



Shelters - Families Navigation Services



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If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

Shelter Referral Helpline

Mile High United Way

www.unitedwaydenver.org

Dial 211

Call to see what shelters have availabilities for the night

Cold Weather Resources

For all Cold Weather Shelters, Conditions Must Be:

- Below 32° F and snowing or raining
- Or below 20° F and dry

Severe Weather Shelter Network (SWSN)

- SWSN provides shelter for single men, single women, and couples without children living on the streets on life threatening winter nights. We work alongside community organizations to provide this shelter starting October 1st and going through April 30th.
- The following options are available for families with children.
- Sites with Immediate Options: May walk-in and/or call in advance to discuss options.
 - Jefferson County Human Services (can walk-in and request)
 - 303-271-1388
 - 900 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden 80401
 - Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
 - The Action Center
 - 303-237-7704
 - 8745 W 14th Avenue, Lakewood CO 80215
 - Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am – 11:30am and 1pm – 3pm
 - Jeffco Public Schools (Title 1 Liaisons)
 - 303-982-6500

Cold/Severe Weather Shelter Referral Hotline (2-1-1)

Hours: 8am to 5 pm Monday-Friday | Website: [Cold Weather – 2-1-1 Colorado \(211colorado.org\)](http://Cold Weather – 2-1-1 Colorado (211colorado.org))

- After hours, contact local sheriff's department for possible vouchers
- Go in person to one of these 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 snowstorm 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

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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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Jefferson County

Beyond Home (Formerly known as Colorado Homeless Families)

Website: <https://www.beyondhomeonline.org/> | Address: PO Box 740130, Arvada 80006

Phone: 303-420-6634 | Email: info@beyondhomeonline.org | Hours: Mon-Fri 9 am – 5 pm

- **Length of Stay:** Length of stay is variable. Families are welcome to stay in our program if they are progressing towards self-sufficiency. Our average time in the program is 4 years.
- **Population Served:** For single people or families with at least one dependent child who have no eviction history and no felonies, and have an income and a sponsor who will pay rent if resident cannot pay rent
- **How to Get In:** Call or email info@beyondhomeonline.org for an intake, if you are a good fit, they will email you an application to fill out. If your application is approved, you will receive a call or email requesting an interview.
- **Home Type/Care:** Apartments, duplexes, and 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
- **Cost:** 30% of income or \$500/month, whichever number is higher. Families are responsible for their energy bill.

Family Tree – Homelessness Program

Website: www.thefamilytree.org | 3805 Marshall St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 | Phone: 303-467-2604 |

Email: homelessness@thefamilytree.org

- Length of Stay: 2 years transitional
- Crisis assistance including emergency food, hygiene products, 911 cell phones, voicemail phones, etc.
- Financial assistance for rent, deposits, and utilities
- Comprehensive support services, case management services and referrals to community resources.
- Basic skills, budgeting, nutrition, parenting, career counseling, etc.,
- For women with children, wait list.

Denver County

Samaritan House (Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Denver)

Address: 2301 Lawrence St., Denver, 80205 | Website: <https://samhousedenver.org/> | Phone: 303-294-0241

- **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.

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St. Francis Center

2323 Curtis St., Denver, CO 80205 Phone: 303-297-1576 | Website: http://www.sfcdenver.org/day_services.html
Hours: Mon-Fri 7 AM – 5 PM | Sat-Sun 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM | Day services close at 12:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month

- Day center for homeless men and women
- Storage
 - Storage is limited to personal belongings that will fit into a 30-gallon plastic bag, and must be renewed every 30 days
 - New storage spaces are given out on a first-come, first-served basis Monday-Friday
- Mail:
 - Anyone may receive mail at SFC. A government-issued photo ID is required to pick-up mail. Mail is kept for 7 days, after which time it is returned to its sender
 - Mail Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:15 – 4:00 (3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:15- 12:00); Saturday-Sunday, 8:30 – 12:00
- Showers for men/women (soap, shampoo, towels are provided)
- Newer/cleaner clothes can be earned by helping with some chores
- Access to phone for local calls – limited long-distance availability, message board – posts guest names if they have a message, also cell phone charging is available
- Notary services
- Meals: Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen prepares and serves a meal at 3:00 on Wednesday and Friday (no meal served the 3rd Wednesday of each month)
- Mental health, wellbeing, veterans', and medical assistance - designated days
- Access to a caseworker and social services to assist with needs

Marisol Homes (Catholic Charities)

Address: 4024 S Newton St, Denver, CO 80236 | Phone: 720-799-9400 | Website: [Marisol Home | Catholic Charities of Denver \(ccdenver.org\)](http://Marisol Home | Catholic Charities of Denver (ccdenver.org))

- **Length of Stay:** Open-ended
- **Population Served:** Marisol Homes provides safe and secure emergency and community-based housing for pregnant women, and single women with children, who are experiencing homelessness. We work with these women and families as they integrate back into the community by offering counseling, job training, workshops and needed quality childcare services for their children up to 12 years old.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

Address: 2111 Champa Street, Denver, CO, 80205 | Phone: 303-293-2217 | Website: www.coloradocoalition.org

- Family Support Services helps to link your family experiencing homelessness (with children under the age of 18) to housing, healthcare, employment, and other services. Our goal is to work with you on your goals to achieve stability and help your family to overcome barriers and thrive.
- **How to Get In:** Access to our Rapid Rehousing program is now completed through the OneHome Coordinated Entry System. To complete the assessment known as the "VI-SPDAT", please speak with your current homeless service provider. If you do not have a current provider, please email jolona@coloradocoalition.org to schedule an appointment, or come to the Walk-In Hours.

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Decatur Place

1155 Decatur St, Denver, CO 80204 | Phone: 303-893-2718 | Hours: Mon-Fri 8 AM – 5 PM | Website:

<https://www.mercyhousing.org/mountain-plains/decaturn-place/>

- **Length of Stay:** Mercy Housing provides permanent housing, and does not offer emergency or temporary housing
- Decatur Place Apartments is a four-story family housing development with ground floor community and commercial space located in Denver's Sun Valley neighborhood. Most families that come to Decatur Place are homeless and in dire need of basic living needs such as food, clothing, infant care, furniture, and other household staples. Offers two- and three-bedroom units where residents pay 30% of their income towards rent.
- **How to Get In:** Each Mercy Housing property has its own leasing office and its own application process. If you or your family would like to rent an apartment at one of our communities, please call the property directly. When you call, the property staff can answer questions regarding apartment availability, rent, income requirements or restrictions and how to obtain an application for housing.

The Catholic Worker House

Address: 1027 26th St., Denver 80205 | Phone: 303-298-9910 (direct) or 720-940-5482 (main) | Website:

<https://denvercatholicworkerhouse.org/> | Email: denvercatholicworker@gmail.com

- **Length of Stay:** Varied
- **Population Served:** Priority given to immigrant families.
- **How to Get In:** 'First call, first serve.' Call once a week to find out when the rooms will vacate.
- **Notes:** There are two bedrooms for immigrant families in a communal house shared with two single persons who take care of the house. The kitchen is available for the use of all residents. No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed on the property.

STAR Transitional Program at The Crossing (Denver Rescue Mission)

Address: 6090 Smith Rd., Denver 80205 | Phone: 303-953-3900 ask to be transferred to the information line |

Website: <https://denverrescuemission.org/get-help/>

- **Length of Stay:** One-year transitional program
- **Populations Served:** Single parent families or families whose parents are married (as demonstrated with a marriage license) with an income of at least \$900/month for families or \$770/month for individuals
- **How to Get In:** Attend an intake interview Monday-Friday from 10am-11am at 6100 Smith Rd. Bring a photo ID, SS card, SS card of children, marriage license, and proof of income.
- **Notes:** Faith based. Must submit to drug and alcohol testing, required to attend a monthly case management meeting and life skills workshops.

Family Homestead

PO Box 40186, Denver, CO 80204 | 303-623-6514; Mon-Friday, 8am-4:30pm | www.familyhomestead.org

- **Length of Stay:** 30–90-day emergency housing, 6-month transitional housing
- **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 for transitional housing
- **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.

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Family Promise of Greater Denver

1600 N. Downing St. | Phone: 303-675-0713 | Email: hello@fpgd.org | Website: www.fpgd.org

- Day Shelter: (we don't take walk-ins so I'm not sure this should be included)
- Length of Stay: no set length of stay
- Population Served: For families experiencing homelessness with one of the following: at least one child under the age of 18, OR a pregnant person in their third trimester, OR an adult child with a disability, OR a child 18+ who is still in high school. All adults must be willing and able to seek employment or disability income, actively search for housing, attend weekly case management, and able to pass a background check with no recent violent felonies.
- How to Get In: Call the number above for a phone intake to be added to the shelter waitlist. When a space is available, families are prioritized based off vulnerability factors from the intake. They request the parents have and bring an ID and social security card for all family members and birth certificates for the children.
- Notes: Faith communities provide nighttime accommodations from 6pm-7am; families have dinner and sleep at the congregations, moving every 1-2 weeks to a new overnight location. During the day, families can visit the Day Site, and daily transportation is provided to and from the Day Site each morning and evening.

Joshua Station – Mile High Ministries

2330 W. Mulberry Place, Denver 80204 | 303-839-5198 | www.milehighmin.org/joshua-station

- **Length of Stay:** 2-year residential program (no emergency shelter)
- **Population Served:** Families with children under the age of 18 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 30 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 community meetings, work with a family advocate, complete monthly community service, search for employment and participate in a family counseling assessment.
- **Program Fee:** Depends on family situation, based on sliding scale formula

Lambuth Family Center (Salvation Army)

2741 N. Federal Blvd, Denver 80211 | 720-305-4678 | <https://lambuthfamilycenter.salvationarmy.org/>

- **Hours of Operation:** Sun-Sat, 8:30am-4:30pm
- **Length of Stay:** 1year, transitional
- **Populations Served:** For families with at least one child 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:** The Lambuth Family Center does not have a waitlist. If you need shelter, please contact the Salvation Army Call Center (listed above)
- **Notes:** Guests attend regular case management meetings where they work with a case manager to access the resources, they need to accomplish three goals: Financial stability, community connection, and ultimately sustainable housing.

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Sacred Heart House of Denver

2844 Lawrence St., Denver, CO 80205 | 303-296-6686 | www.sacredhearthouse.com

- **Length of Stay:** 30-day emergency and 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:** Our In-House Stabilization Program provides temporary housing, food, clothing, transportation and case management for homeless families in Denver, with referrals for permanent/transitional housing, education/job training/placement, health care, childcare, and counseling. Residents participate in a required series of living skills and parenting workshops. Our services are offered in a home-like, life-giving, safe environment. When residents move to their own housing, they are eligible to receive the services of our Follow-Up Program. The 2-year transitional program is only for those who have completed the In-House Stabilization Program or a similar program at another agency.

The Family Motel (Volunteers of America)

Address: 4855 West Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80204 | Phone #: 720-904-9821 | Email:

familymotel@voacolorado.org | Website: www.voacolorado.org/locations/family-motel/

- **Length of Stay:** 14-night stay
- **Population Served:** For families who are receiving a voucher from Denver County.
- **How to Get In:** Obtain voucher through Denver Department of Human Service's caseworker.
- **Notes:** Breakfast is available to guests daily. The Motel reserves 30 rooms for families who may receive a voucher from the City of Denver for up to 14 nights in a year-long period. A second component includes 10 "respite rooms" with two men or women in each room. Working closely with a DHS Respite Program Coordinator, homeless individuals may be referred by a medical provider following a hospital stay. The length of stay depends on the time needed to recuperate.

Warren Village

1323 Gilpin St., Denver, CO 80218 | Phone: 303-321-2345 | <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 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. Once submitted, allow up to 2 weeks for processing.
 - 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.

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Adams County

Almost Home

22 S. 4th Ave, Suite 102 Brighton, CO 80601 | 303-659-6199; Wed: 8:30am-6:30pm, Fri: 8:30am-12:30pm | 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 Guidelines: Must be a US Citizen or have Legal Residency (Colorado ID and valid Social Security Card will be required of all adults.) Must be able to prove that you have been living in Adams County or southern Weld County for the last 90 days. Must be a family with children under the age of 18 living with you. Must pass a criminal background check.

Comitis Crisis Center

2178 Victor St., Aurora, CO 80045 | 720-859-7100 | <https://comitiscrisiscenter.org/comitis-crisis-center>

- **Emergency adult shelter**
A monthly emergency shelter for adults, ages 18+
Lottery line / 303.317.8990 Call from 5am-12pm on the last day of the month and call again to confirm after 2pm. Monthly stays begin on the first day of the month.
 - Meals, showers, hygiene items and seasonal clothing available
 - Referral services and case management
 - Healthcare screenings provided by MCPN (Metro Community Provider Network)
 - LGBTQ+ affirming supportive services
- **Transitional family shelter**
Three-to-six-month short-term shelter for eligible families receiving Colorado Works (TANF) through Arapahoe County
 - Meals, hygiene items and seasonal clothing available
 - Case management and financial literacy classes
- **Emergency family shelter**
A nightly emergency shelter for families with children under 18 years old
Lottery line / 720-505-2628 Call from 5am-12pm, and call again to confirm after 2pm
 - Meals, showers, hygiene items and seasonal clothing available. Case management also available

Arapahoe County

Family Tree – House of Hope

3301 S. Grant St., Englewood, CO 80113 | 303-762-9525 | www.thefamilytree.org

- **Length of Stay:** 90-day shelter for homeless mothers & their children under the age of 18.
- Assistance with navigating housing, employment, education, job skills training and childcare
- On-site therapist and health clinic staffed by volunteer doctors and nurses
- Priority for those who receive benefits in Arapahoe County. If they don't get benefits anywhere, House of Hope can assist getting them on benefits.

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Information for people with pets

Cat Care Society

5787 W 6th Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214 | 303-239-9680 | <http://www.catcaresociety.org/> | Thurs-Mon 12pm-5pm

- 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.

Humane Colorado

2080 Quebec Street, Denver, CO | 303-751-5772 | <https://humanecolorado.org/services/pet-assist-inquiry-form/>

Hours: Monday–Friday, 9am–7pm; Weekends: 9am–5pm

- The Pet Assist program helps those needing a temporary safe place for their pet to live due to various factors that leave them unable to care for their animals and when no other assistance is available. The animals are cared for through foster home placement. Pet assist is a short-term program, but each case is assessed based on the owner's specific circumstances and the resources of the shelter.
- Complete application form online

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://maxfund.org/>

- Notes: Can relinquish animals for \$45, call to ensure there is space in the shelter.

Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue

2390 S. Delaware St., Denver, CO 80223 | 303-744-6076 | <http://rmfr-colorado.org>

- Can only take in cats as space opens. 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.
 - Currently not accepting cats, but you can fill out an interest form to relinquish here: [Relinquish a Cat | Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue \(rmfr-colorado.org\)](#)
- No required fee, but consider leaving a donation for the care of the cat

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Foothills Animal Shelter

580 McIntyre Street, Golden, CO 80401 | 303-278-7575 | 10am-5pm | [Relinquish Your Pet - Foothills Animal Shelter](#)

- Pet surrender program for Jefferson County residents.
- This is not temporary care, and your pet will be placed for adoption. You must provide proof of residence. Out of county surrenders accepted based on capacity. A higher fee will be charged for out of county surrender.
 - Please bring your pet and their documentation to the office during regular hours. Enter through the “Intake” door.
 - You will be asked to sign a waiver releasing ownership, asked about your pet’s behavior, and your pet will undergo a behavioral test to determine the best course of action for your pet’s placement.
 - PorchLight, A Family Justice Center (FJC)
 - FJC provides comprehensive legal, emotional and critical supportive services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, abuse of at-risk individuals, elder abuse, and human trafficking. Located in Lakewood, Colorado, the FJC is a safe, caring environment that provides one-stop services and support. Key local government agencies, law enforcement, community, social and legal service providers, and District Attorney’s Offices are located on-site at the FJC to make it easier for victims and survivors to get help. We have an office at the center so we can provide care and resources to the animals belonging to clients of the center.
 - Foothills Animal Shelter provides clients with pet food, animal supplies, vaccinations, and spay/neuter services. We will also provide short-term housing when requested.
- Colorado Safe Parking Lot Initiative (CSP)
 - CSPI is a grassroots, all-volunteer nonprofit organization working to create a statewide network of safe, legal parking locations for individuals and families sheltering in vehicles because they are experiencing homelessness. Safe overnight parking is available for individuals experiencing homelessness and living in a passenger vehicle in Jefferson County’s two lots, located in Golden and Arvada. Safe lot guests have access to bathroom facilities, housing navigation and other services.
 - Foothills Animal Shelter provides clients with pet food, animal supplies, vaccinations, and spay/neuter services. We will also provide short-term housing when requested.
- Protective Custody Program
 - Jefferson County Animal Control and the cities of Lakewood, Arvada, Wheat Ridge, Golden, Edgewater, Sheridan and Westminster Animal Control Agencies partner with us to provide Protective Custody Services. Our Animal Control Partners pick up and transport animals to Foothills Animal Shelter when the owners have been evicted, hospitalized, died, become homeless, or are experiencing domestic violence and need to flee an unsafe situation.
 - Foothills Animal Shelter provides ten days of boarding services at no charge to the families in crisis.