

Housing Resource for Immigrant Population

This resource guide provides information and resources for DCF' child welfare teams to utilize while assisting immigrant youth and families to navigate housing in New Jersey. The guide defines housing programs commonly utilized in New Jersey and identifies eligibility for Green Card Holders (Lawful Permanent Residents), Asylees, Refugees, DACA recipients and Undocumented individuals. Note: eligibility requirements for some programs are determined by funding sources such as the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs.

Green Card Holders/Lawful Permanent Residents

Are they eligible for these housing services?

- **Street Outreach Services- Yes**
 - Designed to meet the immediate needs of people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered locations by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.
- **Emergency Shelter- Yes**
 - Provides a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless
- **Safe Haven: Yes**
 - Supportive housing that serves hard-to-reach homeless persons with severe mental illness who are on the street and been unable or unwilling to participate in supportive housing.
- **Rapid Re-Housing: Yes**
 - Provides temporary financial assistance to help pay for housing and case management and services to maintain housing. Rapid Re-housing assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or in emergency shelters (up to 90 days) obtain permanent housing.
 - Must meet eligibility requirements.
- **Homelessness Prevention Program: Yes**
 - Provides temporary assistance to households who are being evicted due to a short- term loss of income.
 - Must meet eligibility requirements.
- **Transitional Housing through CoC or ESG recipient: Yes**
 - Supportive housing programs that are temporary but designed to be an intermediate step between emergency shelter and permanent housing. Eligibility requirements and programming vary by program, but most programs offer structure, supervision, support, and life skills; Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- **Non-cash disaster relief: Yes**
 - Crisis counseling and disaster legal services, shelter, food, water, and medical care; usually administered by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- **In-kind services for the protection of life and safety (so long as no individual or household income qualifications are required): Yes**
 - Child and adult protective services; programs addressing weather emergencies and homelessness; shelters, soup kitchens, meals-on-wheels; and programs to protect life or safety of workers, children and youths, or community residents.
- **Programs administered by non-profit charitable organizations: Yes**
 - American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, etc.
- **Affordable/Subsidized Housing: Yes**
 - Subsidized housing is housing that has subsidies from federal, state, or local government for low- and moderate-income individuals. The rent is often based on a person's income. Affordable housing is housing that has lower rents such as through programs.
- **Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV): Yes**
 - Provides housing in the private rental market affordable to low, and very low-income households by reducing housing costs through direct rent subsidy payments to landlords. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV): Yes**
 - Assists individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; at risk of experiencing homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability
- **State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP): Yes**
 - State funded program that provides housing subsidies for elderly, family, homeless and disabled households through a lottery system
 - Must meet eligibility requirements.
- **Emergency Assistance (EA): Yes**
 - State funded benefits to assist with shelter and household furnishings; temporary rental assistance or back rent or mortgage payments; utility payments (such as heat, water, electric); transportation to search for housing; and moving expenses for eligible persons who are homeless or at immediate risk of becoming homeless, and those who have experienced a substantial loss of housing, food, clothing, or household furnishings due to fire, flood, or similar disaster.
 - Must meet eligibility requirements
- **Social Service for the Homeless (SSH): Yes**
 - Program assists families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless but are not eligible for welfare or Emergency Assistance.

Undocumented Persons

Are they eligible for these housing services?

Street Outreach Services-Yes
Emergency Shelter-**Yes (through CoC)**
Safe Haven: **Yes (through CoC)**
Rapid Re-Housing: **Only through CoC, not State funded Rapid Rehousing program**
Homelessness Prevention Program: **No**
Transitional Housing through CoC or ESG recipient: **Yes**
Non-Cash disaster relief: **Yes**
In-kind Services for the protection of life and safety: **Yes**
Programs administered by non-profit charitable organizations: **Yes**
Affordable/Subsidized Housing: **No**
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV): **No**
Emergency Housing Vouchers: **Yes, if eligible**
State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP): **No**
Emergency Assistance (EA): **No**
Social Service for the Homeless (SSH): **No**

***Refugees/Asylees qualify for the same services as Undocumented persons.**

*DACA

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Emergency Shelter- **Yes (through CoC)**
Safe Haven: **Yes (through CoC)**
Rapid Re-Housing: **Only through CoC, not State funded Rapid Rehousing program**
Homelessness Prevention Program: **No**
Transitional Housing through CoC or ESG recipient: **Yes**
Non-Cash disaster relief: **Yes**
In-kind Services for the protection of life and safety: **Yes**
Programs administered by non-profit charitable organizations: **Yes**
Affordable/Subsidized Housing: **No**
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV): **No**
Emergency Housing Vouchers: **No**
State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP): **No**
Emergency Assistance (EA): **No**
Social Service for the Homeless (SSH): **No**

***DACA is a special population of individuals that came to the U.S. as children. They are eligible for work authorization and are protected from deportation for 2 years at a time.**

New Jersey Resources

Below are additional resources in New Jersey for individuals who qualify for the below-listed programs:

- **Street Outreach Services:** COSTAR Homeless Program (Camden, NJ), Project Live (Newark, NJ), Atlantic Homeless Alliance (Atlantic City, NJ), Center for Family Services in Camden, NJ and Covenant House in Essex, NJ, PATH programs in all counties
- **Emergency Shelter:** Dial 211.
- **Safe Haven:** Home for the Brave, Camden, NJ
- **Transitional Housing owned by the ESG grant recipient or subrecipient:** Women Rising Inc., (Jersey City, NJ), 201-333-5700; Womanspace (Lawrenceville, NJ), 609-394-0136; Women Aware, (New Brunswick, NJ), 732-249-4900; CARA, Inc. (Cape May Court House, NJ), 877-294-2272. People First (Westampton, NJ) 609-261-4571. Garden State Housing (Chesterfield, NJ) (732) 532-6865, 180 Turning Lives Around (Monmouth County, NJ) 1-888-843-9262, Catholic Charities Linkages (Tinton Falls, NJ) 732-922-0400
- **Programs administered by non-profit charitable organizations:** Catholic Charities (Trenton, NJ) 609-396-4557; (Newark, NJ) 973-596-4100; American Red Cross (800) RED-CROSS.
- **Short-Term Non-cash, Emergency Disaster Relief:** Contact the Office of Emergency Management [County Contact](#)
- **Affordable/Subsidized Housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), Emergency Housing Vouchers, Emergency Assistance (EA), Social Service for the Homeless (SSH):** Contact your county Board of Social Services.
- **State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP):**
<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/srap.html>

Rapid Re-Housing Homelessness Prevention Program Contacts

