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# HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE

## FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

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### INTRODUCTION

The mission of DASH is to ensure access to safe and sustainable refuge for domestic violence (DV) survivors in the District of Columbia. We do this through the development and management of safe housing and by supporting survivors in finding safe housing options for themselves and their children.

It takes a tremendous amount of courage for a survivor to leave an abusive relationship. When there appears to be no safe place to escape to, the situation can feel even more overwhelming. Often survivors feel that they must choose between living without a home and living without abuse. This is why DASH prepared this housing resource guide - to provide comprehensive housing program information (including application and eligibility requirements) so that survivors feel they have more control over their housing search.

If you are a survivor in immediate danger, call 911. If you are planning your escape, be sure to keep this guide in a safe place. In the back of this guide is a safety plan. Having a safety plan is a way for you to literally plan to keep yourself safe when living in an abusive relationship and when planning your exit. You can also reach out to counselors at any of the domestic violence programs listed in this guide for support.

What you will find in this guide:

- Information on domestic violence emergency and transitional housing programs in DC, as well as a selection of programs in Maryland and Virginia.
- Information on housing programs that are not specifically for DV survivors, but can still provide a safe place to live for women seeking safety.
- Detailed information for each housing program so survivors can know exactly what services are provided, what the eligibility requirements are, if the program is accessible to people with disabilities, and how to apply.

Survivors and advocates can call **DASH HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER (202.742.1728)** for housing counseling and support. More housing resources are available on our website at <http://dashdc.org/hrc.html>

# TIPS

## TIPS FOR SURVIVORS READING AND USING THIS GUIDE

- If you are unclear about whether you are part of the population the program serves, call and ask. For example, some domestic violence (DV) programs include survivors of elder abuse, LGBT survivors and those escaping prostitution in their definition of DV. Similarly, some programs require survivors be in imminent danger, while others (usually transitional housing programs) require that survivors have experienced abuse within the last five years.
- Make sure you are clear about whether the services and referrals offered to you are voluntary or if you are required to participate as a condition of your residency in the program. For example, some programs require that you attend support groups, counseling sessions, and follow-up on the referrals given you. If this is the case, be sure to ask if there is any flexibility - especially if you have a night job or a schedule conflict that would prevent you from participating in mandatory evening groups.
- Double check with programs if you have a boy over the age of 12 and want to bring him with you, because several programs have an age limit in place for boys. Typically this policy exists in programs that have communal space where families share bedrooms. Depending on who is in the housing program at any given time, boys over 12 may be accommodated.
- You might want to ask if you'll be assigned a caseworker or advocate who will support you in finding resources, and if so, ask how often you will be meeting with them.
- You might want to ask if there is any flexibility with program time limits – most offer extensions if you haven't found housing.
- Many of the housing programs listed in this guide require a referral from a case manager as part of their admissions process. If you are a survivor of DV and you don't have a case manager or advocate, you can call DASH at 202.742.1728 and a Housing Advocate can assist you by making housing referrals for you and providing housing counseling.

## TIPS FOR ADVOCATES READING AND USING THIS GUIDE

- This guide is meant to be used to assist you in helping your clients find emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing.
- We focused on gathering information on DV housing programs and programs that serve women and children. Thus, this is not an exhaustive list of all available housing programs, particularly of those that serve people with a mental illness or have a history of substance abuse. If you find that you need additional support identifying those housing programs, please contact us for case specific assistance by sending an email to [info@dashdc.org](mailto:info@dashdc.org) or calling DASH at **202.742.1728**.
- Organizations and programs are constantly changing. If you find that information is no longer accurate, or you discover a new resource that you think should be included, please send an email to [info@dashdc.org](mailto:info@dashdc.org) and let us know.

# GLOSSARY

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS GUIDE

Below are definitions for the categories under which we organized the housing program information we gathered for this guide.

**Population:** This section details the specific group of people the program serves. DV programs typically only serve women survivors of DV. Often programs for homeless women serve a broader group of women in need of housing, including women in recovery and women with mental illness. Some programs serve both women with children and single women, while others will only serve one group or the other. Several housing programs do not admit boys over the age of 12, while other programs are more flexible.

**Services:** This section details the services available at the housing program. Support groups and counseling for survivors and their children are often available at DV programs, along with other services that assist survivors with coping with the trauma from experiencing DV. Often programs have case managers or advocates that help participants obtain necessary public benefits and provide referrals to job training programs, food banks, mental health support and others.

**Admission Process:** This section explains the process one will need to go through in order to apply for and obtain entry into the program. For DV programs, survivors are usually asked to call a 24-hour crisis hotline and speak directly with an advocate who will conduct an intake interview over the phone. Some processes are more involved than others and may require information from a case manager or a referral from the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (see page 14).

**Eligibility Requirements:** This section outlines what the program requires of each applicant in order to be considered an appropriate candidate. For example, some programs require the applicant be drug and alcohol free, employed, have documentation of homelessness, or be willing to participate in a mandatory savings program.

**Residency Requirements:** This section states whether the program will accept an applicant from DC, and if so, under what conditions, if any.

**Wheelchair Accessible:** This section states whether a program can accommodate people who use a wheelchair.

# EMERGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING

## EMERGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING:

Emergency domestic violence (DV) housing programs offer a safe place for survivors and their children to escape to in a crisis situation. These housing programs are often different from what you might imagine a typical homeless shelter to look and feel like. The location of a DV housing program is usually kept confidential and residents are asked not to disclose the address to anyone, including friends and family. This means that residents can't have visitors, and they must be dropped off and picked up several blocks from the housing program. Typically these programs serve women and those who identify as women, although more and more programs are increasing their capacity to serve male victims as well.

Emergency DV housing programs are usually in home-like settings. Depending on the space, sometimes residents have their own room or they must share a room with another resident and possibly her children. Responsibilities like cleaning and meal preparation are shared. Typically the length of stay in emergency DV programs is 45 days; however, most programs are flexible depending on when a woman secures transitional or permanent housing.

At emergency DV housing programs, advocates are on staff to support survivors and their families to obtain the information and resources they need to gain stability and heal from the abuse by providing the following support:

- Referrals for obtaining protection orders and legal assistance.
- Assistance obtaining important documents like: birth certificates, social security cards, driver's licenses, etc.
- Help applying for public assistance and housing subsidies.
- Referrals to mental health and addiction services.
- Assistance enrolling children in nearby schools.
- Counseling and support groups for women and their children.

The Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) at the DC Superior Court offers another emergency housing option for many survivors in DC. This program is particularly useful when DV housing programs are filled to capacity. The CVCP assists DV survivors who applied for a protection order or filed a police report in DC to obtain emergency safe housing through the provision of a hotel voucher for a specific amount of time (usually 28 days). To learn more about this option, and the other assistance the CVCP offers victims, visit: [dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/cvcp.jsp](https://dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/cvcp.jsp) or call CVCP at 202.879.4216.

There are limited DV safe housing options in DC. A survivor who requires safe, confidential housing might consider DV safe housing programs in Virginia and Maryland. The following sections lists the emergency DV housing options in DC and select programs in Maryland and Virginia.



# EMERGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH) - Cornerstone Housing Program

PO Box 91730, Washington, DC 20090

**PHONE:** 202.462.3274

**FAX:** 202.269.0529

**WEB:** [www.dashdc.org](http://www.dashdc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women and women with children.

**SERVICES:** Discreetly located emergency and transitional housing. Duration of program is 6-24 months; individual advocacy, referrals, children's programs, wellness programs.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Written (please fax) or phone referral from a case worker; self-referrals welcome. Admission is based on space availability. If space is available, the woman will be called back and basic information will be collected over the phone. Upon arrival, an intake will be completed.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** YES

## MY SISTERS PLACE – EMERGENCY SHELTER

PO Box 29596, Washington, DC 20017

**HOTLINE:** 202.529.5991

**PHONE:** 202.529.5261

**FAX:** 202.529.5984

**WEB:** [www.mysistersplacedc.org](http://www.mysistersplacedc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children. Male children must be 12 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Confidential emergency housing; 24-hour crisis hotline; legal and job assistance; crisis intervention; support groups; individual counseling; case management; referrals; and children's programs.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call the hotline to have a phone interview. If there is availability, staff will notify the woman within 24 hours. Once notified, a woman has 12 hours to get to the facility and claim the space. Staff will work with each woman on creating a plan to meet her in a safe place to bring her and her children to the facility.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must be drug and alcohol free.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## MARYLAND Select Programs Accepting Women from DC

### CECIL COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ RAPE CRISIS CENTER

PO Box 2137, Elkton, MD 21922

**HOTLINE:** 410.996.0333

**PHONE:** 410.996.0333 (same as hotline)

**FAX:** 410.996.0820

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children. Male children must be 14 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Confidential emergency housing; 24-hour crisis hotline; therapeutic counseling; abuser intervention programs; legal counseling; court accompaniment; and pet care services.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call hotline to be assessed by a counselor.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV Survivor.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Will consider referrals from DC agencies and shelters if space permits.

**NOTES:** Spanish services available.

### CITIZENS ASSISTING AND SHEL- TERING THE ABUSED (CASA), INC.

116 West Baltimore Street, Hagerstown,  
MD 21740

**HOTLINE:** 301.739.8975

**PHONE:** 301.739.4990

**FAX:** 301.797.6717

**WEB:** [www.casainc.org](http://www.casainc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children. Male children must be 12 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing for 90 days; transitional housing for 18 months; 24-hour crisis hotline; individual counseling; crisis intervention; rape crisis center; incest survivor support; abuser intervention program; workshops; HIV/AIDS education and prevention program; employment training; displaced homemaker program; and legal services.

### EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Walk-in for assessment and intake without an appointment. If granted admission to the program, a DV advocate will be assigned to the woman. If admission is not granted, a referral to another agency in the area will be provided.

### TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women must first go through the emergency shelter program. A counselor will assess the woman again to determine eligibility for the transitional housing program.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must be drug and alcohol free.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Will consider referrals from DC agencies if space permits.

**NOTES:** Fees for shelter and services based on a sliding scale.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

5457 Twin Knolls Road Suite 310  
Columbia, MD, 21045

**HOTLINE:** 410.997.0304 or 1.800.752.0191

**FAX:** 410.997.1397

**WEB:** [www.dvcenter.org](http://www.dvcenter.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children. Young boys

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing for up to 45 days; transitional housing for up to 6 months; case management; counseling; advocacy; support groups; outreach and community education; legal assistance for victims and their families; and New Behaviors abuser intervention program.

### EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women should call the hotline and an assessment is conducted over the phone. If approved, a meeting will be scheduled with the woman and a case manager to sign a contract.

### TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women must have stayed in the emergency shelter to be considered for the transitional housing program.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must be mentally stable; and must be drug or alcohol free. If a woman has a history of substance abuse she must be willing to attend treatment. In addition, for transitional housing, she must be employed.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Program will accept referrals from DC agencies if space permits.

**NOTES:** Services are available in Spanish.

### FAMILY CRISIS CENTER OF PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

3601 Taylor Street, Brentwood, MD 20722



# EMERGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING

**HOTLINE:** 1.866.DVCRISIS

**ALTERNATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:** 301.731.1203

**PHONE:** 301.779.2100

**FAX:** 310.779.2104

**WEB:** [www.familycrisiscenter-pgco.org](http://www.familycrisiscenter-pgco.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** women; women with children. Male children must be 14 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing for up to 90 days; 24-hour crisis hotline; family violence intervention clinic; anger management program; emergency shelter; legal advocacy program; community and public outreach; and case management.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals not required; applicant should call the 24-hour hotline for phone intake.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must have valid identification.  
**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Program serves those living in DC, Prince Georges County, and Virginia

**NOTES:** Multi-Lingual staff (Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew, Greek). The initial stay is for a period of 3 days until references are contacted. Later the stay will be extended to 90 days upon verification of the abuse.

## FAMILY CRISIS RESOURCE CENTER, INC.

146 Bedford Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

**HOTLINE:** 310.759.9244

**PHONE:** 301.759.9246

**FAX:** 301.759.4934

**WEB:** [www.familycrc.org](http://www.familycrc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing; 24-hour crisis hotline; individual and group counseling; outreach; Sexual Assault Response Team (SART ); advocacy and accompaniment; community and educational training; abuse intervention program; information and referral; cell phone program; legal services.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call the hotline for a phone assessment. If there is availability, staff will assist the woman with creating a safety plan for getting to the facility. Limited transportation assistance is provided if necessary.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a Domestic violence or sexual assault survivor.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Will accept referrals from DC agencies.

## LIFE CRISIS CENTER

PO Box 387, Salisbury, MD 21803

**HOTLINE:** 410.749.HELP (4357)

**YOUTH HOTLINE:** 1.800.422.0009

**PHONE:** 410.749.0771

**FAX:** 410.548.9496

**WEB:** [www.lifecrisiscenter.org](http://www.lifecrisiscenter.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children. Male children must be 12 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing; 24-hour crisis hotline; anger management programs; community outreach; 32 week DV intervention program for offenders; group counseling; individual counseling; legal services; advocacy; and public outreach.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call the hotline to speak to an advocate. If there is availability, the advocate will provide the woman with directions on how to safely get to the facility and offer limited transportation assistance if necessary.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor in imminent danger.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Will consider referrals from DC agencies if space permits. Program mainly serves those living within Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

## MID-SHORE COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

PO Box 5, Denton, MD 21629

**HOTLINE:** 1.800.927.4673

**PHONE:** 410.479.1149

**FAX:** 410.479.2064

**WEB:** [www.msfcv.org](http://www.msfcv.org)

**POPULATION:** Single women; women with children; single men; LGBT survivors; immigrants and sex workers. Male children must be 11 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Emergency and transitional housing; 24-hour crisis hotline; support groups; abuser intervention program which includes anger intervention; immigration legal services; shelter for family pets; food assistance program; crisis counseling; and advocacy.

**EMERGENCY HOUSING ADMISSION PROCESS:** Admission is determined on a case by case basis and is granted depending on the amount of space available. Call hotline

to have a phone intake. The average intake process is completed within 20 minutes.

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ADMISSION PROCESS:** Participant must have stayed in the emergency housing to be considered for the transitional housing program. The participant must have demonstrated the following in order to obtain transitional housing: A commitment to working toward self-sufficiency; be in need of housing assistance; actively searching for employment, volunteer positions, or job training programs; be in regular contact with the Transitional Services Coordinator; and provide the Council with all information and documents to advocate on their behalf.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV Survivor; must not pose a threat to self or others.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Will consider referrals from DC.

**NOTES:** All services are available in Spanish.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT SPOUSE ABUSE RESOURCE CENTER INC. (SARC)

18 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

**HOTLINE:** 410.836.8430

**PHONE:** 410.836.8431 or 410.879.3486

**FAX:** 410.838.9484

**WEB:** [www.sarc-maryland.org](http://www.sarc-maryland.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; single men; women with children.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing for up to 40 days (28 beds); individual and group counseling; companion services; information and referrals; shelter for family pets is available (in collaboration with Hartford County's Humane Society); food assistance; legal assistance; and safety planning.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call hotline to speak to a counselor and set up an appointment. Walk-ins are Monday - Friday

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must not pose a threat to self or others.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Serves mainly those in Hartford County. Will consider referrals from DC agencies if space permits.

**NOTES:** Adult male victims are sheltered at a separate site. Staff speaks Spanish.

## TURN AROUND INC.

401 Washington Avenue, Suite 300, Towson, MD 21204



# EMERGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING

**HOTLINE:** 410.828.6390

**PHONE:** 410.377.8111

**FAX:** 410.377.6806

**WEB:** [www.turnaroundinc.org](http://www.turnaroundinc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children; LGBT victims; immigrants and refugees, sexual assault, and men.

**SERVICES:** Emergency and transitional housing; 24-hour crisis hotline; community education; individual and group counseling; ER companion; outreach; advocacy; counseling for friends and family of victims; and Teen Empowerment Program.

## EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call and speak to an intake worker who will try to find placement in a MD shelter. This program is a last resort because it is very short term and located offsite from the agency.

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Must have a referral from an agency, including a shelter.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must not pose a threat to self or others; must either work or attend school at least 20 hours per week; must be drug and alcohol free.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Will consider those from DC if space permits and can assist DC women to find housing placement in the Baltimore area.

**NOTES:** Bi-lingual services available.

## VIRGINIA

Select Programs Accepting Women from DC

## BETHANY HOUSE OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

6121 Lincolnia Road, Suite 303,  
Alexandria, VA 22312

**HOTLINE:** 703.658.3555

**PHONE:** 703.658.9500

**FAX:** 703.658.9522

**WEB:** [www.bhmv.org](http://www.bhmv.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children. Male children must be under 18 years old.

**SERVICES:** Housing program for 4 to 6 months; case management and life skills support; women's and children's support groups; and hotline (in operation from 10AM - 5PM, Monday-Friday).

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call the hotline to schedule an in-person interview, which takes approximately 2 hours. Women will be notified of acceptance within 24 to 48 hours.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must be able to work.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Program will accept referrals from anywhere in the nation.

**NOTES:** Faith-based program.

## ACTION IN COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICES (ACT) PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY SAFE HOUSE

PO Box 74, Dumfries, VA 22026

**PHONE:** 703.221.4460

**HOTLINE:** 703.221.4951

**FAX:** 703.221.0662

**WEBSITE:** [www.actspwc.org](http://www.actspwc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing for 28 days (2 confidential safe houses); support groups; referrals to services; court advocacy program; and children's program, and batterers intervention.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Those seeking shelter should call the hotline. After 5 PM the calls go directly to the safe house, where a staff person will conduct a phone intake assessment. Before 5 PM the calls go to an answering service. Someone from the safe house will return the call, but they will only leave a message if they are given permission to do so and the phone number is undisclosed. If it is determined that the woman can come to the shelter, she will be given an address to a check in point, where she will call from a pay phone to receive the directions to the safe house.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a DV victim; must be drug and alcohol free.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Will consider those from DC, but callers should try all other housing options in the city before calling.

## DOORWAYS

(Formerly the Arlington Community Temporary Shelter)  
PO Box 100185, Arlington, VA 22210

**HOTLINE:** 703.237.0881

**PHONE:** 703.504.9400

**FAX:** 703.522.4338

**WEB:** [www.doorwaysva.org](http://www.doorwaysva.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing and supportive housing program for 2 years; 24-hour crisis hotline; children's services; financial literacy training; court accompaniment; advocacy; and community outreach.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call the hotline for a self-referral. If space is available, an intake interview will be conducted over the phone.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor; must be willing to put percentage of monthly income into an escrow (savings) account.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Program will take DC residents when space is available (80% of program participants must be Arlington residents)

## SAFE HARBOR

PO Box 17996, Richmond, VA 23326

**HOTLINE:** 804.287.7877

**PHONE:** 804.287.7877

**FAX:** 804.285.7224

**WEB:** [www.safeharborshelter.com](http://www.safeharborshelter.com)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children. Male children must be 18 years old or under (depending on the composition of the shelter at that time).

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing; support groups; case management; parenting counseling; safety planning; and legal support.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call the hotline to gain access to the shelter and receive referrals to other community agencies.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor in imminent danger.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Priority is given to Henrico County residents, but women from out of the area are considered if space permits.

**NOTES:** Website is also in Spanish.



# EMERGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING

## **YWCA-WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

6 North 5th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

**HOTLINE:** 804.643.0888

**FAX:** 804.643.1324

**TOLL-FREE:** 1.804.643.0888

**WEB:** [www.ywcarichmond.org](http://www.ywcarichmond.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; women and children. Male children must be 18 years old or under (depending on the composition of the shelter at that time).

**SERVICES:** Confidential emergency housing; case management.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call for a phone intake, which takes 15 to 20 minutes; admission is determined on a case by case basis. Depending on the situation, women may be asked to make an appointment to meet with a counselor prior to admission.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor in imminent danger.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Priority given to Henrico county residents, but program will consider women from DC if the referral comes from an advocate.

# EMERGENCY HOUSING

## **EMERGENCY HOUSING (NOT SPECIFICALLY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS):**

When there is no space available at the domestic violence (DV) safe housing programs, survivors often seek emergency housing at programs for homeless women. These programs provide fewer services and support that relate directly to the impact of DV, and they are usually not located in a confidential location. However, depending on the situation, homeless programs can still be a safe place to go in a crisis and often there are caseworkers there who can assist survivors with finding DV supportive resources and longer term housing.

The following section lists some of the emergency housing options for women in DC.



# EMERGENCY HOUSING

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**CALVARY WOMEN'S SHELTER, INC.**  
928 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.678.2341

**FAX:** 202.216.0301

**WEB:** [www.calvaryservices.org](http://www.calvaryservices.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing for 3 to 6 months (25 beds, dorm-style); life skills classes; case management; mental health services provided by a psychiatrist and licensed therapist; employment assistance; and dinner program. Addiction recovery services provided, including on-site support meetings.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women should go to the above address between the hours of 3 PM and 4 PM to be added to the waiting list. Women must leave a phone number (it can be a number of a friend, social worker, etc.) where they can be reached when a bed is available. Women are also encouraged to call daily (once their name is on the waiting list) to check on availability. There is usually a waitlist, and the process takes approximately one week until someone is admitted.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless; must bring a referral letter (can be from an advocate at another agency) verifying homelessness; and must be willing to comply with program rules and meet with case worker.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Those dealing with substance abuse and/or mental illness are accepted.

## CAPITOL HIL GROUP MINISTRY - CONGREGATION BASED SHELTER PROJECT

1338 G Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003

**PHONE:** 202.544.3150

**FAX:** 202.544.5410

**WEB:** [www.capitolhillgroupministry.org](http://www.capitolhillgroupministry.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Temporary housing for 30 to 60 days or longer if needed (10 rooms for families dispersed throughout three participating churches); intensive case management and resources provided at the day center at the above address.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants must obtain a referral from the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center. Once a referral is received the case manager conducts an intake with the family at the day center. Applicants need their birth certificate, social

security card and verification of employment (if working).

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless and DC residents.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** In the evening, a van brings families to their housing at the church location where they are sleeping and in the morning the van brings families to the day center for services and referrals. Capitol Hill Group Ministries also manages 2 apartments for people with physical disabilities.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES - HARRIET TUBMAN WOMEN'S SHELTER

1900 Massachusetts Avenue, SE #9 Washington, DC 20003

**PHONE:** 202.547.1924

**FAX:** 202.547.2067

**WEB:** [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Overnight shelter.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Intake is conducted at 7 PM, women typically line up at 6:30 PM. New clients must have an intake, where shelter workers gather name and information; return clients are immediately assigned beds. Typically, if a woman arrives by 7PM a bed will be available, however during hypothermia season the shelter fills up quickly. Staff assists women in finding alternative shelter when all beds are taken.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTE:** This shelter is inside the former DC General Hospital. Women are to be out of the shelter between 7AM and 7PM.

## COMMUNITY FOR CREATIVE NON-VIOLENCE (CCNV)

425 Second St, NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.393.1909

**FAX:** 202.783.3254

**WEB:** [users.erols.com/ccnv](http://users.erols.com/ccnv)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; single men.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing; case management services; job center

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Come into the center preferably in the morning around 9AM and then complete an in-person intake if there are beds available. Walk-ins are accepted.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be 18 or older and have an ID.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** First floor is accessible to men with disabilities. Women should be ambulatory, as they reside on the second floor.

## COMMUNITY OF HOPE - TEMPORARY SHELTER

1413 Girard Street, Washington, DC, NW 20009

**PHONE:** 202.232.7356

**FAX:** 202.232.0564

**WEB:** [www.communityofhopedc.org](http://www.communityofhopedc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED :** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Emergency, temporary housing for 90 days; case management; and referrals to job training; mental health assistance, health services (dental care, pediatric care, program for expecting mothers), and substance abuse support.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Families must be referred through VA Williams Family Resource Center. Once the referral is made and if there is space, an intake is conducted with a case manager.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Determined by VA Williams Family Resource Center

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

1448 Park Road, Washington DC, NW 20009

**PHONE:** 202.332.1505

**FAX:** 202.332.5787

**POPULATION:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Emergency, temporary housing to families for 90 days; case management; and support services. The case manager is responsible for connecting clients to resources in the community such as job training, substance abuse counseling, and legal resources. There is GED education, mental health therapy, and job placement on site.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Families must be referred through VA Williams Family Resource Center. Once the referral is made, an intake is conducted with a case manager, program director, resident director, and mental health therapist.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless. Low-barrier program - no restrictions on clean time.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No



## EMERGENCY HOUSING

**GEORGETOWN MINISTRY CENTER**  
1041 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007

**PHONE:** 202.338.8301

**FAX:** 202.298.8310

**WEB:** [www.georgetownministrycenter.org](http://www.georgetownministrycenter.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; single men.

**SERVICES:** *Winter emergency shelter only.* Daily drop-in 8:00am-4:00pm: shower and Laundry(7 days/week) ; case management and computer lab (Monday – Friday)

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call or walk-in for screening and intake. No waitlist, first come first serve.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be chronically homeless and/or have mental illness.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** The shelter operates from 7PM to 7AM, seven days a week and rotates semimonthly among member congregations in Georgetown.

### HOUSE OF RUTH - MADISON EMERGENCY PROGRAM

651 10th Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

**PHONE:** 202.667.7001 ext. 240

**FAX:** 202.547.9349

**WEB:** [www.houseofruth.org](http://www.houseofruth.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Overnight emergency housing; day center; case management; and comprehensive social services.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Intake is at 4:30 PM. Referrals are not required. If beds are available, intake is conducted immediately. There is no waiting list. Women are given a referral to another shelter if all beds are taken.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless; must be willing to meet with a case manager within 3 days of residency.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

### JOHN L YOUNG WOMEN'S CENTER

119 D Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.639.8469

**FAX:** 202.639.8496

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Overnight emergency housing.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Admission is on a first come first serve basis. Doors open 7PM, women typically line up at 6-6:30PM.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

### NEW HOPE MINISTRIES - OPEN DOOR SHELTER

425 2nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.639.8093

**FAX:** 202.639.0511

**CASE MANAGEMENT OFFICE:**  
202.689.8093

**WEB:** [www.newhopeministries.org](http://www.newhopeministries.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Emergency shelter; access to showers; case management services; and referrals provided.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Call or walk-in; beds are reserved on a first come, first serve basis; women are selected for this program following an assessment interview with case management staff; women have 24-hour access to the shelter and a permanent bed is assigned with space for storage of personal belongings.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be able to take care of personal needs such as bathing, getting dressed, and eating.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

# TRANSITIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS:**

Domestic violence (DV) transitional housing programs provide survivors and their children with longer-term stability while offering the heightened level of security that is often required. In transitional housing, survivors typically focus on gaining financial stability so that they can obtain permanent housing. On-going supportive services at these programs address the many underlying issues related to experiencing abuse, such as post traumatic stress disorder, depression and chronic illness. Program advocates provide intensive support around securing employment, achieving financial stability, resolving legal issues and identifying and achieving other goals for long-term stability.

Families in transitional housing programs usually have their own apartments and stay for typically one to two years, depending on the program. The following is a list of transitional housing options specifically for DV survivors in DC.



# TRANSITIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOUSING

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### HOUSE OF RUTH - FREEDOM PLACE

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

**PHONE:** 202.667.7001 ext. 232

**FAX:** 202.575.0561

**WEB:** [www.houseofruth.org](http://www.houseofruth.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children. Male children must be 17 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Confidential transitional housing for 2 years (apartment style); counseling; and support groups.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals accepted from the following: House of Ruth's Herspace Emergency Shelter, House of Ruth's Domestic Violence Support Center (202.667.7001 ext. 200), outside agencies and self referrals. One interview is conducted (often at the referring agency location) and if it is determined that the woman is an appropriate candidate for the program, a second interview is scheduled at Freedom Place.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DV survivor within the last 5 years; must be willing to abide by program rules, which include: abiding by curfew, remaining drug and alcohol free, participating in counseling

and weekly group meetings, and maintaining the confidentiality of the location. Must have TB test documentation within 2 weeks of move in; must be willing to participate in mandatory savings plan.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

### HOUSE OF RUTH - THREE SISTERS

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

**PHONE:** 202.667.7001 ext. 220

**FAX:** 202.561.2163

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women

**SERVICES:** Confidential transitional housing for 2 years; counseling; and support groups.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals accepted from outpatient programs and case managers and should be directed to the Program Coordinator.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be in recovery from substance abuse and a DV survivor; must have 30 days clean time and willing abide by program rules, including mandatory groups and curfew.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

### MY SISTER'S PLACE – RISE

PO Box 29596, Washington, DC 20017

**HOTLINE:** 202.529.5991

**PHONE:** 202.540.1053

**FAX:** 1.855.254.6827

**WEBSITE:** [www.mysistersplacedc.org](http://www.mysistersplacedc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** single women, women with children, 18 years old or older

**SERVICES:** Transitional to permanent housing (scattered- site) for 12 months with possibility of extension for another 12 months. Home based case management; financial literacy training; self-sufficiency planning; employment counseling; and provides a gradually declining rental subsidy for the duration of the participants' time in the program.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Complete an application which is available on the My Sister's Place website, with your case manager, or the DASH Housing Resource Center. Once the application is complete an interview will be scheduled to determine if RISE is a good fit for the applicant. If this is the case, a unit will be identified that suits the family size, composition, and affordability.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be employed full time or part time while actively pursuing an educational or vocational program.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

## **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (NOT SPECIFICALLY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS):**

If you are a survivor who is homeless as a result of domestic violence (DV), you may want to consider transitional housing programs that can provide a safe place to go when there are no other options or available space in DV housing programs. These programs are typically not in confidential locations, and the application process varies from DV transitional housing programs. For single women, programs may require you obtain a referral from an advocate at one of the emergency housing programs listed in the previous section of this guide, or from a nonresidential program. For women with children, many of the programs require applicants to have a “declaration of homelessness” letter. This letter can be provided by:

- a domestic violence advocate;
- an outreach worker;
- a soup kitchen employee; or
- a caseworker at the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (FRC).

The FRC is the central intake office for all homeless families requesting housing and assistance in DC through the Department of Human Services. You will notice in this section that many of the transitional housing programs for women and their children require that you obtain a direct referral from the FRC, which is located at this new location:

**33 N Street, NE**  
**Washington, DC 20002**  
**Phone: 202.526.0017**

It is advised that you bring: a letter verifying that you’re homeless, a picture ID, birth certificate and social security cards for all family members, documentation of income, and eviction notice if available.

If you are staying in a hotel through the assistance of the Crime Victims Compensation Program (see page 4) and you have dependent children, it is highly recommended that you visit the FRC within the first week of your stay. This is because, depending on available space and individual program admission guidelines, it can take several months until a family is admitted into a transitional housing program. Given that the hotel stay is approximately 28 days, it is advised that you start the process of looking for transitional or permanent housing as soon as possible.



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### CAMILLE'S PLACE

1236 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE,  
Washington, DC 20003

**PHONE:** 202.548.2400

**FAX:** 202.543.5092

**WEB:** [www.ourplacedc.org](http://www.ourplacedc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women, HIV positive.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 months (group house setting); assistance with obtaining long-term transitional housing or placement in a treatment program; addictions counseling; transportation assistance; support groups; case management; individual counseling; medical referrals; and aftercare referrals.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women must make contact with the case manager at Camille's Place before their release from prison/jail or very soon after their release. Intake interviews can take place over the phone and admission is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a formerly incarcerated woman who is homeless upon release from prison or jail. Three months clean time required.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

### CALVARY WOMEN'S SERVICES - PATHWAYS

317 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.678.2341

**FAX:** 202.216.0146

**WEB:** [www.calvaryservices.org](http://www.calvaryservices.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing program for 2 years; case management; assistance securing public benefits; and job training.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals must be made by a case manager at an emergency shelter and a psychosocial assessment is required.

An interview is conducted with a case manager before admission is granted.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must have been homeless for at least a year and currently be in an emergency shelter program or transitional program for 3 to 6 months. Must be willing to work with a case manager and abide by program rules.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES - TENANTS EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

4275 4th Street SE, Washington, DC 20032

**PHONE:** 202.373.0112

**FAX:** 202.373.0167

**WEB:** [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Scattered site housing for 2 years (38 apartments); case management; addictions counseling; financial planning; referrals for job training; job search; and continuing education.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals can be made by an agency or a shelter. Individual appointments are scheduled to complete intake. The intake process can take approximately 1 to 3 months.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless and have custody of a child; must have documented 6 months clean time; must be 21 years old; no felonies within the last 5 years; no evictions within the last 5 years; couples must be married; and must be willing to attend 3 groups a week, abide by program rules and contribute time and skills to the community. Must have case manager.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Varies from site to site.

### CHRIST HOUSE

1717 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, DC 20009

**PHONE:** 202.328.1100

**FAX:** 202.232.4972

**WEB:** [www.christhouse.org](http://www.christhouse.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; single men.

**SERVICES:** Acute inpatient medical care (housing included: average length of stay is 35 days); full-time medical staff and social workers; case management services as well as a 12-week recovery program; and transportation and escorts to hospitals and medical appointments.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Hospital and agency referrals only. Will accept direct referrals.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be homeless with acute illness, ambulatory and have a referral from a medical professional.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Spanish speaking staff available.

### COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC 20005

**PHONE:** 202.347.8870

**FAX:** 202.347.7297

**WEB:** [www.dccfh.org](http://www.dccfh.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single men; women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing; substance abuse counseling; and employment training.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Must be referred through the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center. If there are vacancies, women with children will be referred to either the Valley Place Apartments in SE or the Spring Road Shelter in NW.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless and a DC resident.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

### COMMUNITY FAMILY LIFE SERVICES

305 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.347.0511 ext. 308

**FAX:** 202.347.0520

**WEB:** [www.cflsdc.org](http://www.cflsdc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; single men; families.

**SERVICES:** Permanent housing for single individuals (single room occupancy (SR O's) units) and transitional housing for 2 years; case management; employment counseling; budgeting and money management; substance abuse counseling; health and wellness counseling; and referrals to therapeutic counseling.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** A case manager or an applicant can call to request an application. No walk-ins. Families must first register with the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center. Intake can be conducted over the phone.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DC resident, 18 years or older and have an income below \$19,000 or homeless (or in imminent danger of homelessness). Must have 6 months documented clean time if there is a history of substance use.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

### COMMUNITY OF HOPE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

1413 Girard Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

**PHONE:** 202.232.7356

**FAX:** 202.232.1014 / 563.1064

**WEB:** [www.communityofhopedc.org](http://www.communityofhopedc.org)



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing (apartment style for 20 families); case management services; substance abuse counseling; children's activities; tutoring; employment specialist.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals received solely from Virginia Williams Family Resource Center. Once a referral is made, admission is granted.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be willing to abide by program rules and meet with a case manager.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## COURTNEY'S HOUSE

PO BOX 48626, Washington, DC 20022

**HOTLINE:** 1.888.261.3665

**PHONE:** 202.525.1426

**WEB:** [www.courtneyshouse.org](http://www.courtneyshouse.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** sexually exploited girls ages 11-17

**SERVICES:** Long term supportive housing; counseling;

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Girls must be referred by an agency, government official, law enforcement officer or lawyer; an intake worker will interview the applicant either in person or on the phone; the interview will consist of a trafficking, drug, needs, psychology assessment; notification of acceptance into program takes 2-3 days

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be U.S. citizen; must attend counseling sessions and house meetings as required.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Spanish speaking staff available.

## COVENANT HOUSE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

2001 Mississippi Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20020

**HOTLINE:** 1.800.999.9999

**PHONE:** 202.610.9690

**FAX:** 202.610.3089

**WEB:** [www.covenanthousedc.org](http://www.covenanthousedc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Young adults; young women with infant/toddlers.

**SERVICES:** Emergency housing for 90-days; transitional housing for 18 months; street outreach; health care referrals; job referrals, academic support; vocational training; recreation; and aftercare.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Youth in need of crisis shelter should call the hotline or go to the community service center at the above

address. For transitional housing, youth should contact agency and make an appointment with a service manager. An application must be filled out with the service manager, and youth must be in school and/or have the ability to obtain employment and work on service plan.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless, between the ages of 18 and 24.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## DIANE'S HOUSE MINISTRIES

2619-23 Bladensburg Road NE, Washington, DC 20018

**PHONE:** 202.635.9440

**FAX:** 301.386.4203

**WEB:** [www.dianeshouse.org](http://www.dianeshouse.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single Women

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for up to 2 years; counseling; educational and vocational activities

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Must have a letter of referral from a case worker or other agency; must call main office for intake

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Women must be homeless who are: veterans, recovering addicts, victims of domestic violence, or ex-offenders; must have TB test results from within the last year; must have income and proof of income; must be clean for 90 days if there is history of substance abuse

## FAMILIES FORWARD, INC. -STABLE FAMILIES

422 C Street, NE, Suite B Washington, DC 20003

**PHONE:** 202.639.9760

**FAX:** 202.639.9763

**WEB:** [www.familiesforward.org](http://www.familiesforward.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years (apartment style, scattered site); case management services; job training and job placement; exit assistance (from the family shelter to the Stable Families program) and referrals are provided for furniture vouchers and security deposits.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals are accepted from family shelters, including DV shelters. If there is a vacancy, the referred family will be interviewed. If it is determined that the applicant is appropriate for the program, an apartment is identified. The family can typically inspect 1 to 2 units before making a selection.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DC resident with an income that is less than the 50% median income and have custody of at least one child; must be able to function independently; must be willing to meet with case manager (at least once a month); and

must pay 30% of income towards bills in a timely manner.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

## GOOD HOPE HOUSE

1715 V Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020

**PHONE:** 202.678.4084 or 301.490.9906

**FAX:** 202.678.4080

**WEB:** [www.bethanyinc.org](http://www.bethanyinc.org)

**POPULATION:** Women with children.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years (7 2-bedroom units); referrals to mental health programs; case management; and assistance with housing and employment.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Advocate should call on behalf of client, although a woman can call on her own behalf. Once all necessary documentation is faxed or emailed to the Program Director, the woman must meet with the Program Director and Executive Director for an interview. The Board of Directors makes the final admission decision. The process can take a week if all documentation is in order.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must have 3 months of documented clean time; must show proof of homelessness either through a referral from the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center, a referral from an emergency shelter or an eviction notice. Must be willing to comply with program rules, including: abiding by curfew, doing household chores, conducting weekly housing and job searches, and attending 16 NA/AA meetings a month. If a participant has a job, the amount of required NA/AA meetings can be adjusted.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## HOPE AND A HOME

1439 R Street, NW Washington, DC 20009

**PHONE:** 202.387.7091

**FAX:** 202.387.7097

**WEB:** [www.hopeandahome.org](http://www.hopeandahome.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Families with incomes at 30 percent or below of the area median income

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for up to three years; goal-setting meetings; personal savings program; training in financial literacy; peer group support in monthly family workshops

## HOUSE OF RUTH - NEW BEGININGS

306 S Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

**PHONE:** 202.667.7001 ext. 204

**FAX:** 202.529.0682

**WEB:** [www.houseofruth.org](http://www.houseofruth.org)



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years; case management services.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women must be assessed by House of Ruth's Madison Emergency Shelter intake staff prior to receiving services. All referrals accepted from House of Ruth's Madison Emergency Shelter.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be in recovery.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

**NOTES:** Dually diagnosed women accepted.

## HOUSE OF RUTH - REUNIFIED FAMILIES

2425 Naylor Road, SE, Washington, DC 20002

**PHONE:** 202.667.7001 ext. 236

**FAX:** 202.584.2910

**WEB:** [www.houseofruth.org](http://www.houseofruth.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years; case management; support groups; and individual therapy.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals accepted from a case manager or agency, which should be directed to the Program Coordinator, who will schedule an interview with the woman.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a woman in recovery with three months clean time; must have custody of 1 to 2 children or within 2 to 3 weeks of gaining custody.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

## HOUSE OF RUTH - UNITY INN

45 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.667.7001 ext. 210

**FAX:** 202.408.9621

**WEB:** [www.houseofruth.org](http://www.houseofruth.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years; case management and referral services.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicant must be referred by House of Ruth's Madison Emergency Shelter.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be homeless; must be willing to participate in mandatory savings program once employed.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

## LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER- EXTENDED HOUSING PROGRAM

1419 Columbia Rd, NW, Washington, DC 20009

**PHONE:** 202.319.2624

**FAX:** 202.462.5696

**WEB:** [www.layc-dc.org](http://www.layc-dc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** runaway and homeless male and female youth 18-24

**SERVICES:** housing placement for up to 6 months in supervised apartments; comprehensive case management services; individual counseling, life skills training; food/clothing assistance; career/vocational counseling; transportation assistance; referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment services; access to other LAYC programs.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants must meet with housing staff for a series of interviews; applicants must complete a probationary process in the program before full admission is granted.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** must be homeless, drug and alcohol free or participating in a substance abuse treatment program; applicants must not present as a danger to self or others and must be able to comply with rules and regulations of the program; applicants must be willing to work at least part-time

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Spanish speaking staff.

## LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER- HOPE'S HOUSE

3045 15<sup>TH</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

**PHONE:** 202.667.5883

**FAX:** 202.462.5696

**WEB:** [www.layc-dc.org](http://www.layc-dc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women between the ages of 18-24 with one child under age 5.

**SERVICES:** Independent housing; case management; parent education; career counseling; therapeutic counseling.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicant must undergo three interviews with staff members. If recommended for the program they will be asked to fill out an information packet. Applicants can self-refer but recommendations from other organizations are preferred.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be between the ages of 18-24 and drug free.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Staff is bi-lingual. Highly functioning dually diagnosed applicants considered.

## MUSLIMAT AL-NISSA SHELTER HOUSING PROJECT

5115 Liberty Heights Ave. Baltimore, MD 21207

**PHONE:** 410.466.8686

**WEB:** [www.mnisaa.org](http://www.mnisaa.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Muslim women and their children

**SERVICES:** fully furnished house containing 6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 kitchens and 2 dining rooms, and 2 living rooms; providing shelter to women who desire a return to or the achieving of self-sufficiency; learning center for in-house occupational and proficiency education, a computer room, a physical fitness area, laundry facilities, a food bank, and an on-site office.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Before admission into the facility, the potential resident must provide references. Once references are checked, approval from at least two committee members must be obtained before the resident can move in. Victims of Domestic Violence are exceptions to this rule and are moved in expeditiously.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be Muslim and either homeless or survivors of domestic violence

## MICAH HOUSE

2829 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007

**PHONE:** 202.342.9175

**FAX:** 202.342.9179

**WEB:** [www.micahhouse.org](http://www.micahhouse.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing (4 bedroom home) for typically 2 years (congregate living/dorm style set-up); case management; and social service referrals for women living in the house at any given time.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants should call case manager, Cynthia Morris (240.274.3785) to begin the application process. References and interview are required.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless and recovering from drugs and alcohol; must have a year of clean time; must work; and participate in AA/NA.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

**NOTES:** Highly functioning dually diagnosed applicants considered.

## N STREET VILLAGE-LUTHER PLACE

1333 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

**PHONE:** 202.939.2060

**FAX:** 202.319.1508



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

WEB: [www.nstreetvillage.org](http://www.nstreetvillage.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing; case management; budgeting assistance; mandatory savings program; and dinner is provided. The length of stay is dependent upon how actively each person participates in achieving their own goals.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women must sign up at N St Village on Monday or Thursday at 9 AM; interviews are conducted on a first come first served basis; women must obtain a TB test and must participate in the Bethany Women's Center day program while completing the application process.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a homeless single woman and have participated in Luther Place NA or AA groups prior to intake if there is a history of substance abuse.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## NEW ENDEAVORS BY WOMEN- NEW TRANSITIONS

611 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

PHONE: 202.682.5825

FAX: 202.371.5653

WEB: [www.newendeavorsbywomen.org](http://www.newendeavorsbywomen.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years (congregate living/dorm style set-up); case management; independent living skills training; weekly support groups and workshops; employment training; case management services; and substance abuse counseling.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals must come from a core agency. First a phone screening with the referring agency takes place. Then an interview with the candidate is conducted and admission is determined. A psychosocial evaluation is required. Required documentation is needed before an interview with the candidate is conducted.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be drug and alcohol free for 30 days and capable of living independently; must be willing to abide by program rules (including cellular phone rules) and meet with case manager.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

**NOTES:** Participants are encouraged to save 50% to 75% of their income, which is returned to them upon program completion.

## NEW ENDEAVORS BY WOMEN - NEW GENERATIONS

3749 First Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20032

PHONE: 202.561.7625

FAX: 202.561.7627

WEB: [www.newendeavorsbywomen.org](http://www.newendeavorsbywomen.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Families

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years; case management; independent living skills training; weekly support groups and workshops; employment training; case management services; and substance abuse counseling. An emphasis is placed on teaching parenting skills and counseling parent and child/children surrounding the issues that arise as a result of separation.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals must come through agencies or from a person who has strong knowledge of the candidate. First a phone screening with the referring agency takes place. If there is space and the woman sounds appropriate for the program, an interview is conducted. A psychosocial evaluation is required. The admission process takes approximately one week, depending on how long it takes for the woman to gather the required documentation.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless and have been separated from their children. Proof of separation from children is required. If there is a substance abuse history, the participant must provide 3 to 6 months of documented sobriety before applying for their program. Must be willing to abide by program rules and meet with case manager.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** If receiving income or employment, participant must pay 30% of their income toward their rent.

## THE NORTHWEST CENTER- MATERNITY HOME

2702 Ontario Road, NW Washington, DC 20009

PHONE: 202.483.2857

FAX: 202.332.3459

WEB: [www.northwestcenter.net](http://www.northwestcenter.net)

POPULATION SERVED: Young pregnant women ages 18-30

**SERVICES:** Parenting skills; household management skills; education and/or job skills opportunities; effective interpersonal communication skills

**ADMISSION PROCESS:**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must adhere to program rules; must be homeless or at risk of being homeless due to pregnancy

## NORTHWEST CHURCH FAMILY NETWORK

216 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

PHONE: 202.347.5660

FAX: 202.347.5662

WEB: [www.ncfndc.org](http://www.ncfndc.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women; women with children; single men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years with the option for additional years (apartment style, scattered site); service referrals; addiction counseling; employment training; parenting support; health and nutrition counseling; and financial management as the need is determined by the participant and Program Manager.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referral must come from case managers at emergency shelters, who should call for an application. If units are available, the applicant may be invited to 2 interviews to determine whether he or she is appropriate for the program.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must have sufficient income to pay for minimal rent or the ability to become employed within 6 months of tenancy (income may be from a variety of sources including subsidies); must have a minimum of 9 months of sobriety with a verifiable recovery program and a support system in place, including a sponsor home fellowship group; must be able to meet the cost of basic living expenses. The following documentation is necessary prior to signing a lease: birth certificates and social security cards for all family members, police clearance for adult members of the family, verification of income and substance abuse treatment and mental health assessment (if previously diagnosed).

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

## ST. ANNE'S INFANT AND MATERNITY HOME- TEEN MOTHER-BABY HOME

4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782

PHONE: 301.559.5500

FAX: 301.853.6985

WEB: [www.stanns.org](http://www.stanns.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Pregnant adolescents, young mothers, and their babies

**SERVICES:** An accredited high school; medical care; parenting classes; life skills training; day care; counseling; social and cultural activities

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Must have a social worker submit a referral

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be 18 and under, pregnant, and a ward of the state

## ST. ANNE'S INFANT AND MATERNITY HOME- FAITH HOUSE

4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782

PHONE: 301.559.5500

FAX: 301.853.6985

WEB: [www.stanns.org](http://www.stanns.org)



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**POPULATION SERVED:** Young mothers (18-25) and their children

**SERVICES:** Job placement; day care; parenting classes

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Must have a social worker submit a referral

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent; must have a full time job; may not be currently pregnant; must only have one child

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION - PARTNER ARMS I

935 Kennedy Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011

**PHONE:** 202.829.5614

**FAX:** 202.829.5616

**WEB:** [www.thcdc.org](http://www.thcdc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years (apartment-style); life skills training; parenting skills training; career and employment counseling; adult and child counseling; counseling for substance abuse and emotional challenges.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants should be referred through Virginia Williams Family Resource Center. A psychosocial evaluation is required.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Families must have children under 18 with a history of homelessness. Must be willing to comply with program rules and regulations, including participating in a structured program (mandatory groups and meeting), paying rent on time, and complying with drug and alcohol testing.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Participant must pay 30% of their income towards rent.

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION - PARTNER ARMS II

4506 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20011

**PHONE:** 202.722.6305

**FAX:** 202.722.6307

**WEB:** [www.thcdc.org](http://www.thcdc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years (apartment-style); life skills training; parenting skills training; career and employment counseling; adult and child counseling; counseling for substance abuse and emotional challenges.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants should be referred through Virginia Williams Family

Resource Center. A psychosocial evaluation is also required.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Families with children under 18 with a history of homelessness. Must be willing to comply with program rules and regulations, including: participating in a structured program (mandatory groups and meeting), paying rent on time, and complying with drug and alcohol testing.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Participant must pay 30% of their income towards rent.

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION - PARTNER ARMS III

3442 37<sup>th</sup> St, SE, Washington, DC 20019

**PHONE:** 202.291.5535

**FAX:** 202.291.0192

**WEB:** [www.thcdc.org](http://www.thcdc.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** homeless families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing up to 2 years, substance abuse counseling, parenting classes, healthy habits, family and individual counseling.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants should be referred through Virginia Williams Family Resource Center or a housing or shelter program.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Families with children under 18 with a history of homelessness. Must be willing to comply with program rules and regulations, including: participating in a structured program (mandatory groups and meeting), paying rent on time and complying with drug and alcohol testing.

## QUEEN OF PEACE, MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

3310 Wheeler Road, SE, Washington, DC 20032

**PHONE:** 202.562.6890

**POPULATION SERVED:** Pregnant women and their children under 3 years old.

**SERVICES:** Housing for pregnant women until 6 weeks post-delivery; soup kitchen.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals from social service agencies preferred, but women can call directly.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Minors must have a parental or guardian permission form filled out and a doctor's statement showing verification of pregnancy.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

## SALVATION ARMY TURNING POINT CENTER

1246 Taylor Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011

**PHONE:** 202.250.7720 ext.121

**FAX:** 202.667.8696

**WEB:** [www.uss.salvationarmy.org](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years (apartment style); intensive case management; job preparation; life skills training and housing counseling.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Information sessions are held 2 to 3 times a year for all interested applicants. An application is given to those who attend the information session, which must be fully completed and returned to the program in 10 business days. If the applicant appears to be an appropriate fit for the program, an interview will be scheduled before a final decision is made. A psychosocial evaluation is required.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless or in a vulnerable situation; must have 6 months of documented clean time; must be between the ages of 16 and 30, with no more than 4 children; must be willing to comply with curfew.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## SASHA BRUCE HOUSE

1022 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002

**HOTLINE:** 202.547.7777

**PHONE:** 202.549.4900

**FAX:** 202.546.3269

**WEB:** [www.sashabruce.org](http://www.sashabruce.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single teenagers, 11 to 17; young women with children.

**SERVICES:** Sasha Bruce House provides short term shelter for youth ages 11 – 17; Transitional housing program provides housing (apartment-style) for older youth ages 18 to 24 exiting emergency shelters; independent living program for youth ages 16 to 18; Reach program is emergency housing for youth 13 to 18 for up to 2 weeks if referred by self, up to 30 days if referred by CFSA or other child protective agency. Olaiya's Cradle Program is a transitional housing program for homeless teenage mothers between ages of 18 and 21 with no more than 2 children. The Transitional Living Program is an apartment style living arrangement for single women ages 18 to 21. Social services; individual and family counseling; job assistance; tutoring; clothing; and transportation assistance provided at all housing programs.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Self referrals and referrals from other agencies. If a youth is making a self-referral, Sasha Bruce is required to call an adult if they are under 18. For transitional housing, there is a series of 3 interviews with an intake counselor who will assess employment and school plans. It is not

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required that youth be working or in school, but youth must be willing to start. All referrals to transitional housing must be from DC General Family shelter.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a runaway and homeless teenager between the ages of 11 and 24; must have proof of homelessness.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

## SAMARITAN INNS

Lazarus House, 2523 14th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
**PHONE:** 202.667.8831

Tabatha House, 5620 Colorado Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
**PHONE:** 202.483.3076

Elisha House, 1316 Euclid Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
**PHONE:** 202.832.1662

**WEB:** [www.samaritaninns.org](http://www.samaritaninns.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; single men.

**SERVICES:** Single room occupancy units (SROs) for individuals in recovery. Participants transition through a 6 month disciplined program where they receive education and counseling, attend daily NA/AA meetings and learn job retention and life skills. Participants who complete the initial 6 month program can move on to the independent living program where they continue to receive case management support.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants should call the office for detailed intake information.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must have 6 months of documented clean time, be employed and demonstrate the ability to pay \$50 per week in rent.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

**NOTES:** Faith-based organization.

## SINAI HOUSE

3100 Military Road, NW, Washington, DC  
20015

**PHONE:** 202.986.4701

**FAX:** 202.521.1364

**WEB:** [www.sinaihouse.org](http://www.sinaihouse.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children. Children must be 12 years old or under.

**SERVICES:** Drug free transitional housing for 2 years (4 2-bedroom apartments in a large

brownstone); case management; support groups; parenting classes; financial literacy classes; budgeting classes; and in-house therapist twice a week.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Women must be referred by a case worker or a referring agency. An interview is scheduled between the woman and the Program Director. If it is determined that the woman is a good candidate for the program, a second interview is scheduled with the Program Director and Board Director. A full psychosocial evaluation is required.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be homeless and if a DV survivor, case must be resolved. Must be employed. Must demonstrate clean time.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

**NOTES:** Faith-based program.

## SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT (SOME)- HARVE ST HOUSE

1307 1st Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

**PHONE:** 202.292.4403

**FAX:** 202.328.7644

**WEB:** [www.some.org/p\\_tra\\_post.html](http://www.some.org/p_tra_post.html)

**POPULATION:** Single women.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 4 months; relapse prevention; employment training; and job search assistance.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Applicants must be referred by a case manager from an agency and/or drug program. Women must provide: proof of 30 days clean-time or that they are coming out of a drug program; verification of homelessness; valid identification such as a social security card and/or birth certificate; a

police clearance; TB test; and discharge summary from the referring program including an AXIS I diagnosis from a social worker, RN, psychologist, or psychiatrist.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be in recovery and willing to participate in AA/NA and comply with other program requirements.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT (SOME) - THEA BOWMAN HOUSING PROGRAM

4065 Minnesota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC  
20019

**PHONE:** 202.292.4485

**FAX:** 202.399.1528

**WEB:** [www.some.org](http://www.some.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Women with children; men with children; 2-parent families.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 2 years (apartment style); case management; budgeting skills training; and support with goal planning.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Self referral preferred; a telephone interview is required. If the preliminary interview is successful, the following documents are required: police clearance, photo ID, social security cards and birth certificates for all family members, registration slip from DCHA (housing), family immunization records and health insurance information, 6 months documented clean-time, and verification of income. Once these documents are received, a face to face interview is scheduled.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be drug and alcohol free; must have the ability to live independently.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** No.

## WOODLEY HOUSE

1408 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington,  
DC 20002

**PHONE:** 202.290.1375

**FAX:** 202.629.1519

**WEB:** [www.woodleyhouse.org](http://www.woodleyhouse.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Single women; single men.

**SERVICES:** Transitional housing for 6 months to 1 year (11 scattered sites); case management services; day program; skills training; meals; laundry services; and \$100 for toiletries/personal items.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** Referrals come from the Department of Mental Health, courts and core service agencies. Anyone making a referral should call to obtain the "program referral sheet" which explains the process and the various documentation needed, including a LOCUS score of 22 or less and list of all current medications. All necessary documentation is required before an interview is conducted with the applicant.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be a DC resident; must have a mental illness diagnosis and be connected to a core service mental health agency.

**NOTES:** The program will provide transportation if public transportation is not feasible. There is a fee of \$1022 dollars for all CRF community residential clients.



# PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

## **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:**

The Corporation for Supportive Housing ([www.csh.org](http://www.csh.org)) defines permanent supportive housing as a program where residents may have a lease and pay rent. The tenant typically pays no more than 30% of her household income towards rent and utilities and nonprofit organizations or governmental agencies provide the supportive services (case management and counseling) needed to assist tenants to achieve and sustain housing stability.

The following section lists select permanent supportive housing options for women in DC.



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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### BUILDING FUTURES- MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

P.O. Box 3451, Washington DC 20010

PHONE: 202.639.0361

FAX: 202.639.0276

WEB: [www.buildingfutures.org](http://www.buildingfutures.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Homeless, low income families living with HIV/AIDS

SERVICES: Affordable housing with accommodations for those living with HIV/AIDS

ADMISSION PROCESS: Download application from website and submit it by mailing or handing it in

ELIGIBILITY REQUIRMENTS: Must be homeless or precariously housed families that are living with HIV/AIDS

### CALVARY WOMEN 'S SHELTER, INC. - SISTER CIRCLE

928 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

PHONE: 202.678.2341

FAX: 202.216.0301

WEB: [www.calvaryservices.org](http://www.calvaryservices.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women.

SERVICES: Permanent housing for 11 women; life skills classes, case management; mental health services provided by a psychiatrist and licensed therapist; addiction recovery services, including on-site support meetings; employment assistance, dinner program and referrals for services including: medical services; legal services; GE D programs; job training; and employment programs.

ADMISSION PROCESS: Call for detailed information.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must be in recovery.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: Yes.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES - MOUNT CARMEL HOUSE OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

471 G Place, NW, Washington, DC 20010

PHONE: 202.289.6315

FAX: 202.289.1710

WEB: [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women.

SERVICES: Permanent supportive housing for up to 21 women; substance abuse counseling group once a week; savings program; support groups; life skills; case management.

ADMISSION PROCESS: Case manager must call and refer client and submit a psychosocial evaluation.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must be 25 years or older and be a DC resident; must be sober for at least 6 months; and must be mentally stable.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: Yes.

### HOUSE OF RUTH - HOPE RISING

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: 202.667.7001 ext. 255

FAX: 202.678.4020

WEB: [www.houseofruth.org](http://www.houseofruth.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Women with children.

Male children must be 17 years old or under.

SERVICES: Confidential long term/permanent housing; counseling; and support groups.

ADMISSION PROCESS: Typically women are referred by House of Ruth's Herspace emergency shelter to Hope Rising.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must be a DV survivor and willing to abide by program rules, which include: abiding by curfew, participating in counseling and support groups and remaining drug and alcohol free. Participants should be willing to comply with psychiatric treatment if needed.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: No.

### HOUSE OF RUTH - NEW PATHWAYS

700 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC

PHONE: 202.667.7001 ext. 207

FAX: 202.544.0340

WEB: [www.houseofruth.org](http://www.houseofruth.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women.

SERVICES: Permanent supportive housing.

ADMISSION PROCESS: Must be referred by House of Ruth's Madison Emergency Shelter.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Women must be living with a mental illness.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: No.

### MIRIAM'S HOUSE

PO Box 73618, Washington, DC 20056

PHONE: 202.667.1758 ext.109

FAX: 202.635.9025

WEB: [www.miriamshouse.org](http://www.miriamshouse.org)

POPULATION: Single women; women with children between the ages of 5 and 12.

SERVICES: Permanent residence (17 single residence occupancy (SRO's) units); comprehensive in-house social services offered by addictions counselors; personal care aides; advocates; and case managers on staff; group counseling 4 days a week; 2 nurses that assist with medical care.

ADMISSION PROCESS: Women must be referred by a case manager or social worker; All referrals are done through Bethany Women's Center; no self-referrals; women from prison accepted.

Application process takes about a month. Case manager should call Bethany's to refer women and to receive an application to fax to Miriam's House. Staff at Bethany's will set up a first interview, and if the woman will be asked to sign an agreement and decide on a move-in date.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must be a homeless woman with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS; must have 6 months documented clean time; must be a DC resident.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: Yes.

NOTES: If there is a waiting list and space becomes available, the most complete application will be given priority.

### PATHWAYS TO HOUSING

101 Q Street NE, Suite G, Washington, DC 20002

PHONE: 202.529.2972

FAX: 202.529.2976

WEB: [www.pathwaystohousing.org](http://www.pathwaystohousing.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women; single men.

SERVICES: Permanent housing (apartment style scattered site); social services; money management, cleaning, and cooking classes.

ADMISSION PROCESS: Applicants should call to speak to the clinical director for additional information. In general, applicants should be referred through a case manager at Department of Mental Health or core service agency such as Community Connections or Green Door.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must have a chronic mental illness and be chronically homeless as defined by HUD.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: Yes.



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## RACHEL'S WOMEN'S CENTER - PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

1492 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20020

PHONE: 202.399.5501

FAX: 202.682.8648

WEB: [www.rachael.org](http://www.rachael.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women.

SERVICES: Permanent housing in an independent living environment; case management.

ADMISSION PROCESS: An application can be obtained by calling Rachel's Women's Day Center at 202.682.1005. If the woman is eligible, an interview with the Permanent Housing Case Manager is scheduled to review the application with the prospective tenant. Qualified applicants will then have a second interview with the Permanent Housing Case Manager, Program Director, and Executive Director. During the second interview the applicant has the opportunity to ask questions and the applicant will be asked to elaborate on the information she provided in her application. This process typically takes 2 to 3 weeks depending on submission of required documents and paperwork from the applicant.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must have a documented disability (physical, mental, substance abuse or any combination of the three); must have a stable income (IDA is not accepted); must have documentation of a year of sobriety; must be compliant with mental health treatment; and the ability to administer her own medication.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: No.

## NEW ENDEAVORS BY WOMEN-NEW HORIZONS

3749 1<sup>ST</sup> St, SE, Washington DC 20032

PHONE: 202.561.1010

WEB: [www.newendeavorsbywomen.org](http://www.newendeavorsbywomen.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women

SERVICES: Permanent housing; case management; access to educational and employment specialist; support groups

ADMISSION PROCESS: Must be referred by an outside social service agency, a telephone screening will be conducted with the referring agency as well as a face-to-face interview with perspective resident(s).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIRMENTS: Homeless adult women must have one or a combination of the following: a history of substance addiction, domestic violence, minor mental health diagnosis, and/or diagnosis of HIV/AIDS.

## NEW ENDEAVORS BY WOMEN-NEW HOPE

3723 2<sup>ND</sup> Street SE, Washington, DC 20032

PHONE: 202.561.0606

WEB: [www.newendeavorsbywomen.org](http://www.newendeavorsbywomen.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single adult women; HIV positive

SERVICES: Long term housing to meet needs of women living with HIV/AIDS

ADMISSION PROCESS: Must be referred by an outside social service agency, a telephone screening will be conducted with the referring agency as well as a face-to-face interview with perspective resident(s).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Homeless single adult women living with HIV/AIDS

## NEW ENDEAVORS BY WOMEN-SHELTER PLUS CARE (S+C)

611 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

PHONE: 202.682.5825

WEB: [www.newendeavorsbywomen.org](http://www.newendeavorsbywomen.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Homeless women and/or families

SERVICES: Private subsidized apartments; supportive services to women and their children; case management

ADMISSION PROCESS: Must be referred by The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) and a face-to-face interview will be conducted with perspective resident(s) and New Endeavors by Women S+C Case Manager.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Homeless adult women must have history of substance addiction and must be sober for a minimum of 3 months; may possess minor mental health diagnosis (medication compliant) and/or minor medical disabilities.

## SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT (SOME) - ANNA COOPER HOUSE

1338 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

PHONE: 202.328.6644

FAX: 202.667.5475

WEB: [www.some.org](http://www.some.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single women; single men.

SERVICES: Long-term housing (50 single room occupancy (SROs) units).

ADMISSION PROCESS: Self referrals are accepted. Applicants should call and speak with the Service Coordinator to set up a telephone interview. After a brief telephone interview an in-person interview is conducted. If applicants meet the eligibility requirements and all

necessary documentation is provided, they will be added to the wait list until space becomes available. On the day of move-in, they must complete a drug test.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must be drug and alcohol free and have: proof of income, birth certificate, social security card, TB test results, photo ID, and police background check. Must be able to live independently and have a receipt of submission of Section 8 application. If applicants are in recovery, they must have proof of 6 months clean-time.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: No.

## SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT (SOME) - JEREMIAH HOUSE

2 18th Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

PHONE: 202.292.4401

FAX: 202.546.9560

WEB: [www.some.org](http://www.some.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single men; single women.

SERVICES: Long-term housing (94 SRO's).

ADMISSION PROCESS: Self referrals are accepted. Applicants should call and speak with the Service Coordinator to set up a telephone interview. After a brief telephone interview an in-person interview is conducted. If applicants meet the eligibility requirements and all necessary documentation is provided, they will be added to the wait list until space becomes available.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must be drug and alcohol free and have: proof of income, birth certificate, social security card, TB test results, photo ID, and police background check. Must be able to live independently and have a receipt of submission of Section 8 application. If applicants are in recovery, they must have proof of 6 months clean-time.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE: No.

## SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT (SOME) - SHALOM HOUSE

1876 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

PHONE: 202.832.3451

FAX: 202.832.3454

WEB: [www.some.org](http://www.some.org)

POPULATION SERVED: Single men; single women.

SERVICES: Long-term housing (94 SRO).

ADMISSION PROCESS: Self referrals are accepted. A telephone interview is required to determine eligibility. Once preliminary interview is passed, and all documents are received, a face to face interview is scheduled, followed by a staffing board interview to determine eligibility. If applicant is



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deemed eligible, they are placed on waiting list.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must be drug and alcohol free; must have a proof of income, birth certificate, social security card, TB test results, and photo ID. Must be able to live independently and have a receipt of submission of Section 8 application. If applicants are in recovery, they must have proof of 6 months clean-time.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### NORTHWEST PREGNANCY CENTER

2702 Ontario Road, Washington, DC 20009

**PHONE:** 202.483.7008

**FAX:** 202.332.3459

**WEB:** [www.northwestcenter.net](http://www.northwestcenter.net)

**POPULATION SERVED:** pregnant women

**SERVICES:** free pregnancy testing; options counseling; health education; material assistance. Referrals to prenatal care, medical care, adoption, domestic violence, legal services, housing, educational opportunities, job training

### BREAD FOR THE CITY

Northwest center  
1525 7<sup>th</sup> street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Southeast center  
1640 Good Hope road SE, Washington, DC 20020

**PHONE:** 202.265.2400

202.561.8587

**WEB:** [www.breadforthecity.org](http://www.breadforthecity.org)

**POPULATION SERVED:** Residents of DC

**SERVICES:** legal clinic (walk in hours: Monday 1pm – 3pm) ; food pantry( may receive three day supply of food, adjusted to household size, each month); clothing room; medical clinic, call 202.386.7020 to schedule a new patient appointment; case management; referrals; job readiness program; assistance managing financial affairs (mentally ill).

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Must live in D.C for food pantry and medical clinic, must be a D.C resident for case management and assistance managing financial affairs;(Food pantry) income falls within 200% of federal poverty line, have children under the age of 18 in the household *or* are disabled *or* are 60 years old or older; (Medical clinic) does not have health insurance.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** A general intake in required to receive assistance of any kind from Bread for the City, 15-30 minute intake interview to determine the best way to assist the client; Intake hours: Monday – Thursday 9am-11am; 1pm-4pm , Friday 9am-11am.

**NOTES:** Social service walk in hours are different for each center. Northwest: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am- 11:30am and 1pm-4pm; Friday 9am-11:30am. Southeast: Monday – Thursday 9:30am-11:30am

### EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)

Catholic Charities SE Family Center  
2812 Pennsylvania avenue SE, Washington, dc 20020

**PHONE:** 202.338.3100

Salvation Army  
2300 Martin Luther King Jr. avenue SE, Washington, DC 20020

**PHONE:** 202.678.9771

Housing Counseling Service  
2410 17<sup>th</sup> street NW #100 Washington, DC 20009

**PHONE:** 202.667.7006

Community Partnership  
33 N street NE, Washington, DC 20002

**PHONE:** 202.549.2845

**SERVICES:** Provides emergency assistance to eligible D.C residents who are facing a housing emergency. A housing emergency is when immediate action is needed to avoid homelessness, to re-establish a home, or to prevent eviction. Eligible households may receive up to \$4,250 to cover up to 5 months of back rent, late fees, court fees, security deposit and first month rent for a new residence; up to \$6,000 for family sizes of 7 or more with a member that has a severe illness or a disability

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** varies for each site; call to set-up appointments

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** DC resident; low-income; over 59 years old; head of household with children under 19 years old

**NOTES:** May only receive ERAP assistance once in a 12 month period. Will not pay utilities, mortgage payments, and other household expenses.



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTAKE CENTERS**

D.C SUPERIOR COURT  
500 INDIANA AVENUE, NW ROOM 4550 WASHINGTON, D.C 20001

**PHONE:** 202.879.7851

**FAX:** 202.879.1191

UNITED MEDICAL CENTER  
1320 SOUTHERN AVENUE, SE ROOM 311 WASHINGTON, D.C 20019

**PHONE:** 202.561.3000

**FAX:** 202.561.3093

# SAFETY PLAN

## **SAFETY plan**

If you are planning on fleeing an abusive situation, it is imperative that you try to do it as safely as possible. One way of doing that is by having a safety plan. A safety plan is literally a plan you have to keep yourself safe in various environments and situations. The personalized safety plan below can be filled out or copied for you or someone you know. Please take care to keep it in a safe place, preferably with you, at all times, but if that is not safe find a friend/relative or creative place to store it where your partner will not think to look for it. Your safety plan should be reviewed and updated periodically to keep it current. If you need assistance thinking through your own safety options please contact an advocate at one of the domestic violence programs listed in this guide.

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## PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN

### WHILE IN AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP ...

I can tell \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about the violence and ask them to call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from my home.

If I leave my home, I can go (list four places):

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I can leave extra money, car keys, clothes, and copies of documents with \_\_\_\_\_

If I decide to leave, I will bring the items, or copies of these items, listed below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Identification                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificates for me and my children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security cards                         | <input type="checkbox"/> School and medical records                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money, bankbooks, credit cards                | <input type="checkbox"/> Keys - house/car/office                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license and registration             | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport(s), Green Card(s), work permits  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce papers                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease/rental agreement, house deed        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage payment book, current unpaid bills   | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance papers                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pictures, jewelry, items of sentimental value | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's favorite toys and/or blankets  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address book                                  |  |

To ensure safety and independence, I can:

- Keep change for phone calls with me at all times
- Open my own savings account
- Rehearse my escape route with a support person

I can use computers at a friend's house or in a public location so that my abuser cannot view my search habits.

I will check with my cell phone provider to see if there is an online account and who has access to it. If my abuser has access to the account and can therefore see my call history, I will try to get a new cell phone and keep the number restricted.

I will find out what features are on my cell phone, computer or automobile that may allow my abuser to track my whereabouts.



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## AFTER LEAVING AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP ...

I can change the locks; install steel/metal doors, a security system, smoke detectors and an outside lighting system or I can look for these elements when relocating to a new apartment/house.

I will inform \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that my partner no longer lives with me and ask them to call the police if s/he is observed near my home or my children.

I will tell people who take care of my children the names of those who have permission to pick them up. The people who have permission are:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I can tell \_\_\_\_\_ at work about my situation and ask \_\_\_\_\_ to screen my calls.

I can avoid stores, banks, and \_\_\_\_\_ that I used when living with my abusive partner.

I can obtain a protective order from \_\_\_\_\_. I can keep it on or near me at all times as well as leave a copy with \_\_\_\_\_.

If I feel down and ready to return to a potentially abusive situation, I can call \_\_\_\_\_ for support or attend workshops and support groups at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to gain support and strengthen my relationships with other people.

I will have my car inspected to check for any devices that may allow my abuser to track my whereabouts.

If I share accounts with my abuser I will begin removing my name from those accounts and/or creating new ones.

I will have important phone numbers accessible to my children and myself such as:

Police _____	Hotline _____
Friends _____	Family _____
Shelter _____	Other _____

I will review this plan each time there is a change in my situation, which might include: moving to a new location, the serving of legal papers on my abuser, the arrest of my abuser, the release of my abuser, or any other significant change or event which could impact the safety of myself and/or my children.

Review date: \_\_\_\_\_

