M, T, Th 9am-12pm & 1-4pm. Drop-in center for men and women: referrals to shelter, case management, medical and psychiatric cares.  
**Miriam's Kitchen:** 2401 Virginia Ave., NW; 202-452-8926 ext. 1. M-F 7-11am & 4-5pm and all holidays. Day program for men and women: breakfast & dinner, case management, art studio, clothing, toiletries.  
**Georgetown Ministries:** 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-338-8301. M-F 8am-3pm; Sat-Sun 8am-12pm. Offers case management, showers, laundry, computers, psychiatric care, clothing, and food.  
**HIPS:** 906 H St. NE; 202-232-8150. M-F 11am-1pm. Harm reduction & substance use services, housing, showers, laundry, lunch.

## Emergency Rental Assistance

ERAP Funding for back rent or 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent/security deposit. Apply at online at [erap.dhs.dc.gov](http://erap.dhs.dc.gov) or call 202-507-6666.

ERAP application portal will re-open on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.  
 DHS will close the portal once 3500 applications are received in each quarter.  
 Required documents: proof of residency, photo ID, proof of income, proof of benefits (additional documents may be requested).  
 Once your application is submitted, it will be reviewed by one of six community-based organizations that administer the program. This could take 30-120+ days, check your email often and be patient!

## 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-4pm, 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.*

### HOMELESS YOUTH:

**Latin American Youth Center (LAYC):** 3045 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW; M-F 10am-6pm; 202-768-7801.  
**Zoe's Doors:** 900 Rhode Island Ave. NE; Open 24/7; 202-248-2098.

## Homeless Youth Shelters

**Sasha Bruce Youthwork:** 741 8<sup>th</sup> 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; 511 Mellon St. 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](http://www.1800runaway.org); 24/7  
**Elizabeth House:** 200 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE; 202-827-8854. Safe haven available for pregnant/mothers ages 17-24 and their infants.  
**SMYAL:** 410 7<sup>th</sup> St. SE; 202-567-3166. Shelter and other services for LGBTQ+ youth.

## Case Management

**Miriam's Kitchen:** 2401 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-452-8926. 7-11am & 4-5pm.  
**Father McKenna Center:** 900 N. Capitol St., NW; 202-842-1112.  
**Thrive DC:** 1525 Newton St., NW; 202-737-9311. T-F 10am-12pm & 1-3pm.  
**SOME:** 71 O St., NW; 202-797-8806. M-F 8-11am.  
**Bread for the City:** 1525 7th St., NW; 202-265-2400; Intake: Tu 9-11am, Th 1-3pm. 1640 Good Hope Rd., SE; 202-561-8587; Intake: M-Th 9-11:30am.  
**Charlie's Place:** 1830 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-232-2995 Tu, Th, & Sat 6:30-9:30am.

Meal Programs		Medical and Mental Health Care	Substance Abuse Programs				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NORTHWEST</u></b></p> <p><b>Charlie's Place:</b> 1830 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-232-2995. Tu, Th, Sat 6:30-9:30am. Breakfast, social services, classes.</p> <p><b>Martha's Table:</b> 2114 14th St., NW; 2375 Elvans Rd SE; 202-328-6608; No cost mini market onsite, M-F 11am-4pm (can shop every 30 days). Clothing: 2204 MLK Ave SE, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of month 10am-2pm</p> <p><b>McKenna's Wagon:</b> 5:15-5:40pm at New Jersey &amp; I St NE; 5:50pm at 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; I St NW</p> <p><b>Miriam's Kitchen:</b> 2401 Virginia Ave., NW; 202-452-8926, ext 1. Meals: M-F 7-8am &amp; 4-5pm</p> <p><b>Thrive DC:</b> 1525 Newton St., NW; 202- 737-9311. Breakfast &amp; lunch M-F 8:30-9:30am (Th is take-out only). Food pantry on Th 10am-1pm.</p> <p><b>SOME (under renovation):</b> 75 Hanover Pl., NW; 202-797-8806. Takeout breakfast &amp; lunch 7:30-8:30am. Also offers showers, clothing (ID required), substance abuse program, job counseling, medical and dental clinic. Services still being provided at 60 O St NW.</p> <p><b>Loaves and Fishes/St. Stephen's:</b> 1525 Newton St., NW; 202-232-0900; Lunch on Sat &amp; Sun (&amp; Mon holidays) 9am-12pm. Food pantry every Sat 9-11am.</p> <p><b>Open Table (Church of the Pilgrims):</b> 2201 P St., NW; 202-387-6612. Sun 1-1:30pm (Lunch).</p> <p><b>Sacred Heart Dinner Program:</b> 3211 Sacred Heart Way (16th &amp; Park Rd NW) ;202-234-8000. M-Sat 4-5pm.</p> <p><b>Bread for the City:</b> 1525 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW &amp; 1700 Good Hope Rd. SE; 202-265-4000. M-Th 10am-12pm, 1-3pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NORTHEAST</u></b></p> <p><b>1st Baptist Church of Deanwood:</b> 4408 Sheriff Rd NE; 202-396-0534. Sat 9am-12pm.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SOUTHEAST</u></b></p> <p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help:</b> 1600 Morris Rd SE; 202-678-4999. Food pantry on Th, 10:30am-12:30pm.</p> <p><b>Brighter Day Ministries:</b> 421 Alabama Ave SE; 202-889-3660. Food pantry on W, Th 11am-2pm.</p> <p><b>North Capitol Collaborative:</b> 3230 Washington Ave SE; 202-588-1800. Food pantry every 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month; DC residency required.</p> <p><b>Episcopal Church of Atonement:</b> 5073 E Capitol St SE; 202-582-4200. Food pantry on Sat 9:30am-12:30pm &amp; fresh produce every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month, 12-1pm.</p> <p><b>St. Benedict the Moor:</b> 320 21<sup>st</sup> St NE; 202-397-3895. Food pantry every 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon of month; DC ID required.</p> <p><b>Mt. Moriah Baptist Church:</b> 1636 E Capitol St NE; 202-544-5588. Food pantry &amp; clothing closet every 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month; ID required.</p> <p><b>Capital Area Food Bank Hunger Lifeline:</b> 202-644-9807 (Mon- Fri 9am-5pm) To find food in your area: <a href="http://www.dcfocfinder.org">www.dcfocfinder.org</a> <a href="http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/get-help/">www.capitalareafoodbank.org/get-help/</a> <a href="http://www.dchunger.org/get-help/">www.dchunger.org/get-help/</a></p>		<p><b>Unity Health Care and Unity Health Van:</b> 202-469-4699 (scheduling line for all Unity sites) 202-276-3381 (mobile medical van); Free health care for homeless individuals.</p> <p><b>Clinica Del Pueblo:</b> 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-Th 8:30am-5pm and Fri 1-5pm.</p> <p><b>Health Care for Homeless Veterans (the VA):</b> 50 Irving St., NW; 202-745-8500. Offers health services to homeless veterans.</p> <p><b>National Call Center for Homeless Veterans:</b> 1-877-424-3838; 24/7 free referral service; enrollment in VA healthcare not required.</p> <p><b>So Others Might Eat (SOME):</b> 60 O St., NW; 202-797-8806. Walk-in Hours: M-F 8am to 11am. Dental Clinic: 202-797-8806 ext. 1041; Walk-in Hours: M-F 8-11am; 1-3pm.</p> <p><b>Bread for the City Medical Clinic:</b> 1525 7<sup>th</sup> St., NW &amp; 1700 Good Hope Rd SE; 202-386-7020. Open M-Th 8:30am-5pm, F: 8:30am-12pm. Closed on Fri at SE Center.</p> <p><b>Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP):</b> 202-673-9319. 24/7 psychiatric services.</p> <p><b>Dep't. of Behavioral Health Same Day Urgent Clinic:</b> 35 K St. NE; 202-442-4202. Walk-in hours: 8:30am-3pm.</p> <p><b>DBH Access Helpline (for psychiatric emergencies):</b> 1-888-793-4357.</p>		<p><b>Assessment &amp; Referral Center (ARC; detox):</b> 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><b>Clean &amp; Sober Streets:</b> 425 2nd St., NW; 202-783-7343. Long-term residential and outpatient treatment &amp; counseling. Must have referral from ARC.</p> <p><b>Andromeda Drug Abuse Program:</b> 1400 Decatur St., NW; 202-292-4707. Bilingual (Spanish) outpatient substance abuse treatment &amp; counseling. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p><b>So Others Might Eat (SOME):</b> 60 O St., NW; 202-797-8806. Outpatient substance abuse treatment &amp; referrals to inpatient program for homeless individuals. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p><b>Neighbors Consejo:</b> 6323 Georgia Ave NW, Suite 206 &amp; 2041 MLK Jr Ave SE; 202-507-8486. Inpatient and outpatient drug counseling, health care, translation services, and employment services for Latinos and immigrants. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p><b>Harbor Lights (Salvation Army):</b> 2100 NY Ave., NE; 202-269-6333. Inpatient &amp; outpatient treatment for adults. DC residents only, required referral from ARC. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p><b>Thrive DC:</b> 1525 Newton St. NW. One-on-one counseling, case management, and treatment referrals. Every Fri 10am-12pm (open to all and available in Spanish).</p> <p><b>Court Urgent Care Clinic:</b> 500 Indiana Ave NW, Suite 1230 (DC Superior Courthouse; do not need to be court involved); 202-879-1620. Short term behavioral health and substance use services. Walk-in hours: M-F 9am-3:30pm.</p>	
Employment	Free Legal Services		Laundry	Showers (Call-First)			
<p><b>D.C. Dep't. of Employment Services (DOES):</b> 4058 Minnesota Ave., NE; 202-724-7000. M-F 8:30am-4:30pm.</p> <p><b>Jubilee Jobs:</b> 2712 Ontario Rd., NW; 202-667-8970. M-W 9am-1pm.</p> <p><b>Catholic Charities Job Training &amp; Employment Services:</b> 924 G St. NW; 202-772-4300. Offers ESL classes, job search assistance, bank sales rep course, construction, and counseling education programs.</p> <p><b>Thrive DC:</b> 1525 Newton St. NW. Tu-F 10am-12pm &amp; 1-3pm.</p>	<p><b>Ayuda:</b> 1990 K Street NW; (202) 387-4848. Immigration, domestic violence &amp; family law. M-F 9am-12pm &amp; 1-4pm.</p> <p><b>Bread for the City:</b> 1700 Good Hope Rd SE &amp; 1525 7th Street NW; 202-265-2400, 202-561-8587. M-Th 9am-5pm. Legal Aid for Housing, Public Benefits, Family, Immigration</p> <p><b>Washington Lawyers' Committee Workers' Rights Clinic:</b> 202-319-1000 ext. 118 (ext. 123 for Spanish).</p> <p><b>Legal Aid DC:</b> 1331 H St. NW, Suite 350 &amp; 2041 MLK Ave., SE, Suite 201; 202-628-1161. Walk-ins at SE office: M &amp; Th 10am-2:30pm. Walk-ins at NW office: Tu &amp; Th 12:30-4pm. Family law, housing, access to public benefits, consumer issues, immigration, reentry, and appellate law.</p> <p><b>Family Court Self-Help Center:</b> 500 Indiana Ave., NW, Room JM-570; 202-879-0096. Walk-ins: M-F 8am-4:30pm. Free guidance for family law matters.</p> <p><b>Neighborhood Legal Services:</b> Call (202) 832-6577. Telephone intake available MWF from 10am to 3pm. Walk-in intake available Tu &amp; Fri 10am-3pm at 64 New York Ave NE. Family, Domestic Violence, Housing, Immigration, Public Benefits law.</p> <p><b>Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless:</b> 1200 U St NW; 202-328-5500. Public Benefits, Subsidized Housing &amp; Tenant Rights, Shelter Complaints/Denials, Street Rights.</p>		<p><b>Thrive DC:</b> 1525 Newton St., NW; 202-737-9311.</p> <p><b>Bethany Women's Center (women):</b> 1333 N St., NW; 202-939-2077.</p> <p><b>Father McKenna Center (men):</b> 900 N. Capitol St., NW; 202-842 -1112. First 6 men; M-F (show up by 7:30 to get on list).</p> <p><b>Georgetown Ministries:</b> 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-338-8301. First 5 people; M-F 8am-3pm.</p> <p><b>Downtown Day Services Center:</b> 1313 New York Ave. NW. 9am-5pm.</p>	<p><b>SOME:</b> 75 Hanover Pl NW; 202-797-8806.</p> <p><b>Father McKenna Center:</b> 900 N. Capitol St., NW; 202-842-1112. First 20 men; M-F 7:30-10:30am (Sign-up list becomes available at 7:30am).</p> <p><b>Thrive DC:</b> 1525 Newton St., NW, Suite G1; 202-737-9311. Appt only; men in AM, women in PM.</p> <p><b>Water Ministry at St. Columba's Church:</b> 4201 Albemarle St., NW; 202-363-4119. Tu, Th &amp; Fri 10:30am-1pm.</p> <p><b>Christ House:</b> 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><b>Georgetown Ministry Center:</b> 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-338- 8301. First 20 people.</p> <p><b>Downtown Daytime Services Center:</b> 1313 New York Ave. NW. 9am-5pm.</p>			