



Housing Resources

Housing conditions:

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| Organization | Greater Lawrence Community Action Council |
| Programs and Description | -Lead inspections in homes with children under age 6 and blood lead testing -Fuel assistance -Energy Services Program fixes/replaces faulty heating systems, weatherizes homes, removes energy-wasting appliances |
| Cost | Free |
| Contact Information | 305 Essex Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 Phone: (978) 482-5652 Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM |

Legal assistance:

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| Organization | Northeast Legal Aid |
| Programs and Description | -Legal advice and counsel -Legal representation in litigation -Services address civil legal problems including housing eviction and foreclosure, consumer debt, public benefits, elders' legal needs |
| Cost | Free (but no guarantee of receiving assistance) Most services are limited to those who meet financial eligibility requirements (except if you are the victim of a crime) |
| Contact Information | 50 Island Street #203A, Lawrence, MA Phone:(978) 458-1465 www.northeastlegalaid.org Monday – Friday: 9 AM – 1 PM |

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| Organization | Lawyer for the Day - Lawrence District Court |
| Programs and Description | For those with active case in housing court: -Assistance preparing forms and documents -Legal advice from Northeast Legal Aid attorney -Referrals to service agencies |
| Cost | Free |
| Contact Information | 2 Appleton Street Housing Court Clerk, 2 nd Floor, Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 741-7888 Tuesday 9am-1pm, first come first served |

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| Organization | Court Service Center - Lawrence District Court |
| Programs and Description | -Help filling out court forms and accessing legal research and court information -Computers available with access to online resources -Interpreter services - NO LEGAL ADVICE GIVEN |
| Cost | Free |
| Contact Information | 2 Appleton Street - Law Library, 2 nd Floor Lawrence, MA 01840 Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-1pm and 2 pm -4:30pm Friday: 8:30 AM – 1 PM (978) 687-7184 |

Transitional housing programs:

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| Organization | Lazarus House |
| Programs and Description | -Emergency shelter and transitional housing programs -Families and individuals welcome |
| Cost | Free |
| Contact Information | Emergency Shelter: 48 Holly Street, Lawrence, MA Contact Almarie Perez at (978) 269-5283 or emergency@lazarushouse.org Capernaum Place: Contact Hazel Navarro at (978)-332-8525 For families and individuals Ishah House: Contact Carmen Paulino at (978)-332-8524 For single, homeless women—requires submission of an application |

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| Organization | YWCA |
| Programs and Description | -Transitional Housing for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual violence, homeless women, and homeless pregnant teens -Single Residency Occupancy: permanent housing option for single women who have become homeless due to domestic and/or sexual violence (without children living with them) -Case management and counseling for residents. - Full capacity right now , have waiting list, needs to go to the YWCA to complete the application and submit all the documentation that are requires. (Photo ID, SSN of all members that are going to be in the shelter, birth certificate, note of income and/or any type of income, third verification of the domestic violence and homeless due to domestic violence, health insurance card, consent for the background check). -Transitional 2 years programs but the time for the waiting list can change. |
| Cost | Free |
| Contact Information | Fina House - 203 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 Phone: (978) 682-3039 |

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Rape Crisis 24-hour hotline: 877-509-9922 (English); 800-223-5001 (Spanish)

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| Organization | Daybreak (Psychological Center) |
| Programs and Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Waiting list, call daily to be place in the waiting list. -Temporary shelter for men and women (18+) -Those under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol welcome (no drugs or alcohol allowed on premise) -Hot dinner, warm shower, safe sleeping accommodations -Substance abuse stabilization, referral, and educational services |
| Cost | Free |
| Contact Information | <p>19 Winter Street Lawrence, MA 01841 (978) 975-4547 Open 4:00pm-8:00am, arrive before 9:00pm, first come first served</p> |

Emergency financial assistance and housing:

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| Organization | Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) DHCD Program, Administered at Community Teamwork Inc. |
| Programs and Description | <p>NOT ACCEPTING WALKINGS AT THIS TIME.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provides short-term financial assistance to low-income families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless -Eligible uses include moving cost assistant, rent and utility overdue payments, rental stipends, or utility bills -For families who must move; security deposit, first/last month's rent, utility startup costs and furniture -Maximum amount per family: \$4000/year |
| Cost | <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Family must be homeless or at risk of homelessness -Low income -Must show that RAFT assistance will stabilize current housing situation (must have enough income to avoid homelessness AFTER to RAFT |
| Contact Information | <p>To access, must complete a Housing Consumer Education Center (HCEC) Intake Assessment. Can walk in or call. In-person appointments are available for assistance in completing the application. Bring ID and proof of current income for all adult household members (including cash benefits) when applying. May also require proof of need of assistance (i.e. eviction notice).</p> <p>Prior to applying, one must attend an information session at Community Teamwork, Inc.</p> <p>Local HCEC: Community Teamwork, Inc. 17 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852</p> |

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(978) 459-0551

DHCD Main Office: (617) 573-1100

Multi-service agencies:

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| Organization | Community Teamwork, Inc. |
| Programs and Description | -Emergency housing and rent/utility assistance (RAFT) -First-time Homebuyers Program (\$60 fee) -Home Modification Loan Program, including loans for home modifications for disabled residents -Housing Consumer Education Center -Section 8 application distribution in in Lawrence |
| Cost | Free unless indicated above |
| Contact Information | 17 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852 Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (978) 459-0551 |

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| Organization | Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless |
| Programs and Description | -Financial assistance to prevent homelessness and shelter placement -Information about all shelters in the state -“A Bed for Every Child” program offers bed donations for kids -“Room to Breath Program” supports low-income individuals with chronic respiratory disease to improve their home environment -Affordable housing education |
| Cost | Free |
| Contact Information | 73 Buffum Street, Lynn, MA 01902 (781) 595-7570 Monday – Friday: 8AM – 5PM |

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