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DVTF

Housing Subcommittee

2026 Advocates' Guide to Housing in Delaware

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Delaware's Domestic Violence Task Force's (DVTF) Housing Subcommittee has created this housing resource guide as part of the subcommittee's priorities to increase advocates' knowledge of housing resources in our community and improve survivor's access to housing.

Access to safe and affordable housing is consistently raised as a concern in community needs assessments and is well documented as a substantial obstacle to survivors' ability to leave and not return to abusive relationships. Delaware's housing system is complex and fragmented, often creating confusion. As there is a shortage of units available, and a complicated array of resources and ways to apply, this resource guide is intended to provide concrete, clear, and concise information for advocates and survivors as they seek safe options.

Local resources change frequently. Please send updated information to eansah@dcadv.org and DCADV will update this document as needed.

Domestic Violence Shelters

Delaware has five domestic violence (DV) shelters throughout the state provided by CHILD, Inc. (New Castle County) and People's Place (Kent and Sussex). One of the People's Place shelters, Abriendo Puertas, is a culturally-specific shelter for Hispanic & Latina women and their children fleeing domestic violence.

Eligibility: Domestic violence shelters provide a safe haven for women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence. Priority may be given based on the risk to the domestic violence victim of remaining in the community. Comparable services are available for men fleeing domestic violence, through hotel placement and community services.

- Lengths of stay vary
- Secure and confidential locations
- Safety planning, advocacy, case management, and supportive services
- Equipped with bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, eating areas, and playrooms.



Emergency hotel placements may be an option, based on funding availability and safety needs.

New Castle County: CHILD, Inc. currently offers hotel stays to men experiencing intimate partner violence. Additionally, funding may be available in future; call to inquire.

Kent and Sussex Counties: People's Place offers short-term hotel stays to victims experiencing family violence & intimate partner violence.



To access emergency shelter and hotel placements

- NCC: Call 24/7 DV Hotline (302) 762-6110
- Northern Kent: Call 24/7 DV Hotline (302) 678-3886
- K/S: Call the 24/7 DV Hotline (302) 422-8058 (English)
- K/S: Call Abriendo Puertas (302) 745-9874 (Spanish)

Safe shelters may also be available for pets. Inquire with the DV Hotlines.

Housing Alliance of Delaware

The **Homeless Helpline** is operated by Housing Alliance Delaware. The Helpline provides information to callers about homeless assistance resources in DE and makes limited referrals to shelter and housing assistance for people experiencing homelessness. There are four shelters in DE that accept direct referrals from the Homeless Helpline. All other homeless shelter programs accept calls directly from individuals and manage their own process for filling open shelter beds. To learn more about what homeless assistance resources may be able to help you and how to access them, please visit the Homeless Helpline webpage at https://www.housingalliancede.org/homeless-helpline.

Eligibility: Anyone experiencing homelessness can call the Helpline and receive help identifying community resources that may be available. People experiencing literal homelessness according to the HUD definition (category 1 and category 4, which includes fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, including dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking) are prioritized for the shelter and housing resources to which the Helpline makes direct referrals.

How to Access Helpline Services: Call or text 1-833-FIND-BED (1-833-346-3233) or e-mail intake@housingalliancede.org. The Homeless Helpline operates Monday - Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm. You can also visit the Homeless Helpline webpage any time to access information about resources: https://www.housingalliancede.org/homeless-helpline.



What to Expect When Accessing the Helpline:

- A brief intake assessment is completed over the phone (or via email/text if necessary).
- Based on the household's needs, staff provide the caller with information about resources in the community that may be able to help them.
- The household is also considered for any shelter or housing openings to which the Helpline makes direct referrals.
- If a household is experiencing literal homelessness, which includes fleeing or attempting to flee DV, they are prioritized for assistance.
- Any household that identifies as fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence is provided with information about Delaware's domestic violence hotlines, for DV-specific resources and support.
- At minimum, households experiencing literal homelessness are asked to call once a week to remain actively considered for a referral to assistance.

Homeless Prevention

Prevention Programs: There are several organizations in Delaware that help with funding for homeless prevention. These services range from rental assistance to financial crises solutions, and aim to keep people in safe, stable housing.

Eligibility: Each organization has different requirements for their homeless prevention funding, but all applicants must be low-income. For more information, access their websites or call to speak to their staff.

The following are organizations in Delaware that have specific homeless prevention funding:

- Catholic Charities Basic Needs
- Family Promise of Southern Delaware
- Friendship House
- Lutheran Community Services
- Rehoboth Community Resource Center
- Salvation Army of Delaware
- Society of St. Vincent DePaul
- State Service Centers
- West End Neighborhood House

Use this QR to access the Safe Housing Resource List

Diversion

Diversion Programs assist households in finding alternative housing solutions outside of the homelessness housing system. As the name suggests, this method diverts families from the shelter system by quickly identifying other interventions and housing opportunities.

Diversion includes light-touch services and short-term financial assistance. Possible services include mediation and support with landlord, family, friends, etc. regarding housing; referrals to other community resources; and short-term financial assistance.

Successful Shelter Diversion: The household does not sleep in shelter at all but goes directly to a safe temporary or permanent housing alternative.

Successful System Diversion: The household exits shelter within seven days of entry to a safe temporary or permanent housing alternative.

Eligibility: Those who are currently seeking emergency shelter -or- will be seeking emergency shelter within seven days (eviction, etc.). Household income must be considered low- or very low-income, which falls below 50% of area median income (AMI).

How to access: Individuals can call the Homeless Helpline for shelter placement when literally homeless or for diversion assistance when imminently homeless (will be homeless within 7 days).



To reach Homeless Helpline:

Call or text
1-833-FIND-BED
(1-833-346-3233)

or e-mail
intake@housingalliancede.org

CLASI Eviction Protection

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) has received funds to provide Legal Aid for Eviction Defense in the state of Delaware. CLASI offers free legal assistance and representation for low-income Delaware tenants facing evictions, housing discrimination, and subsidy terminations.

CLASI is located in all three counties. Their mission is to help people stay in their homes and represent them if they are facing eviction.

> **To qualify:** Clients must specifically be at or below the area median income to utilize CLASI services.

CLASI can also assist victims of housing discrimination through the Fair Housing Program. A person can call their Wilmington office, and they will investigate a claim of housing discrimination. A complaint must be filed within one year of a discriminatory incident. If the facts support the claim, a person may be entitled to compensation.

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COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SOCIETY INC.

New Castle County - 302-575-0660
Kent County - 302-674-8500
Sussex County - 302-856-0038

https://www.declasi.org/legal-services/housing-legal-services/

State Service Centers

State Service Centers are located throughout Delaware. Each State Service Center is specific to an area/ZIP code; local offices can be found here: https://dhss.delaware.gov/dss/division-of-social-services/state-service-centers/.

The following are housing assistance programs offered at State Service Centers:

Emergency Assistance Services
Emergency Assistance funds for rent, utilities, and emergency shelter are provided to eligible low-income persons to help maintain self-sufficiency and prevent homelessness.

The purpose of Emergency Assistance is to avoid, eliminate, or alleviate emergency conditions caused by an unforeseen circumstance resulting in a situation that calls for immediate action.

Eligibility:
- An individual or family must be able to maintain after the crisis is alleviated.
- An individual or family must receive or be eligible for Cash Assistance (TANF, GA, SSI) or Certain Medicaid programs.
- The emergency must have been the result of an unforeseen circumstance or a combination of circumstances that are beyond the recipient's control.
- Questions regarding eligibility: DHSS_DSSC@delaware.gov.

To apply:
- Apply in person at the assigned local State Service Center.
- Submit your Delaware State Service Center program eligibility questions through the Delaware ASSIST Self-Service Portal. Call the Customer Relations line at 1 (866) 843-7212 or the main General Inquiries line at (302) 255-9040.

Hotel Vouchers
If the recipient qualifies, they may receive a yearly limit of $1200 for an emergency motel stay (this may vary depending on the motel's cost). Social Services will verify that there is no availability within the shelter system first.

Eligibility: Must be enrolled in TANF, General Assistance (GA), SSI, or certain Medicaid programs.

To apply:
- Apply in person at the assigned local State Service Center.
- If not eligible for a hotel voucher, the SSC will refer the person to the Homeless Helpline at Housing Alliance Delaware or Code Purple.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties (LIHTC)

Affordable housing developers receive a tax credit to build these rental properties. At least 5% of units are set aside for referrals from special populations (people with disabilities, veterans, survivors of DV, persons with HIV/AIDS, literally or imminently homeless, youth exiting foster care). Rent is capped to maintain affordability.

Eligibility: Must have a household income of 40% Area Median Income or less (specified by county). Units are set aside for DV survivors.

To apply: Must be referred by an approved case manager/service provider who has access to the PAIR online referral system hosted through DelawareHousingSearch.org (https://delawarehousingsearch.org/).

Staff at the DV programs have access to the online referral system and can help with completing an application. Call the DV Hotlines at People's Place & CHILD, Inc. to request to speak to the staff member with this access.



Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

RRH provides short-term rental assistance and case management services. It can be accessed through Centralized Intake, Delaware's coordinated entry system. The goals are to assist people in obtaining housing, increase self-sufficiency, and stay in stable housing. Assistance may include finding a landlord and an available rental unit; specific services vary by provider organization. Providers are available in all three counties in Delaware.

Eligibility: People experiencing literal homelessness. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety).

To apply: Complete a VI-SPDAT assessment and send it to the Homeless Helpline at Housing Alliance Delaware. Assessments can be faxed to 302-351-7258 or call for email address.

To complete a VI-SPDAT, staff at DV Shelters and DV community advocates can assist OR:

- **New Castle County:** Brandywine Counseling Day Center Monday-Friday at (302) 656-2348; St. Patrick's Day Center on Weekdays from 9am-1pm at (302) 652-6219, and most shelters can complete assessments.
- **Kent County:** Most shelters, Hopes and Dreams on Wednesdays 9:30-1pm at (302) 672-0425.
- **Sussex County:** Most shelters, Love Inc. on Fridays 9am-12pm at (302) 629-7050.

Prioritization: Homeless Helpline will prioritize applicants on the waitlist based on Delaware's RRH Standards. Applicants are prioritized by a variety of factors aimed at identifying those with the highest level of need.

Centralized Intake (CI) Rapid Re-Housing Process

1. VI-SPDAT assessment is completed by homeless outreach workers, shelter providers, day center workers, centralized intake staff, and/or other homeless service providers.

   ↳ Completed VI-SPDATs are sent to centralized intake.

2. Centralized intake staff prioritize households for RHH based on need.

   ↳ CI makes referrals for homeless households to Rapid Re-Housing providers based on their reported availability.

3. Rapid Re-Housing Providers house the household as quickly as possible in the community.

DV-Rapid Rehousing

DV Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) provides short-term rental assistance and services specifically designed for DV victims and is accessed through local DV programs with the funding. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed. Assistance may include help in finding a landlord and available rental unit.

Eligibility: Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other life-threatening condition, such as human trafficking. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety).



To apply:

- New Castle County: To access rapid rehousing assistance in New Castle County, clients can be referred to CHILD, Inc. by contacting their DV Hotline at (302) 762-6110. Applicants will be prioritized based on the completion of an assessment that will be done with a staff member.
- Kent and Sussex Counties: To access rapid rehousing assistance in Kent and Sussex County, you must go through Delaware's statewide Homeless Helpline system managed by Housing Alliance Delaware. Call or text 1-833-FIND-BED (1-833-346-3233) or email intake@housingalliancede.org (Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM)

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

The Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program provides eligible households a permanent housing subsidy plus intensive community supports. The rent is allocated at 30% of the household's income; there is no income requirement. Providers are available in all three counties in Delaware.

Eligibility: Must be chronically homeless as defined by HUD; must provide documentation verifying length of time homeless and disabling condition.

How to apply:

1. Complete a VI-SPDAT assessment & send it to Homeless Helpline/Housing Alliance. Assessments can be faxed to 302-351-7258 or call for an email address.

   To complete a VI-SPDAT, staff at DV Shelters and DV community advocates can assist OR:

   New Castle County: Brandywine Counseling Day Center Monday-Friday at (302) 656-2348; St. Patrick's Day Center on Weekdays from 9am-1pm at (302) 652-6219, and most shelters can complete assessments.
   Kent Co.: Most shelters, Hopes and Dreams on Wednesdays 9:30-1pm at (302) 672-0425.
   Sussex Co.: Most shelters, Love Inc. on Fridays 9am-12pm at (302) 629-7050.
2. Once Homeless Helpline processes the assessment, the individual will be contacted about their eligibility and next steps.
3. If Centralized Intake confirms the applicant's eligibility, they will be asked to provide documentation verifying their status as chronically homeless (see HUD definitions). The documentation guide can be sent to the applicant or to providers at the applicant's request via fax or email.

   a. Documentation:
   - Length of Time Verification Letter: Done by a professional (counselor, advocate, case worker, etc.) and must verify at least 12 months of literal homelessness over the last three years. Can be done in timeline format and must be specific. Definitions and sample letters/timeline will be sent to providers from HAD.
   - Disabling Condition Verification: A disabling condition form filled out by a doctor verifying a mental health, physical health, or substance use disorder. If this cannot be obtained, individuals can submit proof of an SSI/SSDI award letter instead. The blank disabling condition form is included in the documentation guide sent to providers.
4. When an individual is deemed eligible, he/she/they will be placed on the PSH wait list as inactive pending receipt of their documentation (explained above); once documentation is received, they will be changed to active and can then be referred to available spots based on Delaware's Permanent Supportive Housing Standards.
5. Individuals will be contacted when Homeless Helpline receives notice from participating providers that there is availability in their program.
6. Length of wait time or "place on list" cannot be predicted.
7. Homeless Helpline offers an anonymous waiting list for PSH applicants who are victims of domestic violence and have safety concerns about their information being in a statewide database.

State Rental Assistance Program (S-RAP)

State Rental Assistance Program (S-RAP) is a state funded voucher-based rental assistance program that is managed by the Delaware State Housing Authority. It allows participants to rent a unit in the community with the voucher paying a portion of the rent.

Eligibility: Must have income that does not exceed 50% of the state median income and fit into one or more of the following categories:

- Individuals with disabilities (esp. those exiting long-term care facilities)
- Those exiting the Delaware Psychiatric Center
- Young people between 18-21 who exited foster care

a. Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor of placing children in out-of-home care

b. Families identified by the case manager as at-risk of being admitted to an institution or long-term care facility

- Homeless families referred by designated school district representatives
- Homeless veterans who are referred by veteran service providers



To find out whether you may qualify for S-RAP assistance as a client of DHSS or DSCYF, please contact your case manager directly for an assessment, as DSHA does not accept self-referrals.

To apply: DSHA does not accept self-referrals. Referrals must be made through an approved service provider that has a partnership established with DSHA, including Delaware's Dept. of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and Delaware Dept. of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families (DSCYF).

Public Housing Authorities (PHA)

-Public Housing Units-

Public Housing Authorities offer low-income households either public housing units (apartments or "project-based") that they operate and maintain, or they distribute housing choice vouchers that households can use for rental assistance in the community.

Eligibility: Low-income households, people with disabilities, and elderly persons whose incomes do not exceed 80% of local median income.

To apply: The five housing authorities in Delaware have partnered together and now use the Delaware Affordable Housing Hub for applicants to apply. For more information, please visit: delaware.affordablehousing.com

Applicants must keep a current mailing address and contact information updated with the PHA once they are on the waitlist. They may be contacted and will need to be able to respond.

Website	Public Housing Units	Jurisdiction	Total # of Units
	Wilmington Housing Authority https://whadelaware.org (302) 429-6701 or (302) 429-0954	City of Wilmington	1,544 units
	NCC Dept. of Community Services https://www.newcastlede.gov/252/Community-Services (302) 395-5600 or (302) 395-5613	NCC, excluding Wilmington and Newark	0 (housing choice vouchers only)
	Newark Housing Authority http://newarkhousingauthority.net (302) 366-0826	City of Newark	104 units
	Dover Housing Authority https://www.dhade.org/ (302) 678-1965	City of Dover	289 units
	Housing Delaware (formerly DSHA) https://destatehousing.com (888) 363-8808 or (302) 739-7416	Kent & Sussex Counties, excluding Dover	500 units

Public Housing Authorities (PHA)

-Housing Choice Vouchers-

Public Housing Authorities offer low-income households either public housing units (apartments) that they operate and maintain, or they distribute **housing choice vouchers** that households can use for rental assistance in the community.

Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly called Section 8)

Eligibility: Low-income household, people with disabilities, and elderly persons whose incomes do not exceed 50% of local median income.

To apply: The five housing authorities in Delaware have partnered together and now use the Delaware Affordable Housing Hub for applicants to apply. For more information, please visit: delaware.affordablehousing.com

- Voucher holders locate their own rental unit (apartment, house, condo, townhouse, manufactured home).
- The voucher holder pays a portion of the rent each month, and the voucher pays the remaining portion.
- The five local Public Housing Authorities (PHA) administer these vouchers based on household income and family size.
- The amount of rental assistance paid is determined by several factors including the family's income, the amount of rent the owner is requesting, the utilities the family is responsible for paying, and the voucher size the family is issued.
- Housing Choice Vouchers are "portable" or transferable to another rental unit, including to another Public Housing Authority jurisdiction and out of state. Inquire about specific details to the issuing PHA.
- It is essential that applicants keep a current mailing address and contact information updated with the PHA once they are on the waitlist. They may be contacted and will need to be able to respond.

Website	Pubic Housing Units	Jurisdiction	Total # of Vouchers
	Wilmington Housing Authority https://whadelaware.org (302) 429-6701	City of Wilmington	1,976
	New Castle County Dept. of Community Services https://www.newcastlede.gov/252/Community-Services (302) 395-5600	NCC, excluding Wilmington and Newark	1,825
	Newark Housing Authority https://newarkhousingauthority.net (302) 366-0826	City of Newark	209
	Dover Housing Authority https://www.dhade.org/ (302) 678-1965	City of Dover	220
	DE State Housing Authority https://destatehousing.com (888) 363-8808	Kent & Sussex Counties, excluding Dover	950



SAFE SPACES FOR EVERYONE

Subsidized Housing

Subsidized housing sites (site-based Section 8, USDA Rural Development, Rental Assistance) are rental units (apartments) that offer rents based on household income in accordance with federal regulations. The tenant pays a portion of the rent each month, and the federal government pays the remaining portion.

Eligibility: Low-income families, people with disabilities, and elderly persons whose incomes do not exceed 50% of median income (in some cases, 80%).
Criteria differ for each site. For more information, call the sites directly.

To apply: Contact the managers of individual sites or log onto the DSHA Website and click "Renters." Information can also be found on DSHA's Housing Locator web-tool: http://delawarehousingsearch.org/

- Most of these sites are privately owned and managed, although subsidized by the federal government.
- Unlike a Housing Choice Voucher, the tenant cannot take the subsidy with them when they move out of a site-based subsidized apartment.
- Normally, resident families pay 30% of their adjusted gross income to rent a unit at a site-based subsidized site. The federal government subsidizes the balance of rent.

DSHA does not accept self-referrals. Referrals must be made through approved service provider that has a partnership established with DSHA, including Delaware's Dept. of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and Delaware Dept. of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families (DSCYF), and select others.

Transitional Housing

Transitional Housing (TH) programs tend to have long timeframes (up to two years) and are service-intensive to increase households' self-sufficiency and housing stabilization. Varying levels of rental assistance are provided.

This is not an all-inclusive list.
There may be additional programs found throughout the state.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Family Promise: For more information, please visit: https://www.familypromisede.org/

Eligibility: Households must be homeless.
To apply: Contact Homeless Helpline at 1-833-FIND-BED (1-833-346-3233).

YWCA: Home Life Management Center I and II https://www.ywcade.org//housing/

Eligibility: Households must be literally homeless.
To apply: Contact Homeless Helpline at 1-833-FIND-BED (1-833-346-3233).

Ministry of Caring: various homes available, see website: https://www.ministryofcaring.org/

Eligibility: Households must be literally homeless; specifics depend on the units.
To apply: Contact Homeless Helpline at 1-833-FIND-BED (1-833-346-3233) or contact them directly, depending on the TH program.

Bayard House (Temporarily Closed for renovations as of 11/1/25): through Catholic Charities/Diocese of Wilmington (3-9 months). For more information, please visit: https://www.ccwilm.org/program/bayard-house/

Eligibility: For pregnant teens/women age 13-35 in their first trimester.
To apply: Contact directly at 302-654-1184.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY continued

Martha's House STEHM (Supportive Transitional and Emergency Housing Ministry): Wilmington. For more information, please visit: https://www.stehm.org/

Eligibility: For women and their children
To apply: Call (302) 655-5568

Friendship House – A Way Home, Wilmington: https://www.friendshiphousede.org/

Eligibility: Serving individuals and families facing homelessness, housing instability, or financial crisis in New Castle County
To apply: Contact (302) 652-8133 or email info@friendshiphousede.org

KENT & SUSSEX COUNTIES

OVW Transitional Housing for DV Survivors at People's Place

Eligibility: Fleeing domestic violence and homeless;
To apply: Call the DV hotline at 302-422-8058.

Philadelphia Arms, Ellendale

Eligibility: Must be seeking assistance with homelessness and housing insecurity through structured multi-phase housing programs (including emergency, transitional, temporary, and permanent housing)
To apply: Please visit: http://philadelphiaarms.org/my-page-23/ or call (302) 228-3864 or email philadelphiaarms@philadelphiaarms.org

K.I.S.H. Home, Inc., Dover and Milford

Eligibility: Applicants must be 18 years or older, currently homeless or at risk of homelessness, and capable of independent daily living
To apply: Call (302) 399-6477 or (302) 401-1317 or email info@kishhomeinc.org

KENT COUNTY

Vera Haven's Transitional Housing Program, at Whatcoat/People's Place, Dover

Eligibility: Households must commit to working and continuing their education. Contact Whatcoat directly for income and other eligibility requirements.
To get more information visit: https://peoplesplace2.com/services/whatcoat-social-services **or** call (302) 734-0321

SUSSEX COUNTY

Hope House, Laurel

Eligibility: Homelessness and employed full-time with family.
To apply: Pick up application at Laurel State Service Center Rotary Transitional House, Seaford (90 days) For more information visit: https://transitionalhousing.com/the-hope-house-laurel-delaware or call (302) 875-6943

What Is Your Voice, Lewes

Eligibility: Must identify as a survivor of domestic violence, human trafficking, or related crises
To apply: Visit https://whatisyourvoice.org/enroll-now/ or call (302) 467-3310

Pamela's House, Laurel

Eligibility: Must be transitioning out of homelessness or into temporary housing
To apply: Visit https://pamelashouse.org/#apply or call (302) 316-5878 or email housing@pamelashouse.org

Sussex County Crisis Community Services, "Crisis House"

Northport Transitional Apartments, Georgetown
Eligibility: 5-unit building which houses five single-parent families with minor children. Head of household needs to be working at least part-time and enrolled in educational upgrade or training program. The maximum stay is 2 years. Requires a criminal background check, participation in all program activities, and maintains a drug- and alcohol-free household.
To apply: Contact the Crisis House at 302-856-2246 or info@scchsinc.org

Samuel J. Kauffman House, Georgetown
Eligibility: Single or two parent family programs. Maximum stay is 2 years, teaching about homeownership. Steady work history. Must have verifiable rental history. Pass criminal background. Maintain a drug and alcohol free household.
To apply: contact the Crisis House at 302-856-2246 or info@scchsinc.org

STATEWIDE

Apartment Angels

Eligibility: Program awards 6 months of rent/housing to individuals/families who have a history of being responsible renters but became victims of the economic recession through no fault of their own OR were dramatically or negatively impacted financially by a one-time, life altering event. Must be a DE resident for 24 months, no criminal convictions w/ 7 years, no more than one eviction in last five years; other restrictions will apply
To apply: Fill out application online https://www.daahq.org/apartment-angels

SOBER LIVING/Transitional Housing

These websites provide the links for many sober living and transitional homes in Delaware

www.transitionalhousing.org

www.transitionalhousing.com

Recovery Homes and Halfway Houses in Delaware

HOMELESS HELPLINE, PREVIOUSLY CENTRALIZED INTAKE:

Referrals to Rapid-Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing referrals are based on severity and highest need. These clients remain on a priority list until housing becomes available. Shelters notify Homeless Helpline database of any openings, then Homeless Helpline refers clients to openings.

What Does Homeless Helpline DO: Information and Referral to Homeless Resources by providing Access, Assessment, Prioritization & Referral

What Does Homeless Helpline NOT DO: Prevent homelessness, create more resources, get people on lists for Public Housing, provide direct client assistance (motel stays, financial assistance)

Domestic Violence Resources

24-hour Domestic Violence hotlines, emergency shelter, case management, community health advocacy, court advocacy, offender treatment, counseling, family visitation in New Castle County
Hotline: 302-762-6110
Community Health Advocates: 302-757-2137

24-hour Domestic Violence hotlines, emergency shelter, case management, community health advocacy, court advocacy, offender treatment, counseling, family visitation in New Castle County
Hotline: 302-422-8058
En español: 302-745-9874

Support for victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, and human trafficking, including advocacy, housing, case management, counseling, and community health education statewide
24-Hour Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Helpline: 800-773-8570
Homeless Prevention and Diversion Services 302-658-7110

CLASI can provide free assistance to the following Delaware residents, if they meet certain eligibility requirements and have a legal issue that they handle:

- People with disabilities
- Individuals age 60 and over
- Low-income families and individuals
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Immigrant victims of crime, abuse, and neglect
- Victims of housing discrimination
- Parents facing the removal of their children or termination of parental rights

References

VI-SPDAT: Used throughout the U.S.; Is only to be used with people who are sleeping in shelters or places not meant for human habitation (cars, bus stops, tents, street, etc.) It is a brief Yes/No survey that should take 10 minutes on average to complete with a client. This tool is used by people who have been approved by HAD to do so: shelter staff, outreach workers, HAD staff, etc. IT IS A TRIAGE TOOL to determine who has the most severe and immediate needs, it is not a comprehensive assessment or case management tool.

Literally homeless:

- Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program
- Living in a place not meant for human habitation (car, park, abandoned building, etc.)
- Living in a motel paid for by the state or another charitable organization
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

Chronically homeless: An individual/family that meets the definition of literally homeless and has been literally homeless for at least 12 months over the last three years. Additionally, head of household must have a diagnosed disabling condition.

At risk of homelessness:

- At risk of losing accommodation due to a number of factors including but not limited to:
- Financial stress (loss of income, low income, change of family circumstance, inability to maintain employment)
- Facing eviction/foreclosure or housing crises
- Inadequate or unlivable dwelling conditions - unsafe, overcrowded, etc.
- Have an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD
- Do not have sufficient resources or support networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation
- Experiencing domestic or family violence.

Area Median Income (AMI): The Area Median Income (AMI) is the midpoint of a region's income distribution half of families in a region earn more than the median and half earn less than the median. For housing policy, income thresholds set relative to the area median income—such as 50% of the area median income—identify households eligible to live in income-restricted housing units and the affordability of housing units to low-income households. (HUD definition)

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