

Housing Resources

(Overnight shelters, Day shelters, and Boarding Houses)

Finding a shelter

If you parole homeless, your parole officer will tell you to go to a particular shelter or transitional housing program. If you need to find something on your own, one of the following organizations may have current information for your city.

You may also find current information about shelters in your community from DOC re-entry specialists, re-entry programs and organizations, and case managers in day shelters and emergency shelters.

2-1-1

www.milehighunitedway.org

You can dial 2-1-1 to reach an operator who may be able to help you find a shelter. Operators are on duty Monday through Friday, 8 am to 8 pm. Be prepared to tell the operator your zip code.

- 2-1-1 has Spanish speaking operators.
- If you have access to a computer, you can also research the 2-1-1 database online at www.milehighunitedway.org.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

2111 Champa Street

Denver, CO 80204

303.293.2217

www.coloradocoalition.org

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless is an organization that works to prevent homelessness. Their website lists shelters (and other resources) by city or county. Click on *If You Need Help*.

Colorado Springs Survival Manual

c/o Homeward Pikes Peak

Pikes Peak United Way

518 N. Nevada Avenue

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

www.homelesscs.org

The Colorado Springs Survival Manual is a frequently updated list of community resources and shelters available for homeless people in the Colorado Springs area. You can find the most recent version of this guide online at the above website. Click on *Survival Manual* under Quick Links. You can also write to Homeward Pikes Peak and ask for a copy.

Overnight shelters

Not all overnight shelters are alike. Some shelters provide the bare necessities: a mat on the floor or a bunk, a couple of meals each day, and a shower, while others have more extensive services. Some shelters require you to attend classes and programs. Others have no requirements. Some shelters require you to be employed full time, or seeking full-time employment. Others don't.

Obviously, a bed is better than being under a bridge, but be prepared: several people said that being in a shelter was a traumatic experience. If you have a bad experience, remember that your immediate need is to stabilize your situation. A shelter gives you a place to come back to at the end of the day, and that is an important first step toward stability.

The shelters listed in this book will consider people with a nonviolent criminal conviction. If a shelter has a policy about any other type of conviction, this information is noted under that shelter.

List of overnight shelters in Denver

The following section lists several overnight shelters in Denver, including a brief description of any additional programs available from a shelter. Remember, this is *not* a complete list of shelters in Denver, nor can we guarantee this information will remain accurate. Dial 2-1-1 for additional and current information.

- You will need to contact a shelter upon your release. Almost all shelters have no process to accept people beforehand. Most of the time, case managers in shelters like to conduct intake interviews in person.
- Several shelter managers said they appreciated being able to talk with DOC case managers or parole officers beforehand.

Brandon Center (Volunteers of America)

PO Box 140809
Denver, CO 80214
303.620.9190

www.voacolorado.org

- for women; initial 30-day stay may be extended to 90 days if you meet expectations
- must be highly motivated to succeed; Center has many rules; must be substance-free
- provides all meals and case management
- may not accept anyone with a violent conviction
- call for intake procedure and location; has a strict screening process
- Brandon Center's case managers have information about other housing opportunities

Crossroads (Salvation Army)

1901 29th Street
Denver, CO 80216
Mailing address: 2136 Champa Street
Denver, CO 80205
303.298.1734 (8 am to 3 pm); 303.298.1028 (after 3 pm)

- men only
- currently \$35 week for bed and program fees; overflow mats are free
- provides dinner
- offers Harbor Light and Hope Harbor, transitional living relapse prevention programs with private rooms
- may accept people convicted of a sex offense or violent offense on a case-by-case basis

Delores Project

located in the Denver area
303.534.5411

www.thedeloresproject.org

- women only, 18 and older
- no charge
- provides breakfast, sack lunch, dinner, some medical, group classes, and other services
- for intake and location, call 303.285.5258 or 720.218.5466
- it's best if a case manager or parole officer calls 303.534.5411 to make arrangements before you're released

Denver Rescue Mission Lawrence Street Shelter

1130 Park Avenue West (23rd and Lawrence)

Denver, CO 80205

303.294.0157

www.DenverRescueMission.org

- shelter is for men only
- no charge
- Denver Rescue Mission provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner, clothing, health clinic, and chapel services for both men and women

newgenesis

1680 Sherman Street

Denver, CO 80203

303.831.4910

www.new-genesis.net/Denver

- men only in the shelter; transitional housing program for women
- currently \$45 week for the shelter
- if someone is referred by an agency, such as the DOC, and newgenesis is required to monitor/report on that person, then the fee for the first two weeks is \$191; fee is \$45 per week after that
- provides light breakfast and dinner, work counseling, and sobriety meetings
- requires you to be employed (or seriously searching for a job) and substance-free
- may accept people convicted of a violent offense on a case-by-case basis; can not accept people convicted of a sex offense
- offers transitional housing opportunities

Sacred Heart House

2844 Lawrence Street

Denver, CO 80205

303.296.6686

www.sacredhearhouse.org

- for women; must be 21 years old and have a photo ID
- no charge; you may stay up to 30 days
- provides breakfast, sack lunches, dinner, and referrals to other services
- accepts people convicted of a violent offense on a case-by-case basis
- offers a transitional housing program for single mothers in an educational program

Samaritan House (Catholic Charities)

2301 Lawrence Street

Denver, CO 80205

303.294.0241

www.catholiccharitiesdenver.org

- for men, women, and families
- no charge
- provides breakfast, lunch, dinner, clothing, employment assistance, some medical, support groups, and other services

- you must meet certain expectations (employment, looking for employment, applying for benefits, etc.) in order to stay beyond a certain number of days
- can not accept anyone convicted of a sex offense or arson or on probation or parole for a violent crime

Theodora House (Volunteers of America)

PO Box 140809
 Denver, CO 80214
 303.620.9190

www.voacolorado.org

- women only
- no charge
- provides breakfast and dinner
- may not accept anyone convicted of a violent offense
- call for intake procedure and location
- case managers provide referrals to other services and information about housing opportunities

List of day shelters in Denver

Day shelters are places where you may go during the day. They also offer a place where you may pick up mail, get a shower, and perhaps get help with other needs such as getting an ID.

Harm Reduction Project

775 Lipan Street
 Denver, CO 80204
 303.572.7800

www.harmredux.org

- day shelter in Denver for people struggling with addiction
- offers HIV and hepatitis C testing and education, counseling, meals, showers, laundry, Internet
- open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 am to 5 pm

The Gathering Place: A Refuge for Rebuilding Lives

1535 High Street
 Denver, CO 80218
 303.321.4198

www.the-gatheringplace.org

- day shelter for homeless women, including women with children
- provides showers, GED classes, computer classes, a food bank, legal aid, mental health counselor, and other services
- offers breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack
- open 8:30 to 5 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; open 8:30 to 1 pm Tuesday

St. Francis Center

2323 Curtis Street
 Denver, CO 80205
 303.297.1576

www.sfcdenver.org

- day shelter for homeless men and women
- provides showers, clothing, mental health counselor, nurse, social worker
- open 6:30 am to 2 pm, Monday thru Friday, 6:30 am to noon on Sunday

Senior Support Services

846 E. 18th Avenue

Denver, CO 80218
303.832.1622

www.seniorsupportservices.org

- day shelter for homeless men and women 55 and older
- may provide clothing, meals, glasses, hearing aids, etc.
- be prepared to provide documentation of your age
- open 7 am to 7 pm, Monday thru Friday, and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm.

List of overnight shelters in Colorado

Remember, this is not a complete list of shelters throughout Colorado. Dial 2-1-1 or ask other recommended resources for current information.

Alamosa

La Puente Home
913 State Avenue
Alamosa, CO 81101
719.589.5909

- for men and women
- no charge; open 24 hours a day
- provides all meals, help with IDs, laundry services, and access to other services
- can not accept people convicted of a sex offense; if on parole, your case manager or parole officer should contact first

Boulder

Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
4869 N. Broadway
Boulder, CO 80304
303.442.4646

- for men and women
- open Oct 1 thru April 30; may stay up to 90 days
- no charge; need TB card within 14 days
- provides breakfast and dinner
- accepts people, regardless of any criminal conviction, who agree to abide by shelter's Conditions of Stay
- offers information about and referrals to other resources
- may have transitional housing information

Cañon City

Loaves and Fishes Ministries
241 Justice Center Road
Cañon City, CO
719.275.0593

- for men and women
- no charge
- provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- can not accept people convicted of a sex offense
- may offer transitional housing opportunities/referrals

Colorado Springs

Springs Rescue Mission
5 W. Las Vegas Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719.632.1822

- for men
- no charge; may stay up to a year in the rehabilitation program
- provides all meals, clothing, vocational training, medical referrals, religious counseling (Christian), and education (GED)
- can not accept registered sex offenders; there may also be some medical and mental illness restrictions

Liza's Place
 1411 S. Tejon
 Colorado Springs, CO 80906
 719.635.3643

- for women
- no charge for first two months; after that there is a monthly fee
- provides all meals, some clothing, life skills training, employment readiness, and other services; requires support group attendance
- can not accept registered sex offenders

Cortez

The Bridge Emergency Shelter and Detox Center
 Contact through Cortez Addictions Recovery Services
 35 N. Ash Street
 Cortez, CO 81327
 970.565.4109

www.cortezrecovery.org

- for men and women; open mid-October to mid-April
- no charge
- provides breakfast and dinner, referrals to other services
- call Cortez Addictions Recovery Services (info listed above) for the shelter's address

Durango

Durango Community Shelter (Volunteers of America)
 1055 Avenida del Sol
 Durango, CO 81301
 970.259.1255

- for men, women, and children
- no charge; limit of two-week stay unless qualifying for an extension
- provides all meals, hygiene, and clothing supplies
- may offer transitional housing opportunities/referrals
- does not accept people charged with or convicted of a violent offense (including domestic violence) or a sex offense
- substance-free shelter

Grand Junction

HomewardBound of the Grand Valley, Inc.
 2853 N. Avenue
 Grand Junction, CO 81501
 970.256.9424

- for men and women
- no charge
- provides breakfast and dinner
- does not accept people who are convicted of a sex offense
- may offer transitional housing opportunities/referrals

Jefferson County

Jeffco Action Center
8755 W. 14th Avenue (not shelter's address)
Lakewood, CO 80215
303.237.7704

- for men and women; must live in Jefferson County
- call office on 14th Avenue or drop by during office hours for location of shelter and bed availability
- no charge; low (refundable) deposit required within first week
- provides all meals, clothing, help with ID documents, some medical
- does not accept people who are convicted of a sex offense

Larimer County

The Open Door Mission
316 Jefferson Street
Fort Collins, Colorado
Mail: PO Box 1873
Fort Collins, Colorado 80522
970.224.4302

- for men and women
- no charge
- provides all meals, drug and alcohol counseling, educational and job assistance, and religious counseling
- has a transitional program for former prisoners
- does not accept people convicted of a violent offense or sex offense; does not accept homosexual people

Pueblo

Posada
1008 N. Grand
Pueblo, CO 81003
719.545.8776

- for men/women with children only; must live in Pueblo County
- no charge
- provides help with IDs, employment assistance, medical assistance, and other supportive services, even if not staying in the shelter
- may provide referrals to transitional housing for people with disabilities
- accepts people convicted of any criminal conviction

Wayside Cross Gospel Rescue Mission
728 W. 4th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003
719.545.5744

- accepts men who are not on parole; accepts women on parole but they must be interviewed first
- \$5 per day, \$30 week, \$120 month
- provides breakfast and dinner
- must attend chapel services
- does not accept people convicted of a sex offense

Transitional housing facilities (boarding houses)

Transitional housing facilities offer short-term supervised housing arrangements. While it's difficult to summarize the different types of supervised housing opportunities, most of them have several things in common:

- weekly or monthly fee

- house rules and a degree of supervision
- support services
- roommates
- programs

The following list will give you an idea about some of the transitional housing facilities/boarded houses around the state. Most of the ones we list are in Denver, but you will find several from other parts of the state listed below.

- You must have your parole officer's permission to stay in a particular transitional housing facility. If permission is denied, you may not be told why.
- Please note that some of the following organizations are for people with very specific needs, such as substance abuse treatment.

Center of Hope

875 S. Sheridan Boulevard
Denver, CO 80226
303.935.1276

Center of Hope is a private organization that offers a highly structured and supervised rehabilitation program for both men and women. It is a Christian faith-based program, with prayer, study, and group meetings required several times every day. You must enter the program for a minimum of one year, and for the first 90 days you're not allowed any visits from outside the facility. After that, you're allowed limited contact with family members.

- There is no charge for the program.
- Following successful completion of the program, you have an opportunity to move to a transitional housing facility, where you will be expected to be employed.
- Your case manager, parole officer, or you should contact the Center of Hope four to six weeks before your release to apply to the program.

Charity's House

3022 Welton Street
Denver, CO 80205
303.291.0275
<http://charityshouse.wmww.org>

Charity's House is a transitional living facility run by Charity's House Ministries, a private Christian faith-based organization. Up to 25 men stay at Charity's House after they leave prison or jail. This is a boarding house type of facility with shared rooms, common space, and shared kitchens/bathrooms.

- The current charge is \$60 week.
- Your case manager, parole officer, or you may contact Charity's House one to two months before you leave prison to start the application process.
- Charity's House does not accept people convicted of sex offenses and some violent offenses.

Denver Rescue Mission's Champa House

2544 Champa Street
Denver, CO 80205
303.294.9961

www.DenverRescueMission.org

Champa House is a transitional rehabilitation facility for single mothers and their children. Mothers must be over 18 and their children must be 12 and younger. It offers long-term security and structure for women in a Christian faith-based program. Women who are waiting to regain custody of their children may also be accepted by the program.

- The program is 12 to 26 months in length.
- You must attend an orientation session as part of the application process. These are currently held every Tuesday at 1 pm.

- The nature of your criminal conviction may influence your eligibility for the program. These decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

Denver Rescue Mission's New Life Rehabilitation Program

6090 Smith Road
Denver, CO 80216
303.953.3900

www.DenverRescueMission.org

The New Life program is offered at The Crossing (Denver) and Harvest Farm (Wellington), properties owned by Denver Rescue Mission. The New Life program is a one- to two-year Christian faith-based program for people struggling with substance abuse. Participants are expected to participate in spiritual studies, work duties, counseling, and educational classes. You're not allowed to work the first six months of the program.

- There is no charge for the program.
- Your case manager, parole officer, or you may contact the New Life program before your release for information. Please call in advance to find out if there is a waiting list at either location.
- The program can not accept anyone convicted of a sex offense or violent crimes against people.
- The Crossing also provides respite care and transitional living for homeless men, women, seniors, and families.

Empowerment Program

1600 York Street
Denver, CO 80206
303.320.1989

www.empowermentprogram.org

Empowerment Program has several different housing programs for women living with mental illness, HIV/AIDS, and/or a disability as a result of long-term substance abuse. Empowerment Program's housing includes the Women in Transition House in central Denver, Columbine Community at the old Lowry Air Force Base, Mariposa House, Bainbridge Apartments, and rental assistance for women living throughout Denver. You must be a client of Empowerment Program to be eligible for assistance with housing. Call for orientation times. After the orientation, if you meet all eligibility requirements, you will be assigned a case manager.

- The current charge for rent at these facilities is 30% of your income plus a small deposit.
- Your case manager or parole officer may call the housing coordinator at Empowerment before your release to see if bed space is available.

Matthews Center for Excellence

3030 Downing Street
Denver, CO 80205
720.422.2534

www.matthewscenters.org

The Matthews Center for Excellence manages a transitional living facility for women after they leave prison or jail. The facility offers shared bedrooms and common living areas. The Matthews Center also offers support programs, GED classes, and parenting classes. You must be substance-free while living at the Matthews Center.

- The current charge for this housing is \$350 a month.
- Your case manager, your parole officer, or you may contact the Matthews Center one month before your release to start the application process.

Open Door Ministries

PO Box 18018
Denver, CO 80218
303.830.2201

www.odmdenver.org

Open Door Ministries is a private Christian faith-based organization that operates three boarding houses in the Capitol Hill area of Denver. Many of the women accepted by Open Door Ministries are in transition from prison or jail (mostly for drug offense convictions). Chayah House is for single women, Esther House is for women leaving the sex industry, and Treasure House is for pregnant women and single mothers.

- The current charge for the program starts at \$200 a month for food and housing. Bedrooms are private with shared bathrooms and common space.
- Expectations include education and vocational plans, as well as church attendance and Bible study.
- Open Door Ministries can't accept people convicted of a violent crime.
- Your case manager, parole officer, or you should contact Open Door Ministries four to six weeks prior to your release.

Partners in Faith

49395 E. County Road 30
Bennett, CO 80102
303.644.5793 and 720.281.5460

Partners in Faith is a private Christian faith-based organization that operates several different houses for people leaving prison or jail. Vineyard House (for women) is located in Denver. Trinity Houses (for women) are located in Aurora. Marion House (for men) is located in Denver. The accommodations are boarding house in nature, with shared bedrooms. The program offers one-on-one mentoring and supervision. You may write or call the contact information above for more information.

- The current charge is \$400 a month.
- Your case manager, parole officer, or you may contact Partners in Faith one to two months before you're released to start the application process. Emergency residents are accepted if space is available.
- Partners in Faith does not accept anyone convicted of a sex offense.

Providence House I

801 Logan Street
Denver, CO 80203
303.860.8404
www.providencenetwork.org

Providence House is a 6-24 month Christian "discipleship" home for single men and women. Their program is for people living with a physical/mental disability, recovering from addiction, or breaking free from hardship. You must be employed or seeking employment to be a resident. Church attendance is required, as is participation in counseling, Bible study, chores, and community activities.

- The current charge is \$350/month for room and board and all other program elements except drug testing.
- To become a resident, you must attend an orientation and two interviews with the staff. This is typically done in one day with new residents moving in the following week. There is no way for you to apply to the program prior to being released from prison. You must do the orientation and interviews in person.
- The program doesn't accept anyone convicted of a sex or violent offense.

Shelter of Hope Prison Recovery Program

2609 E. Dale Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
719.471.9732

The Shelter of Hope is a private nonprofit organization that helps with shelter, employment, and other immediate needs in Colorado Springs. Contact them for current information.

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