

Qualifications for application to our homeless shelter

Because of the guidelines we work with, our shelter is reserved for 'families'. We are unable to serve single individuals, or couples without children (unless there is an advanced pregnancy). If you do not meet the qualifications for our shelter, we can offer you information and advocacy in finding other alternatives.

In general, you are considered homeless if you are in one of the following situations, without any alternatives:

- Residing in cars, parks, streets or sidewalks, bridges or abandoned buildings
- Being evicted within a week from a private dwelling or multiple family living situation
- Fleeing a domestic violence situation

Homelessness is a problem that affects many people in America.

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*Three million Americans are
homeless every year.*

It is our goal to provide temporary shelter while offering a range of services and support that may be needed to achieve independent living.

24 Hour Helpline 800-669-3176

WHAT TO EXPECT

When you stay in our homeless shelter



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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

- ◇ Temporary housing in our homeless shelter which is made up of 7 small units (10x25).
- ◇ Initial length of stay is 30 days. If more time is needed to reach your goals, you can apply for an extension through your client advocate.
- ◇ All YWCA services are free of charge.
- ◇ A client advocate who will
 - assist you and your family in working toward permanent housing and financial stability.
 - inform you about programs and community resources that are available.
 - advocate on your behalf to help you access community services.
 - work with you and your children to provide transportation and enrollment in school.
- ◇ Other services include
 - tutoring, mentoring, and after-school programs for your school age children
 - weekly parenting discussion group
 - limited child care so you can make appointments, job search and pursue housing alternatives.
 - access to women's support groups
 - access to on-line computers for job searches, housing & email

WHAT YOU CAN'T EXPECT FROM US

- ◇ While we will try to provide you with most things you need, many of our resources are received through donations and certain items are not always available.
- ◇ We are not able to invite your pets into our shelter. We will work with you and try to make other arrangements.
- ◇ If needed, we will supply you with basic food items when you arrive and will work with you to obtain food stamps, access the food bank, etc.
- ◇ Because of limited space, we are unable to store any of your personal items.
- ◇ Although we are happy to give you information about housing and financial resources, we cannot assist you with finding a job or locating housing.

WHAT WE WILL EXPECT FROM YOU

- ◇ We expect all residents to treat each other, their children, and our staff with kindness and respect.
- ◇ You can come and go as you wish, but if you are absent for more than 48 hours without notifying your client advocate, we will presume you have made other arrangements and re-allocate the unit.
- ◇ Units are inspected every Thursday. It is expected that you will have your living area clean and ready for inspection.
- ◇ Each unit is assigned a day to assist with general upkeep. (Unit #1-Monday, Unit #2-Tuesday, etc.).
- ◇ Be responsible for your children at all times. The location of the shelter does not lend itself to unsupervised play.
- ◇ Observe evening quiet time at 10 PM to 7 AM.
- ◇ Work with our staff so they can assist you to reach your goals.
- ◇ Attend mandatory meetings and groups
- ◇ Abide by the rules and regulations that guide our shelter management.

Our shelter is only a temporary housing solution. It is not conducive to long-term family living. It is a place to be safe while you work toward stabilization.

YOUR UNIT

- ◇ Each unit has a bunk bed, full-size refrigerator, heating/AC unit (HAC), small bathroom with shower, microwave, electric skillet, storage cabinet and picnic table.
- ◇ You will be supplied with food, linens, towels, personal care items, cots, and cooking utensils, *if needed*.
- ◇ Alcohol, drugs, weapons of any kind, and verbal or physical violence is not allowed in the units or on the premises.
- ◇ Parking in the lot is only permitted on the weekends and during the week after 5:00 PM or before 8 AM.
- ◇ There is a laundry room with a coin-operated washer and dryer, for resident use only.
- ◇ Smoking is not allowed in the units. Children under 18 may not smoke on the property.
- ◇ Please treat our property with respect. Destruction of YWCA property will result in eviction.
- ◇ Furniture cannot be taken apart or removed from the units.