Shelters and Transitional Housing for Families and Couples

*Cold Weather Resources*

For all cold weather shelters, conditions must be below 32°F and snowing or raining; OR below 20°F and dry

**Cold/Severe Weather Shelter Referral Hotline:**
Phone #: 211
Hours of Operation: 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. After hours, contact your local sheriff’s department for possible motel vouchers or shelter referrals

**Cold/Severe Weather Shelters**

Go in person to one of the agencies listed below during business hours.

You will be asked to fill out some paperwork and a background check will be run. *People with violent offenses within the last year are not eligible to stay.* At this time, you will be given a card stating you are eligible to receive severe weather shelter.

On a day when the weather is predicted to be severe, call one of the agencies listed below and ask to be put on the Severe Weather Shelter list. You will be given a location and a time to meet a van which will drive you to a church or shelter.

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.

**The Action Center**
Address: 8755 W. 14th Ave, Lakewood, CO
Phone #: (303) 237-7704.
Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9am and 2pm and Thursday between 11am and 3:30pm

**The Family Tree**
Address: 3805 Marshall Street, Wheatridge
Phone #: (303) 422-2133.
Hours of Operation: Between 9am and 4pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Tuesday between noon and 4pm

**JeffCo Human Services**
Address: 900 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden
Phone #: (303) 271-1388.
Hours of Operation: Between 9am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday
Bethlehem Lutheran - The Table
Address: located at 21st and Wadsworth.
Hours of Operation: Between 6pm and 7pm, Thursday nights only

Mean Street Ministries
303-232-2500
1380 Ammons St. Lakewood
Hours of Operation: Mon-Thu 9am and 3pm
https://www.meanstreetministry.org/shelter
Other Resources Offered: Dinner, breakfast
The Winter Family Shelter is open every night from 12/1/17-3/31/18. Call during business hours to register.

- 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.

Jefferson County

Colorado Homeless Families:
Address: PO Box 740130, Arvada 80006;
Phone #: 303-420-6634
Website: http://www.shelterlistings.org/details/35848/
Hours of Operation: Mon-Friday, 9am-5pm
Length of Stay: 8 month-2 years transitional
Population Served: For single people or families with at least one dependent child who have no eviction history and no felonies, and make a minimum of $1200 a month
How to Get In: Call for a phone intake, if you are a good fit they will mail you an application and do a background check. Once you submit the application you will have an interview to verify that you are a good fit for the program
Notes: Families stay in townhomes. The goal is for families to become self-sufficient by the end of the program so parents must be willing to “work the program” and meet with a case manager and attend seminars and classes. No waitlist.
Cost: $475 a month or 30% of income (whichever is less). Families are responsible for their energy bill.

Housing and Family Services - Family Tree:
Address: 3805 Marshall St., Ste 201, Wheat Ridge
Phone #: 303 467-2604
Website: www.thefamilytree.org
Hours of Operation: Hours: Mon – Fri 9am-4pm
Length of Stay: 2 years transitional

Other Resources Offered: Comprehensive support services and crisis hotline, Access to food, clothing and household goods In-home, case management services and referrals to community resources. Basic skills, budgeting, nutrition, parenting, career counseling, etc,

Notes: For women with children, wait list.

Family Promise of Greater Denver:
Address: N/A
Phone #: 303-675-0713
Website: www.familypromiseofgreaterdenver.org
Day Shelter: Mon-Fri, 7:30-5pm, Sat/Sun, 9am-5pm
Length of Stay: 60 days emergency shelter

Population Served: For homeless families with at least one child under the age of 18. All adults must be willing and able to seek employment, actively looking for housing, and able to pass a background check.

How to Get In: Call the number above for a phone screening. When a space is available, all the phone screenings will be pulled and whoever is contacted first and also attends the in-person interview will be given the spot. They request the parents have and bring a Colorado ID and social security card for all family members and birth certificates for the children.

Notes: Churches provide nighttime accommodations from 6pm-7am; meals and hospitality for one week at a time. Each week the family will be driven to a new evening location where they will have semi private living quarters but share meals with the other families at the new site. Vans drive families to the central daytime center where families are required to engage in case management services and take weekly classes. Transportation back to the night sights is provided.

Jeffco Action Center:
Address: 8755 W. 14th Ave., Lakewood, CO
Phone #: 720-407-6670 (shelter), 303-237-7704 (main)
Website: http://theactioncenterco.org/
Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 9am and 2pm and Thursday between 11am and 3:30pm
Length of Stay: 45 day emergency shelter

Population Served: Families and couples
How to Get In: Call daily for availability.
Notes: Stay in specially-designated rooms. Center has laundry facilities, a patio with play area for children and many other resources and services. Bring proof of identity
Must be looking for work or working and saving money for own housing. Must create and follow transition plan to become self-sufficient. Cannot have criminal history of violence or sex crime. Must abstain from drugs and alcohol while in the program. Must be stable on all medications.

Stride:
Address: 3000 Youngfield St, Suite 170, Wheat Ridge
Phone #: 303-238-3580 (currently not working)
Website: [www.stride-co.org](http://www.stride-co.org)

Length of Stay: 2 year transitional

Population Served: Parents with at least one child under 18 who are “literally” homeless (coming from a shelter, eviction notice, or referral from shelter etc...).

How to Get In: Call the number above. If there is availability you will be asked to fill out an application. Once the application is filled out, a background check will be run and you will be interviewed. If accepted into the program, you will receive a letter similar to a section 8 voucher letter.

Notes: If you are given a voucher, you have 60 days to find housing within 20 minutes of the main office; extensions are given. Stride will start by paying the majority of rent. As you become more self-sufficient, Stride pays less and less, so by the end of two years ideally you no longer need’s Stride’s financial support. Families can stay in their apartments at the end of the program. Background checks are run; applicants cannot have two or more violent crimes or any felonies in the last three years. Having an income at the start of the program is not required. Required case management monthly.

**Denver County**

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<td>• 85 bed transitional housing community that provides room &amp; board to residents.</td>
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<td>• Must apply with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless program in order to get in.</td>
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**Samaritan House (Catholic Charities):**

Address: 2301 Lawrence St., Denver, 80205

Phone #: 303-294-0241

Website: [www.ccdenver.org/samaritanhouse](http://www.ccdenver.org/samaritanhouse)

Length of Stay: 4 months, transitional

Population Served: Almost all families, with children up to 18 years of age; will not accept same sex couples or parents with any violent charges in the past 10 years. No sex offenders.

How to Get In: If a room is available, they run a lottery for the room. Call in the morning, before 9:30, to find out if a room is available and to be placed in the lottery if there is an opening

Notes: Each family gets one room, all meals are provided for. There is no income requirement. Families cannot use any substances while enrolled in the Samaritan House program, including Marijuana. If working, families are required to save 80% of their income after bills. Parents are required to do full program employment and attend groups. Samaritan house does have some motel vouchers but only for families who receive their benefits through Denver County.

**Archdiocesan Housing**

303-830-0215

4045 Pecos, Suite A, Denver, CO. 80211

• Hours: Monday-Friday at 8am-5pm, closed 12-1pm
• Transitional housing via Catholic Charities; Waitlist up to 2 years

**The Crossing**
303-953-3900
6090 Smith Rd., Denver, CO 80216
• A Denver Rescue Mission transitional housing program for men, women & families

**St. Francis Center – Day Shelter**
303-297-1576
2323 Curtis St, Denver, CO 80205
[http://www.sfcdenver.org/index.html](http://www.sfcdenver.org/index.html)
• Day shelter open Monday-Friday at 6:10am-6pm & Saturday-Sunday at 6:10am-5:30pm
• Closed every 3rd Wed of the month from noon-3:30pm
• The shelter offers showers, mail, storage, clothing, clinic for non emergencies, and some case management.

**Father Ed Judy House – Catholic Charities:**
Address: 4024 S Newton St, Denver, CO 80236
Phone #: 303-866-7641
Length of Stay: Open-ended
Population Served: Short-term housing for single mothers (18 yrs+) with children (boys 12 and under, girls 17 and under) as well as pregnant women (3rd trimester) who have income or have applied for TANF and/or disability benefits and are actively searching for housing
How to Get In: Must be referred from a professional who has worked with the family. This professional (social worker, case manager) should call the Father Ed Judy House to refer the family. The mother can call after that, to follow up and receive a phone interview and an in person interview.
Notes: Each family has their own room, are required to do one chore a day and attend house meetings. Post shelter support services offered. Drug and Alcohol free – Random UAs administered.

**Colorado Coalition for the Homeless:**
Address: 2111 Champa Street, Denver, CO, 80205
Phone #: 303-312-9700
Website: [www.coloradocoalition.org](http://www.coloradocoalition.org)
Length of Stay: 2 year transitional program
Population Served: “Literally” homeless families (coming from a shelter, eviction notice, or referral from shelter etc)
How to Get In: Call anytime and leave a message. Messages are returned within two business days. If you want to speak to someone immediately call on Monday between 11:00am and noon to set up an appointment to meet with a case manager the following day. When the appointment schedules are booked, they stop answering the phone. If you meet with a case manager and are “literally” homeless, they will do an intake. If you are not “literally” homeless they will refer you to resources. At the end of every month they compile a list of the “literally” homeless and if they can add you to a short waitlist, you will be contacted. Once you are added to the waitlist, you can expect to be placed within a few months.
Notes: Always updating process and request you call the main phone number for more information. Lenient with background checks but do not take sex offenders or those with open felonies.

Cost: If you have income, 30% of income. The transitional housing is only for those who fall under the “very low” income level by HUD standards. There is no minimum income.

Decatur Place:
Address: 1155 Decatur St, Denver, CO
Phone #: 303-893-2718
Website: www.mercyhousing.org
Length of Stay: 2 yr transitional
Population Served: For single parents, both men and women, ages 18+. They screen applicants as followers: Do not accept any parents with evictions or felonies the past 5 years, no misdemeanors in the past 3 years, no petty offences or court cases in the last year you must be working, going to school, or on TANF

How to Get In: Walk in at any time to pick up a simple application and attend an orientation, offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, to get on the housing waitlist. Generally, you can expect to wait at a minimum six months before getting placed

Notes: Decatur house offers 2-3 bdrm subsidized apartments with childcare and playground on site.

Cost: Based on income as determined by HUD standards

The Catholic Worker House:
Address: 2420 Welton St. Denver 80205
Phone #: 303-296-6390
Length of Stay: 2-3 month transitional
Population Served: All families

How to Get In: ‘First call, first serve.’ Call once a week to find out when the rooms will vacate.

Notes: Two bedrooms for single women and 1 for families, in a communal house. Required dinner at 6pm every night and 10 pm curfew, expected to be looking for work or housing between 9am-4pm. May also be used as respite for 2-3 months, if needed. There is a zero tolerance policy, no alcohol or drugs, no sex offenders. Good fit for self-motivated individuals.

STAR Transitional Program at The Crossing (Denver Rescue Mission):
Address: 6090 Smith Rd., Denver 80205
Phone #: 303-953-3900 and ask to be transferred to the information line.
Length of Stay: 6-24 months, transitional
Population Served: Single parent families or families whose parents are married (as demonstrated with a marriage license) with an income of at least $900

How to Get In: Attend a pre-screening meeting Monday-Friday from 10am-11am, bring a photo ID, SS card, SS card of children, marriage license, and proof of income. The pre-screening is followed by an intake at 6100 Smith Rd.

Notes: Faith based. Must submit to drug and alcohol testing, required to attend a monthly case management meeting and life skills workshops.
Cost: At minimum $567/month inc. rent and utility, based on HUD housing cost formula.

**Champa House (Denver Rescue Mission):**

**Address:** 2544 Champa St., Denver 80205  
**Phone #:** 303-294-9961  
**Website:** [www.denverrescuemission.org](http://www.denverrescuemission.org)  
**Length of Stay:** 1-2 years transitional  
**Populations Served:** For single mothers with children less than 12 years old and pregnant women. The program houses up to 9 women and 16 children.  
**How to Get In:** Attend an orientation, held every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Bring your driver’s license and ID  
**Notes:** Faith based. There are shared meals and you must participate in the New Life program which integrates academics, vocational training, bible study, counseling, and family development. Must be eligible for or receiving TANF.

**Family Homestead:**

**Address:** 999 Decatur, Denver, CO 80204  
**Phone #:** 303-623-6514  
**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Friday, 8am-4:30pm  
**Website:** [www.familyhomestead.org](http://www.familyhomestead.org)  
**Length of Stay:** 30-90 day emergency, 6 month transitional  
**Populations Served:** “Literally” homeless families (coming from a shelter, eviction notice, or referral from shelter etc…) with at least one parent that works 32 hours  
**How to Get In:** Call to find out if there is any availability and speak with a case manager. The emergency shelter does not require an application process and there is no wait list; it is first come, first serve. If there is availability for the transitional program, you will be asked to fill out an application.  
**Notes:** Emergency and transitional housing for families in individual units. Families are required to pay rent based on the number of bedrooms, and engage in case management. Family Homestead will accept applications for the transitional program even if wait list exists. All services are provided in English and Spanish.

**Joshua Station:**

**Address:** 2330 W. Mulberry Place, Denver 80204  
**Phone #:** 303-839-5198 x3  
**Website:** [www.milehighmin.org/joshua-station](http://www.milehighmin.org/joshua-station)  
**Length of Stay:** 2 year, transitional  
**Population Served:** Families with children under the age of 18, who have income (TANF/disability counted) and can pass a background check.  
**How to Get In:** Call Joshua Station to find out if there will be an orientation, offered two to three times a year when open rooms are expected. There is no waiting list; you must first attend an orientation, offered two or three times a year when an open apartment is expected, to decide if Joshua Station is a good fit. At the orientation you will have an opportunity to fill out an application and set up a date for an interview.
Notes: Faith-based, program designed to help 31 families with children move from unstable housing situations to permanent housing and self-sufficiency. The rooms are motel rooms; there is no kitchen in the rooms, although they do have a microwave and mini fridge. Sober living environment, with random UA’s. Required to attend classes and meetings, Thursday nights, financial, trauma, relationship, have community dinner.

Program Fee: Depends on family situation, based on sliding scale formula

Lambuth Family Center (Salvation Army):
Address: 2741 N. Federal Blvd, Denver 80211
Phone #: 303-477-3758
Hours of Operation: Mon-Friday, 9am-6pm
Length of Stay: 1 year, transitional
Populations Served: For families with children under 18 years, must be drug and alcohol free, no history of violent crimes, currently working or looking for work, and have proof of immunization records.

How to Get In: Call ahead to confirm orientation is being held and then attend an orientation on Tuesday or Thursday at 2:00pm. Fill out an application at the orientation. If there is availability you will be interviewed at that time. If not, you will be placed on a waitlist that averages from 2 weeks for 4 months.

Notes: All parents in the program are required to obtain employment within the first 60 days after moving into the center. Once employment is secured, families begin saving 50% of their income, which will be used to help them cover rent, utilities, and other expenses associated with long-term housing.

Program Fee: 25% of income

Sacred Heart House of Denver:
Address: 2844 Lawrence St., Denver 80205
Phone #: 303-296-6686
Website: www.sacredhearthouse.org
Length of Stay: 30 day emergency, 2 year transitional
Populations served: Single women or women with children up to 17 years of age, with some income (TANF/Disability)

How to Get In: Call between 8:30am-9:30am each day for a phone screening, if you are a good fit for the program they will schedule you for an in-person intake. First come, first serve.

Notes: No program fees. Have 6 units for families. Must be out of the “house” from 9-4pm and with a curfew of 6pm for dinner. The 2 year transitional program is only for those who have completed the In-House Stabilization Program or a similar program at another agency. Not ADA accessible. Offers continued support for former residents in their struggle to live independently and successfully, including furniture/household goods, emergency food, problem-solving, resources, etc.

The Family Motel (Volunteers of America):
Address: 4855 West Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80204
Phone #: 720-904-9821

Length of Stay: 12 night stay

Population Served: For families who are receiving their benefits through Denver County.

How to Get In: Obtain voucher through Denver Department of Human Service’s caseworker.

Notes: Must be receiving benefits through Denver County

Warren Village
303-321-2345
1323 Gilpin St., Denver, CO
http://warrenvillage.org/

- Warren Village is an intensive self-sufficiency program for low-income, single-parent families. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and demonstrate personal motivation for change.
- Eligibility is based on people who:
  - Are a single parent; Are 18 years or older; Have custody of one or more children; Have a high school diploma or GED; Are motivated to set and achieve goals, and; Are committed to full-time work and/or school, three life skills classes per month, and two hours of community service per month.
- Disqualifications include:
  - Having already lived at Warren Village; having been evicted in the last 3 years or evicted from a federally subsidized property for drug related or criminal activity; having certain misdemeanors on record in the last 3 years; having a felony on record in the last 5 years; or not having custody of your child more than 50% of the time.
- To Apply:
  - Must submit application IN PERSON to the Housing Office in order for it to be processed. They will not accept applications faxed or e-mailed; no exceptions.
    - Applications may be obtained from the Housing Office weekdays between 10:00am and 4:00pm or online at: http://warrenvillage.org/housing/
    - Once submitted, allow up to 2 weeks for processing.
    - If eligible, application will be contacted and invited to attend orientation.
  - Provide the following documentation (automatic denial without all documentation)
    - State-issued photo ID or passport of applicant, original birth certificates of applicant and each child, original social security cards of applicant and each child, original high school diploma, GED or accredited college degree of applicant.

Adams County

Access Housing:
Address: 6978 Colorado Blvd, Commerce City, CO
Phone: 303-289-7078
Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs, 9am-3pm
Website: www.acchouse.org

Length of Stay: Emergency housing (up to 90 days) for families with children 18 years and younger
Almost Home:
Address: 231 N. Main St, Brighton, CO 80601
Phone #: 303-659-6199 or 303-637-9631
Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9-5
Website: www.almosthomeonline.org
Length of Stay: Emergency shelter, transitional housing up to 30-45 days.
Expected to participate in case management and perform shelter chores. Must attend weekly classes and show progress in re-establishing self-sufficiency
Program Fees: $7 fee per adult for CBI check & one-time shelter fee of $35. Must be a family with at least one minor child under the age of 18.

Comitis Crisis Shelter:
Address: 2178 Victor Street, Aurora, Colorado 80045
Phone: 303-341-9160
Length of Stay: Emergency shelter for families from 6-8 months, with minor child/ren under the age of 18 and must receive TANF from Arapahoe/Adams Counties. Also offer transitional housing for veterans and single women up to 2 years.

Growing Home:
Address: 3489 W. 72nd Ave. #112, Westminster, CO, Emergency shelter and transitional housing for families.
Hours of Operation: Mon-Friday, 9am-5pm, Sat/Sun, 10am-12pm
Phone: 303-426-0430
Website: www.growinghome.org
Length of Stay: 60 days emergency shelter, 2 year transitional program

Arapahoe County

House of Hope - Family Tree:
Address: 3301 S. Grand St., Englewood, CO 80113
Phone: 303-762-9525
Website: www.thefamilytree.org
Length of Stay: 90 day shelter for homeless mothers & their children under the age of 18. If pregnant only, must be due to have child within time of stay.
Priority for those who receives benefits in Arapahoe County. If they don’t get benefits anywhere, House of Hope can assist getting them on benefits.

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.
  o 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 – 4pm; Sun: 12pm – 3:00pm

**Cat Cradle Cattery**
303-424-2424
4363 Kipling St, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
• 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
• 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**
  o **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
  o **DDFL will ask for a $30 donation to be put toward the cost of your pet’s care**
  o 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–6pm; 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.foothillsanimalshelther.org](http://www.foothillsanimalshelther.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:
  o 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.
  o At time of drop-off, you will sign waiver releasing ownership rights to the pet
  o 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: 11am – 5pm (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
Hours of Operation: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Friday, 12pm-5pm, Closed on Wednesday
[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

*Ask Navigation for additional list(s) of animal assistance resources as needed.*