

Homeless Shelters, Transitional Housing/Shelters and Emergency Shelters

Description:

Homeless Shelters:

Homeless shelters provide individuals with a temporary place to stay. Stays usually last three days to one week in a dormitory-style setting. Some shelter programs provide motel vouchers for people who are homeless. Homeless shelters may be open to anyone or they can restrict stays to specific individuals based upon their age, gender or situation.

Transitional Housing:

Transitional housing programs provide extended shelter and supportive services to individuals who are homeless. The goal is to help such persons and/or families live independently and transition into permanent housing. Some of these programs may require that individuals or families be transitioning from a short-term emergency shelter. The length of time one is allowed to stay in this setting varies from a few months to a couple of years. Transitional housing is generally provided in apartment-style facilities, which may provide services directly or may coordinate with public or private agencies to provide services. Certain programs may be limited to specialized groups within the homeless population, such as, victims of domestic violence or those with mental illness, AIDS/HIV or substance abuse problems.

Emergency Shelters:

Emergency shelters provide decent, safe and sanitary temporary emergency shelter and case management services to homeless individuals, at least 18 years of age or emancipated minors and families. The length of stay in these shelters is not usually longer than 90 days.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligibility varies by program.
- Some programs may require that persons be referred.
- Some programs work with particular groups of people within the homeless population.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

July 1 – June 30

Contact Information:

For more information or for a list of homeless, transitional and emergency shelters call 2-1-1 (formerly known as Infoline).

A list of shelters can also be obtained from:

Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness
77 Buckingham Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone: 721-7876
Fax: 860-257-1148
Website: www.cceh.org

Related Information:

[CHERISH Elder Shelter Program, refer to page XII – 3.](#)
[Security Deposit Guarantee Program, refer to page XII – 46.](#)