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Homeless Survival Guide

Resources for Persons Who Experience Homelessness in Washington, DC
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Emergency Shelters		Day Centers for Homeless Singles	
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.		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 st and 3 rd 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.
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; 202-602-0040; 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 th St. NW; 202-733-5378; 213 beds for women; 4 pm-7 am. House of Ruth Madison Shelter 651 10 th 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 (<i>Refugio para migrantes</i>) Office of Migrant Services Welcome Center (<i>Centro de Bienvenida</i>): 2100 New York Ave NE; 202-699-4793. Open 24/7; can assist with meals, transportation, shelter if available. <i>Abierto 24/7; puede asistir con comida, transporte, refugio si está disponible</i> 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 th St. SE; 202-560-5457. DC Safe Haven: 331 H St. NE; 202-525-2652. Programs for LGBTQ+ DC Center for LGBTQ+ Community: 1828 Wiltberger St NW; 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.	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.	
Homeless Family Shelters	Homeless Youth Shelters	Emergency Rental Assistance	
Virginia Williams Family Resource Center 920 Rhode Island Ave., NE; 202-526-0017 <i>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.</i> HOMELESS YOUTH: Latin American Youth Center (LAYC): 3045 15 th St. NW; M-F 10am-6pm; 202-768-7801. Zoe's Doors: 900 Rhode Island Ave. NE; Open 24/7; 202-248-2098.	Sasha Bruce Youthwork: 741 8 th 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 ; 24/7 Elizabeth House: 200 5 th St. NE; 202-827-8854. Safe haven available for pregnant/mothers ages 17-24 and their infants. SMYAL: 410 7 th St. SE; 202-567-3166. Shelter and other services for LGBTQ+ youth.	ERAP Funding for back rent or 1 st month's rent/security deposit. Apply at online at erap.dhs.dc.gov or call 202-507-6666. ERAP application portal re-opened on November 20 th , 2024 and closed, as all funds were exhausted. The DC Council passed new legislation in October 2024 related to demonstrating eligibility for ERAP. Please visit the website for more information and required documents.	

Meal Programs		Medical and Mental Health Care	Substance Abuse Programs	
<p>NORTHWEST</p> <p>Charlie's Place: 1830 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-232-2995. Tu, Th, Sat 6:30-9:30am. Breakfast, social services, classes.</p> <p>Martha's Table: 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, 1st Sat of month 10am-2pm</p> <p>McKenna's Wagon: 5:15-5:40pm at New Jersey & I St NE; 5:50pm at 17th & I St NW</p> <p>Miriam's Kitchen: 2401 Virginia Ave., NW; 202-452-8926, ext 1. Meals: M-F 7-8am & 4-5pm</p> <p>Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St., NW; 202- 737-9311. Breakfast & lunch M-F 8:30-9:30am (Th is take-out only). Food pantry on Th 10am-1pm.</p> <p>SOME (under renovation): 75 Hanover Pl., NW; 202-797-8806. Takeout breakfast & 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>Loaves and Fishes/St. Stephen's: 1525 Newton St., NW; 202-232-0900; Lunch on Sat & Sun (& Mon holidays) 9am-12pm. Food pantry every Sat 9-11am.</p> <p>Open Table (Church of the Pilgrims): 2201 P St., NW; 202-387-6612. Sun 1-1:30pm (Lunch).</p> <p>Sacred Heart Dinner Program: 3211 Sacred Heart Way (16th & Park Rd NW) ;202-234-8000. M-Sat 4-5pm.</p> <p>Bread for the City: 1525 7th St. NW & 1700 Good Hope Rd. SE; 202-265-4000. M-Th 10am-12pm, 1-3pm.</p> <p>NORTHEAST</p> <p>1st Baptist Church of Deanwood: 4408 Sheriff Rd NE; 202-396-0534. Sat 9am-12pm.</p>	<p>SOUTHEAST</p> <p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 1600 Morris Rd SE; 202-678-4999. Food pantry on Th, 10:30am-12:30pm.</p> <p>Brighter Day Ministries: 421 Alabama Ave SE; 202-889-3660. Food pantry on W, Th 11am-2pm.</p> <p>North Capitol Collaborative: 3230 Washington Ave SE; 202-588-1800. Food pantry every 2nd & 4th Thurs of month; DC residency required.</p> <p>Episcopal Church of Atonement: 5073 E Capitol St SE; 202-582-4200. Food pantry on Sat 9:30am-12:30pm & fresh produce every 2nd Tues of month, 12-1pm.</p> <p>St. Benedict the Moor: 320 21st St NE; 202-397-3895. Food pantry every 3rd Mon of month; DC ID required.</p> <p>Mt. Moriah Baptist Church: 1636 E Capitol St NE; 202-544-5588. Food pantry & clothing closet every 4th Thurs of month; ID required.</p> <p>Capital Area Food Bank Hunger Lifeline: 202-644-9807 (Mon- Fri 9am-5pm)</p> <p>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-Th 8:30am-5pm and Fri 1-5pm.</p> <p>Health Care for Homeless Veterans (the VA): 50 Irving St., NW; 202-745-8500. 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. Walk-in Hours: M-F 8am to 11am.</p> <p>Dental Clinic: 202-797-8806 ext. 1041; Walk-in Hours: M-F 8-11am; 1-3pm.</p> <p>Bread for the City Medical Clinic: 1525 7th St., NW & 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>Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP): 202-673-9319. 24/7 psychiatric services.</p> <p>Dep't. of Behavioral Health Same Day Urgent Clinic: 35 K St. NE; 202-442-4202. Walk-in hours: 8:30am-3pm.</p> <p>DBH Access Helpline (for psychiatric emergencies): 1-888-793-4357.</p>	<p>Assessment & Referral Center (ARC; 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 ARC.</p> <p>Andromeda Drug Abuse Program: 1400 Decatur St., NW; 202-292-4707. Bilingual (Spanish) outpatient substance abuse treatment & counseling. M-F 9am-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. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p>Neighbors Consejo: 6323 Georgia Ave NW, Suite 206 & 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>Harbor Lights (Salvation Army): 2100 NY Ave., NE; 202-269-6333. Inpatient & outpatient treatment for adults. DC residents only, required referral from ARC. M-F 9am-5pm.</p> <p>Thrive DC: 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>Court Urgent Care Clinic: 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>D.C. Dep't. of Employment Services (DOES): 4058 Minnesota Ave., NE; 202-724-7000. M-F 8:30am-4:30pm.</p> <p>Jubilee Jobs: 2712 Ontario Rd., NW; 202-667-8970. M-W 9am-1pm.</p> <p>Catholic Charities Job Training & Employment Services: 924 G St. NW; 202-772-4300. Offers ESL classes & various employment training.</p> <p>Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St. NW. Tu-F 10am-12pm & 1-3pm.</p> <p>SOME Center for Employment Training: 4430 Benning Rd NE; 202-292-4460. Healthcare and building trades fields training.</p> <p>CC Prep: 3217 MLK Jr. Ave SE; 202-770-3252. GED & career certification</p>	<p>Ayuda: 1990 K Street NW; 202-387-4848. Immigration, domestic violence & family law. M-F 9am-12pm & 1-4pm.</p> <p>Bread for the City: 1700 Good Hope Rd SE & 1525 7th Street NW; 202-265-2400, 202-561-8587. M-Th 9am-5pm. Legal Aid for Housing, Public Benefits, Family, Immigration</p> <p>Washington Lawyers' Committee Workers' Rights Clinic: 202-319-1000 ext. 118 (ext. 123 for Spanish).</p> <p>Legal Aid DC: 1331 H St. NW, Suite 350 & 2041 MLK Ave., SE, Suite 201; 202-628-1161. Walk-ins at SE office: M & Th 10am-2:30pm. Walk-ins at NW office: Tu & Th 12:30-4pm. Family law, housing, access to public benefits, consumer issues, immigration, reentry, 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-4:30pm. Free guidance for family law matters.</p> <p>Neighborhood Legal Services: Call 202-832-6577. Phone intake available MWF from 10am to 3pm. Walk-in intake Tu & Fri 10am-3pm at 64 New York Ave NE. Family, Domestic Violence, Housing, Immigration, Public Benefits law.</p> <p>Legal Counsel for the Elderly: Call 202-434-2120; all DC residents 60+ years old and DC residents 55+ years old for Social Security Issues.</p> <p>Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless: 1200 U St NW; 202-328-5500. Public Benefits, Subsidized Housing & Tenant Rights, Shelter Complaints/Denials, Street Rights.</p> <p>Tzedek DC: Call 202-274-7386, appt only. Debt and consumer related legal issues.</p> <p>Rising for Justice: Housing (202-638-4798), expungement (202-607-2721), and civil protection orders (202-570-7441).</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 7:30 to get on list).</p> <p>Georgetown Ministries: 1041 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-338-8301. First 5 people; M-F 8am-3pm.</p> <p>Downtown Day Services Center: 1313 New York Ave. NW. 9am-5pm.</p>	<p>SOME: 75 Hanover PI NW; 202-797-8806.</p> <p>Father McKenna Center: 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>Thrive DC: 1525 Newton St., NW, Suite G1; 202-737-9311. Appt only; men in AM, women in PM.</p> <p>Water Ministry at St. Columba's Church: 4201 Albemarle St. NW; 202-363-4119. Tu, Th & Fri 10:30am-1pm.</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>Downtown Daytime Services Center: 1313 New York Ave. NW. 9am-5pm.</p>