Shelters and Transitional Housing for Single Women

Shelter and Transitional Resources Overview

Definitions

- Emergency shelter
  - Immediate shelter for one night or longer
- Transitional Housing
  - Longer duration of housing, but not permanent
  - Can have waitlists
  - May require applications, have an interview, or rent
  - May have rules and regulations to remain in program

Shelter Referral Helpline
Dial 211
https://211colorado.communityos.org/cms/node/142
- Call or search the online webpage to see what shelters have availability for the night
- After hours, contact your local sheriff’s department for possible motel vouchers or shelter referrals

Cold Weather Resources

Severe Weather Shelter Network
https://swshelternetwork.com/
- Provides access to the Severe Weather Shelter Network (Oct 1st-April 30th) which provides shelter for single men, women and couples w/o children when overnight temperatures are 32°F or colder and wet, or 20°F or colder and dry.
- Walk-in to JCDHS or partner organization to register; registration cannot be done over phone or online
  - Jefferson County Dept. of Human Services
    303-271-1388
    900 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden, CO 80401
    Hours: M-F 7:30am – 5:30pm
  - Mean Street Ministries
    303-232-2500
    1380 Ammons St., Lakewood, CO 80214
    Hours: M-Thurs 9:00am – 12pm
  - The Action Center
    720-407-6670
    8745 W 14th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215
    Hours: M, Tu, W & F: 9:00a – 4pm, Thurs: 11:00am – 5:00pm

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If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.
Call the hotline each morning to find out if the severe weather shelters will be open that night (hotline number given at registration); if shelter is open, either call shelter line or walk in to JCDHS or a partner organization to be added to that night’s roster.

- Roster is first come, first served.
- Guests are picked up at warming sites at 7:00pm and dropped off at 7:00am
- A hot evening meal and quick breakfast with coffee are provided

Restrictions:
- Must pass a background check; no violent offenses against persons in the last year
- Individuals with physical disabilities that would prevent them from sleeping on the floor are not eligible and will be referred to other shelter options
- No pets allowed

Jefferson/Denver Counties

Catholic Charities – Samaritan House
303-294-0241
2301 Lawrence St., Denver, CO 80205
https://samhousedenver.org/get-help/

- Offers emergency shelter, in addition to a transitional housing program
- How to Get In:
  - For women’s overnight shelter, show up at Samaritan House by 6pm daily.
  - For extended-stay program: call 303-294-0241 from 6am to 8pm daily for lottery

CHUM Women’s Homeless Initiative through St. Francis Center
303-297-1576
2323 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80205
http://www.sfcdenver.org/

- Provides emergency shelter for single women. Call the number above before 8:15am daily to sign up for the lottery. A signed contract is required before calling (will need to go in person to St. Francis).
- The shelter is located off site, usually at a church and St. Francis provides transportation.
**Gift of Mary**
303-860-8040
633 Fox St, Denver, CO, 80204
- Provides shelter for 30 days. Clients are not allowed to stay at the shelter during the day. Dinner is provided.
- Call between 7:30-9am or 12pm-2pm to check availability. If there’s space available, you will be asked to go in at 3:30pm for an in person interview.

**Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**
303-293-2217-main
303-312-9679 – Community Resources
2100 Broadway Street, Denver, CO 80205
www.coloradocoalition.org
- Community Resources helps homeless individuals access services they need to end their homelessness. This is not a shelter directly, but the first step for someone needing to connect with other Coalition programs and resources in the community.
- Assistance with: housing, short-term case management, referrals to other agencies, payeeships, benefit applications and advocacy.
  o Walk-in hours: Mondays-sign up between 7:30am-8:30am for a same day appointment between 9am and 11am. Afternoon sign-up between 12:30pm and 1pm for a same day appointment between 1:30pm and 3pm. Tuesdays-morning sign up between 7:30am-8:30am for a same day appointment between 9am and 11am.
  o **Most days the number of people signing up exceeds the capacity for walk-ins and a randomized computer selection determines which clients are seen. It is not a first-come, first-served sign-up system.**
  o It would be helpful to bring ID, SS card and income verifications when signing up

**Delores Project**
303-534-5411
Denver, CO physical address not published for safety reasons
http://thedeloresproject.org/
- Unaccompanied women and transgender individuals over the age of 18 may seek shelter at the Delores Project and discuss their transitional programs, as applicable.
- First time guests can call at 10am each Monday to complete a brief phone screening. If criteria is met, you will be assigned a bed at this time and asked to attend a group intake and orientation at 4pm. They are able to extend the orientation time later in the evening for those who work. First time guests who call seeking shelter after 10am will be asked to call back at 5:30pm to check bed availability.
- Returning guests-call between 8:30am-9:30am each Monday to enter your name into the electronic bed lottery and then call back between 11am-12pm to see if your name was selected for a bed. If your name was selected and you don’t call back between 11am-12pm, you will be crossed off the list and required to call back at 5:30pm to check bed availability. If not selected in the lottery, can call back at 5:30pm to check bed availability.
  o Outside of Monday morning, you are welcome to call at 5:30pm each day to see if there is a bed available for that evening.
**Steps to Stability Program**
- Provides reliable nightly shelter and case management services. Clients must first stay in their emergency shelter for at least four weeks. Apply for the program through the Transitional Advocate and clients will be notified within two weeks if they’re accepted onto the waitlist.

**Notes:** It is safe for LGBTQ community and does not require identification or other documentation. English & Spanish services provided.

**Denver Rescue Mission – STAR Transitional Program**
303-953-3963
6090 Smith Rd., Denver, CO 80220
[https://denverrescuemission.org/get-help/](https://denverrescuemission.org/get-help/)
- Length of Stay: 6-12 months transitional housing at The Crossing; required to pay program fees
- Attend an intake interview to apply: Mon-Fri, 10am-11am, 6100 Smith Road, Denver 80220. Bring photo ID, social security card, proof of steady income, copy of checking and savings account statements (if applicable).
- Resources Offered: Case management, computer classes, life skills training, financial management training, career support, three meals a day.
- Notes: Need verifiable income of at least $800 monthly to qualify, seniors or disabled must have a minimum of $100 of residual income after all expenses (including program fees), submit to drug and alcohol testing, required to attend a monthly case management meeting and life skills workshops.

**Empowerment Program**
303-320-1989
1600 York St, Denver, CO 80206
- How to Get In:
  - Sign up for Orientation by calling the number above, and pressing 3 for enrollment information. Dial ext. 238 to speak with Laura about attending orientation.
  - Orientation is by appointment only – Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- All services listed are free and open to women enrolled in the program:
  - Criminal Justice Services
    - RISE (Recovery In a Secure Environment) is a collaborative effort among members of Denver community based providers, the Denver County Jail, and CO Department of Human Services-Office of Behavioral Health.
    - Outreach and diversion activities are provided in county jails to incarcerated women
    - Project Bedtime Story: the program provides weekly trips to Denver County Jails to record mothers as they read stories to their children. The CD and book are then sent to the child or children to enjoy over the sounds of their mother as they fall asleep.
  - Employment Services
    - Offers supportive services for women who are having difficulty maintaining a job due to challenges such as mental health, substance use, or a criminal history.
  - Health
    - Woman to Woman is designed to promote community and awareness among cisgender and transgender women; includes various topics ranging from anger management and decision making.
- Women’s AIDS Project: care and prevention services are provided for women who are living with HIV/AIDS or who are at risk for HIV infection. Comprehensive case management services are provided both for adults and teen women.
  - Housing
    - The program owns and operates five apartment buildings, providing supportive housing for homeless women living with chronic mental and/or physical disabilities.
    - Does not provide emergency housing
  - Integrated treatment services
    - Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model (TREM): a group intervention designed to help women who have suffered from abuse and/or trauma. Emphasizes survivor empowerment and peer support, teaches techniques for self-soothing and recognizing social boundaries, and helps women learn to focus on manageable steps of problem solving.
    - Beyond Violence – Anger Management: a course for women who have committed violent/aggressive offenses and/or experienced violence in their own life. Group focuses on developing ways to decrease aggression and learn new ways to manage emotions.
    - Trauma Narrative: a writing and discussion group for women who have experienced trauma in their lives.
    - Seeking Safety Group: present-focused therapy to help women attain safety from trauma/PTSD and substance abuse.
    - Relapse Prevention: ongoing therapeutic support group that focuses on cognitive and behavioral skills to help promote sober living and provide support in recovery.
    - Peer Educators: for women who have graduated from a TREM group and wanted to advance their learning of materials in a peer focused, hands-on environment.

Family Tree Housing & Family Stabilization Services
303-467-2604
3805 Marshall St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
https://www.thefamilytree.org/homelessness
- Homelessness Program provides comprehensive support services to families, individuals, and youth experiencing homelessness in an effort to help stabilize them through education and employment services, emergency financial assistance, and affordable housing programs.

New Genesis
303-831-4910
1680 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203
http://newgenesis.org/
- Transitional housing for women, 18 years or older; acts as a sober living facility
  - Call their transitional living shelter line at 303-831-4910 to fill out an application. There is a waitlist and $100 refundable deposit is due when applying.
    - Must have a photo ID and proof of income
- Notes: Residents must be working 32 hours a week or looking for work and attend required classes. Able to accommodate people who work nights as well as days.
  - Zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, theft, and violence; no sex offenses.
  - Wake up time at 5:30 am, must leave by 7:15 am and can return by 4:30 pm.
  - Weekly fees
Denver Catholic Worker House
303-296-6390
1027 26th St., Denver, CO 80205
https://denvercatholicworkerhouse.org/
- ‘First call, first serve.’ Call to check availability.
- No specific time frame on how long clients can stay

Center of Hope
303-935-7746
875 S Sheridan Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80227
http://www.centerofhopedenver.org/
- The Women’s Home is a faith-based long term inpatient program for individuals struggling with drug, alcohol, and cognitive behavioral problems. The program requires a minimum of a one year commitment.
  - There is a strict daily schedule including prayer and chores. Clients are required to fast every week on Thursday and Fridays until 4pm. No contact policy for the first 90 days.

Sacred Heart House of Denver
303-296-6686
2844 Lawrence St., Denver, CO, 80205
http://www.sacredhearthouse.org/
pa@sacredhearthouse.org
- In-House Stabilization Program
  - Provides temporary housing, food, clothing, and transportation for homeless families. Also provides case management and referrals to resources within the community for permanent/transitional housing, education/job training/placement, health care, child care and counseling.
  - Residents participate in a required series of living skills and parenting workshops
- Follow-Up Program
  - Staff continues to support former residents, rejoicing in their successes and encouraging them during their crises.
  - The program offers: furniture/household goods, monthly newsletter, emergency food, problem-solving, advice and resources, as well as holiday help.
- Transitional Housing
  - A two-year Transitional Housing Program offers affordable living to mothers pursuing education/job training goals. These women have successfully completed the In-House Stabilization Program, or a similar program at other agency.
- How to Get In: Call at 8am daily to find out availability. If there is, complete a phone intake. Move in is same day.
- Notes: Not a good fit for chronically homeless; Prefer applicants who already have jobs or are about to start working (there is a 6pm curfew unless you are working); No violent felonies or theft felonies.
Still Water Housing – Open Door Ministries
303-830-2201
1530 Marion St., Denver, CO 80218
https://www.odmdenver.org/still-waters

- How to Get In: Check the website above for availability first. If the house you’re interested in is filling openings, you will go the address above to attend orientation and interview. Interviews are held at 12:30pm on Wednesdays. If you are picked for the program, you will be notified.
- Other Resources Offered: Meals, bible study, church services, provides assistance in obtaining employment, enrolling in school, mentorship, and goal setting.
- Faith-based programs include:
  - *Chayah House* is a two year transitional housing program for women without children who are coming out of crisis situations or homelessness and looking for stability; requests at least a 6 month commitment.
  - *Treasure House* is a two year transitional housing program for pregnant women and women who have children under the age of 3 years old. Focus on parenting skills, sobriety, exploring faith, and pursuing education and employment goals. Requests at least a 6 month commitment.
  - *Esther House* is a two year transitional housing program serving women who are coming out of crisis situations. The program offers one-on-one mentorship; requests at least a 6 month commitment.
- Additional notes: Each resident has their own room; bathroom, kitchen, living space are shared. You are required to attend church and bible study and community groups. There will be random drug testing, breathalyzers, and room searches. No sex offenders or violent offenses in background. Pets are not allowed.
- Cost: $300 a month

**Other Counties**
*Do not necessarily need to live in these counties for services*

Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
303-442-4646
4869 N. Broadway, Boulder, CO 80304
http://www.bouldershelter.org/

- The first step is to go to Coordinated Entry to complete a brief assessment. You will be referred to the local service provider that can best support your needs.
  - Coordinated Entry Locations
    - Path to Home Navigation Center, 2691 30th St, Boulder, 720-386-9002; Mon, Wed-Sun 10am-4pm; Tue 12pm-4pm.
    - OUR Center, 220 Collyer St, Longmont, 303-772-5529; Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-4pm; Tue 12pm-4pm.
    - You must arrive by 3:30pm at either location to have time to complete the assessment.
  - After Coordinated Entry hours, you may go to the Boulder Shelter or Path to Home between 5pm-7pm. You will be able to stay one night at either location and then you will be required to complete the coordinated entry assessment to receive additional services including overnight shelter.
• Transitional Housing Program
  o Provides housing and case management services for individuals and families for up to 2 years. Rent is calculated at 30% of household income. Clients pay rent and utilities and work closely with case managers to reach individual goals.
  o As of November 2019, this program is not accepting referrals or applications for new participants.

Severe Weather Shelter (weather triggered)
  o Bridge House-Boulder (303) 605-8919
    Path to Home Severe Weather Shelter
    Winter Season- October through May; 6:30pm-7:00am
    Location: rotating churches
  o H.O.P.E. for Longmont (720) 453-6999
    Hope Nighttime Navigation
    Winter Season –November through April; 5:30pm-7:30am
    Location: rotating churches

Cold Weather Care
303-847-9072
12505 Colorado Blvd, Thornton, CO 80241
http://www.coldweathercare.org
  • Providing shelter and support to individuals and families in Adams County during cold weather seasons. Located at multiple volunteer church locations
  • Guests arrive at the host church between 6 and 7pm each evening, and leave at 7am daily (Saturdays at 8:30am) to get their kids to school, go to work or go out searching for jobs and housing.
  • CWC offers assessment, service planning, referrals and advocacy. Works with guests to identify their own unique barriers to stable housing and develop an action plan to help guests move toward securing sustainable and permanent housing and work.
  • For more information on entering the program call or email info@coldweathercare.org.
    o No dangerous felonies or sex offenders. No drugs, alcohol nor weapons should be brought. Must have a valid photo ID. Must be homeless.

Comitis Crisis Center
303-341-9160
2178 N. Victor St, Aurora, CO 80040
https://www.comitiscrisiscenter.org/comitis-crisis-center/
  • Monthly emergency adult shelter ages 18+ including meals, hygiene items, showers, referrals and case management services, healthcare screenings by Stride, etc.
  • Call the lottery line 303-317-8990 from 5am-noon on the last day of the month, and call again to confirm after 2pm. Monthly stays begin on the 1st day of the month.
Mental Health Focus

Irving Street Women’s Residence – Volunteers of America
303-934-9501
303-934-9692 (fax)
601 S. Irving St., Denver, CO 80219
http://www.voacolorado.org/ghelp-denvermetro-ryes-irving

- A residential and support program designed to serve chronically homeless women (homeless for one continuous year or 4 separate times over 3 years) who are disabled or experience mental health issues.
- Residents are drawn exclusively through the One Home system, so individuals must have a completed VI-SPDAT in order to be considered for the waitlist.
- Other notes: waitlist may be extensive; no maximum length of stay; women are given 1 month in the program to find income; facility is staffed 24/7; the cost is 30% of one’s income.

Karis Community
303-355-5546
1361 Detroit St., Denver, CO 80206
http://kariscommunity.org/

- How to Get In: Applicant is interviewed by the executive director or program manager. If it is determined is a good fit, the client participates in a dinner with the community. At dinner, the applicant has the opportunity to socialize with current members; they will ask questions to gain a better understanding of the applicant, and the applicant can ask any questions arising for them after the initial interview. If invited to become a community member, applicant must undergo a one-month period of probationary residence and then a vote is taken to determine if the applicant should become a permanent member.
- Criteria: 21+ years old, primary struggle is a mental health diagnosis, able to pay monthly rent (do not accept Section 8), able to work, volunteer or attend school at least 20 hours a week, currently working with a therapist to assist in addressing mental health issues, if on medications working with a psychiatrist, available all Thursday evenings to participate in community dinner and meetings, available to attend 3 community dinners each week, able to provide own breakfast and lunch, available to attend two in-house support groups each week, able to complete a monthly chore, take medication independently, keep general upkeep of room for cleanliness, and ultimately remain able to continue working on goals for healthy coping and life skills.
- Cost: $634/month single rooms, $516/month shared room, $200 damage deposit with first month’s rent

Ruth Goebel House – Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
303-297-4098 – program main line
3636 W. Colfax, Denver, CO 80204
hipsintake@coloradocoalition.org

- Transitional housing program (up to 2 years) for single women who struggle with mental illness in a co-ed facility hosting three other programs.
  o Services provided: employment services, case management, 3 meals a day, benefits support, groups and therapy.
The program is a good fit for people who are in a “good place,” engaged in mental health services, and taking their medication regularly. Participants are required to participate in therapy, groups, and chores.

- Call the Intake line above to assess eligibility, schedule a tour of the facility and an assessment with the clinician. If the program is a good fit, you will be put on a waitlist and called to fill out an application when a bed opens.

**Substance Use Focus**

**Oxford House**

Phone number depends on location
Multiple locations in the Denver Metro area

[www.oxfordhouse.org](http://www.oxfordhouse.org)

*On the website, go to “Houses” > “Vacancy Search” and search in Colorado for openings and local phone numbers to contact*

- Transitional housing for men and women – self-run, self-supporting addiction recovery.
- Length of Stay: A recovering individual can live in an Oxford House for as long as he or she does not drink alcohol, does not use drugs, and pays an equal share of the house expenses. The average stay is about a year, but many residents stay three, four, or more years. Zero tolerance for relapse.
- Majority are single rooms with shared common space, costing around $400-500 monthly.
- How to Get In: complete a standard “Application for Membership” and be interviewed by the residents of the house he or she want to live in.
- Notes: Participants must be working and cooperate with house rules such as being clean, sober, and sharing chores.

**Providence House**

303-860-8404 x22
801 Logan St., Denver, CO 80203


- An 18-month program designed to empower single men and women who are seeking life-long recovery, self-sufficiency and spiritual growth.
- Call the number above for a recording that will announce openings and scheduled orientations. Orientations and interviews are held only when there are openings.
- Resources Offered: Job training, life-skills development, individual and group counseling, case management, goal setting and accountability support, and community activities.
- Notes: Next step after detox, Christian-based, for men and women who struggle with addiction and alcoholism (or dual-diagnoses). Must maintain sobriety.

**Ask Navigation for lists of Substance Use and/or Sober Living Resources, as needed.**
Information for People with Pets

Cat Care Society
303-239-9680, option 2
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

The Denver Stray Project – Denver Dumb Friends League
303-751-5772
2080 S. 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.
- 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

- Pet surrender for Jefferson County residents (must provide proof of residency); accept out-of-county surrenders on space available basis, 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 and puppies – $120, Cats and kittens – $100, Mother dog with litter or pregnant – $160, Mother cat with litter or pregnant-$120, other animals –$50- $100.

- **Hours of operation:** 9am – 6pm on weekdays, and 9am – 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 – 5pm, 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)

- 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 for a medical exam. No intake is final until their medical staff has conducted a thorough physical exam of the animal and all intake is dependent on shelter space availability.
- **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.*