Shelters and Transitional Housing for Youth

Shelter Referral Helpline
Dial 211
Division of Mile High United Way
www.unitedwaydenver.org
Call to see what shelters have availabilities for the night

Cold Weather Resources

For all Cold Weather Shelters, Conditions Must Be:
• Below 32 degrees F and snowing or raining
• Or below 20 degrees F and dry

Cold/Severe Weather Shelter Referral Hotline (2-1-1)
• 8am to 5 pm Monday through Friday
• After hours, contact local sheriff’s department for possible vouchers
• Go in person to one of these three agencies during business hours if the weather is predicted to meet conditions listed above to see about availability at a temporary shelter in a neighborhood church.
• If a snow storm is predicted, shelter can be obtained for up to three nights in a row.
• Men will be separated from women and children.
• Background check will be run, people with violent offenses within the last year are not eligible to stay.
  o Family Tree: 303-467-2604, 2805 Marshall St., Ste 201, Wheat Ridge
  o Jeffco Action Center: 303-237-7704, 8755 W. 14th Ave., Lakewood

Shelter Resources
National Runaway Switchboard
1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)
www.1800runaway.org
• 24 hour crisis Line, Spanish available
• Provides education, information, nonjudgmental support & solution-focused interventions to runaways, teens thinking of running away & those who know someone who has run away.
• Message Relay & Conference Calls: Leave message for parents, receive them, and place conference call to talk thing out.
• Call for more information.

These resources are primarily for teens and pregnant youth.
An emergency shelter offers immediate shelter for one night or longer.
A transitional housing program generally offers housing for longer durations. There are generally wait lists to get into transitional housing programs. Most of these programs require residents to complete an application, interview, and pay monthly rent.

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If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.
**Center of Hope**
303-935-1276 (24/7 hotline) or 303-935-7746  
5303 W. Kentucky Ave., Lakewood, CO  80226  
- 1-3 day *Emergency Shelter* for runaway youth.  
  - Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday, 9am-4 pm  
  - Hot meals and clothing with shelter stay.  
  - No sex offenders or clients taking mood and/or mind altering drugs will be accepted into the shelter  
  - Call to schedule an intake and shelter availability.

**Urban Peak**
303-974-2908 (shelter hotline) 303-974-2900 (Main number)  
1630 S. Acoma St., Denver, CO  80223 (Shelter address)  
2100 Stout St., Denver, CO  80205 (“The Spot”-Drop-In Center)  
[www.urbanpeak.org/](http://www.urbanpeak.org/)  
- Emergency shelter and drop-in center for homeless and runaway youth  
  - Call for shelter availability, best to call earlier in the day  
  - Overnight *emergency shelter* for youth ages 15-20  
  - Access to food, clothing, hygiene products, intensive case management, and resource referrals  
  - Job skills assessment, training, and GED classes  
  - Languages:  English, Spanish, Russian

**Comitis Crisis Center-180 Program**
303-343-9890 (hotline) or 303-341-9160 (office)  
2178 Victor St., Aurora, CO  80045  
- 24-hour crisis hotline, walk-in services, and emergency shelter for runaways and homeless 18 and older  
  - Access to emergency housing, food, and clothing  
  - Community outreach, problem prevention, referrals and education  
  - Resource and case management  
  - Drop-in and Day Services offered

**Bannock Youth Center (Volunteers of America)**
720-217-3884  
455 Bannock St, Denver, CO  80204  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Friday, 9am-5pm  
- Youth Transitions Program (YTP) & Housing for Young Mothers (HYM)  
  - Supportive housing programs that provide rental assistance to homeless youth and young mothers for a period of 18 months.  
  - Receive case management services, education, independent living skills, parenting skills  
  - Must be between 16-24 years of age  
  - MUST be homeless (verified-i.e. staying at a shelter)
Have a full time activity (work or school) of 28 hours per week or more

**Kearney Street Program (Denver Area Youth Services)**
Referral contact: Sally Gerdes, 720-212-3113
1530 W. 13th Ave. Denver, CO 80204
- *Transitional/Residential* program for teen girls and teen moms
  - Need referral from Social Service case worker, and have an open case through social services or Division of Youth Corrections
  - Provides coaching for education and employment, independent living skills training, and support groups
  - Services for adolescent mothers’ include child care and parent education classes

**Hope House**
303-429-1012
P.O. Box 740568, Arvada, CO 80006
[www.hopehouseofcolorado.org](http://www.hopehouseofcolorado.org)
- One-two year Christian *transitional residential program* for parenting teen mothers (16-20 years)
  - Community Program: Case Management, GED, higher education support parenting classes, counseling, life skills & career resources
  - Must attend church, and no drug or alcohol problems
  - Can download application from website or call number above to apply

**Treasure House - Open Door Ministries**
303-830-2201
1530 Marion St., Denver, CO 80218
**Hours of Operation**: Mon-Friday, 7am-6pm, Openings will notified every Fridays after 3pm.
- *Transitional housing* program for pregnant women and single moms 18 and older with children 3 years or younger
  - Offers parenting skills, life skills, and spirituality focus.
  - Required to be productive 4 hours a day, either working or in school
  - Rent is $300 month
  - Call for openings

**Mile High United Way Bridging the Gap FUP Voucher**
303-561-2387, Dana Hurley BTG Community Navigator
[www.unitedwaydenver.org](http://www.unitedwaydenver.org)
- Offers eligible young people 18 months of housing assistance through the Family Unification Program voucher
  - Youth 18 and over are eligible to apply, if they have spent at least one day in foster care on or after their 16th birthday
  - They must be homeless, or in the process of becoming homeless, couch surfing, in a transitional living program, or living in overcrowded or dilapidated housing
Attention Homes-Runaway and Homeless Youth Program “The Source”
303-447-1207
3080 Broadway Ave. Boulder, CO 80302
http://www.attentionhomes.org/

- Program to help homeless youth living on the streets or in unstable living conditions transition to a long-term housing and/or family reunification
  - Street outreach, day drop-in and overnight emergency shelter
  - Call or walk-in
  - Youth ages 12-20 eligible for shelter-bed
  - Ages 12-24 welcome to drop-in for services, 7 days a week from 12:30-5:00
  - Help youth build behavioral, emotional and career related pathways to success while becoming self-sufficient
  - If there is an open social services case not able to provide shelter to youth

Information for people with pets
Cat Care Society
303-239-9680
5787 W 6th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214
http://www.catcaresociety.org/

- Temporary care program for people who are unable to care for their cats, due to a home foreclosure, temporary homelessness, or an extended hospital stay. Provide shelter, food, and medical care for up to 30 days for the cat(s) of people who are struggling due to one of these situations.
  - CCS has limited spots for temporary care cats, and participation in the program is subject to space and availability. Call to verify space is available.
- Shelter hours: Tues – Fri: 12pm – 5:30pm; Sat: 11am – 4:30pm; Sun: 12pm – 3:00pm

Cat Cradle Cattery
303-424-2424
4363 Kipling St, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
http://www.catcradlecattery.com/

- Can take cats temporarily for only $8/day which includes food.
- Hours: Mon – Fri: 8am – 12pm, 4pm – 6pm; Saturday: 8am – 12pm; Sunday: closed

The Denver Stray Project – Denver Dumb Friends League
303-751-5772
2080 Quebec Street, Denver, CO
http://www.ddfl.org/pet-surrender/surrender-process/

- If you are a resident of Denver and have a pet that you need to surrender, please bring it to Dumb Friends League (DFL) at 2080 Quebec Street.
- In Pet Surrender, they offer compassion and understanding to owners who relinquish their pets and a warm welcome to the animals that are being entrusted to their care
  - Call to schedule an appointment
    - What to bring to the shelter:
- Pet records – a copy of vaccination and vet records
- Behavior information – be prepared to discuss your pet’s daily habits and behaviors
- Safe transportation – be sure that dogs are on leashes and cats or other small animals are in carriers
  - DDFL will ask for a $30 donation to be put toward the cost of your pet’s care
  - If you are disabled and/or don’t have transportation to take the pet to the shelter, a Denver resident may contact Denver Animal Protection at 720-913-1311 for assistance regarding an owner surrender pet.
- Hours: Monday–Friday, 9am–7pm; Weekends: 9am–5pm
- Non-Denver County residents: contact local animal shelter or animal control agency.

**Foothills Animal Shelter**
303-278-7575
580 McIntyre St., Golden, CO 80401
[www.foothillsanimalsHELTER.ORG](http://www.foothillsanimalsHELTER.ORG)
- Pet surrender for Jefferson County residents (must provide ID); accept out-of-county surrenders, but a larger fee will be charged
- How to surrender:
  - Bring animal to the shelter along with proof of residency and the animal’s medical records during normal open hours. Enter through “Intake” door, past the main doors.
  - At time of drop-off, you will sign waiver releasing ownership rights to the pet
  - You will be asked to give as much information about your pet as possible.
  - Once you surrender your pet, it will undergo behavior testing and they will determine best course of action for the pet’s placement.
- Surrender fees – help to cover initial cost of care for your pet
  - Jefferson County
  - Out-of-county
    - Dogs or cats (over 6 months of age) – $100, Puppy or kitten (under 6 months of age) – $80, Litter of puppies or kittens – $100 (w/mother $120), other animals – $100.
- Hours of operation: 11am – 7pm on weekdays, and 10am – 6pm on weekends

**MaxFund – No Kill Animal Shelter and Adoption Center**
1005 Galapago St, Denver, CO 80204 (dog shelter) – 303-595-4917
720 W. 10th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204 (cat shelter) – 720-266-6081
[https://www.maxfund.org/](https://www.maxfund.org/)
- Shelter Hours: Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri: 10am – 4pm (cat shelter is 11am-4pm), Saturday 11am – 5pm, Sunday 12pm – 5pm; Closed on Tuesdays
- Notes: Can relinquish animals for $45, call to ensure there is space in the shelter.
- Call for any additional information and/or requirements.

**Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue**
303-744-6076
[http://rmfr-colorado.org/relinquish-cat](http://rmfr-colorado.org/relinquish-cat)
- Can only take in cats as space opens up. They will make sure the cat is a good fit for the shelter and if accepted, they will set up an appt. to bring in the cat.
- No required fee, but consider leaving a donation for the care of the cat