

Housing

Bayview Housing

Eligibility: Low-income people in Dane County

Availability: Late August to mid-April

Details:

- Offers affordable rental units
- Application available online
- Must include last year's tax return
- Application must be addressed to "Bayview Housing Partners LLC"

Address: 103 La Mariposa Lane, Madison

<https://bayviewfoundation.org/bayview-townhouses-apartments/>

Early Childhood Zones (ECZS)

Eligibility: Free for all City of Madison residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Offers short-term housing support for families in home visitor programs
- Serves the Leopold and Northside neighborhoods
- Provides individualized housing stability plans
- Includes rental assistance, referrals, and help resolving housing barriers

Address: 4101 E Towne Blvd, Madison

Phone: (608) 237-1255

www.cacscw.org/services/housing-security/dane/

Eviction Assistance

Eligibility: Low-income households with eviction notice or losing rent assistance in Wisconsin

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Free legal advice and document assistance

- Help with settlement and eviction prevention
- Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm

Address: 744 Williamson Street Ste. 200, Madison

Phone: (855) 947-2529

Eviction Diversion and Defense Partnership

Eligibility: Dane County residents with an eviction notice

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Legal representation referrals, housing counseling, mediation services, court navigation, and rental financial assistance (back rent, utilities, deposits, etc.)
- Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm

Address: 2510 Winnebago Street, Madison

Phone: (608) 257-0006

www.tenantresourcecenter.org/

First Time Home Buyer Program

Eligibility: Low-income residents of Dane County

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Helps low-income individuals become homeowners
- Must have credit, income, and ability to work on home construction
- Affordable 30-year mortgage

Address: 6201 Odana Road, Madison

Phone: (608) 255-1549

<https://habitatdane.org/>

Home Start

Eligibility: Low- to moderate-income residents in Wisconsin

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Low-interest loan for down payment and closing costs when buying a home
- Loan terms, including interest rate, are determined at the time of approval

Address: 821 East Washington Ave, Ste 200W, Madison

Phone: (608) 258-5560

www.rascw.org/resources/housing-foundation/loan-guidelines

Housing Mediation Services

Eligibility: Tenants and landlords in Dane County

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Mediation before court between landlords and tenants
- Services provided by trained mediators
- Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm

Address: 2510 Winnebago Street, Madison

Phone: (608) 257-0006

www.tenantresourcecenter.org/

Neighborhood Law Clinic

Eligibility: Low-income individuals in Dane County

Availability: September–May

Details:

- Legal help, education, and advocacy
- Focus areas: rental housing, evictions, deposits, apartment conditions, discrimination
- Also helps with employment issues and Section 8 voucher terminations
- Must call for appointment

Address: 2238 South Park Street, Madison

Phone: (608) 890-0678

<https://law.wisc.edu/eji/nlc/>

Rapid Re-Housing

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Short-term housing support
- Caseworker helps find housing
- Offers rental assistance and help with security deposits

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Phone: (608) 237-1255

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Reducing School Mobility

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Offers housing services to families with children in 5th grade or below
- Schools served: Leopold, Mendota, Lake View, Gompers, Lindbergh, Sun Prairie
- Includes individualized housing plan
- Provides short-term financial assistance

Address: 4101 E Towne Blvd, Madison

Phone: (608) 237-1255

www.cacscw.org/services/housing-security/dane/

Movin Out Rental Housing

Eligibility: Low-income families in Wisconsin with at least one member who has a disability

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Provides rental housing for low-income families
- Includes units that are accessible for individuals with disabilities

- Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:30 pm

Address: 902 Royster Oaks Drive, Madison

Phone: (608) 251-4446

www.movin-out.org/

Horizon Rental Housing

Eligibility: People 55 and older

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Affordable senior housing
- Rent set at 30% of household income
- Office hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Address: 5201 East Terrace Drive, Madison

Phone: (608) 354-0900

<https://horizonapartmenthomes.com/search-properties-2/>

Section 8 Housing

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Helps with security deposit and application fees
- Provides housing navigation services
- Bridges gap between income and housing cost

Address: 4101 E Towne Blvd, Madison

Phone: (608) 237-1255

www.cacscw.org/services/housing-security/dane/

Single Room Occupancy Housing

Permanent Affordable Housing for Women

Eligibility: Must make under \$42,750 and not be a full-time student in Dane County

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Long-term affordable Section 42 housing for women

- Includes single room occupancy units and one-bedroom apartments
- Shared bathrooms, kitchens, and lounges in SRO units
- All units furnished
- 24/7 staff support
- Food and personal items pantry on-site
- On-site laundry and maintenance
- Optional case management available
- Office hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:30 pm

Address: 101 Mifflin Street Ste. 100, Madison

Phone: (608) 257-1436

www.ywcamadison.org/what-we-do

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Eligibility: Free for all veterans and their families

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Helps veterans and their families with low incomes
- Provides housing stability services
- Offers support to retain current housing
- Assists with finding alternative housing if needed
- Connects families to VA and non-VA resources

Address: 4101 E Towne Blvd, Madison

Phone: (608) 237-1255

www.cacscw.org/services/housing-security/dane/

Third Street

Low-Income Subsidized Private Rental Housing for Single Mothers

Eligibility: Single mothers in Dane County who are:

- At least 18 years old
- Pregnant in the last trimester or
- Have one or two children under age 5

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Affordable housing for single mothers
- 24/7 staff support
- Access to hallway phone and voicemail
- Support with parenting skills and stable housing
- Rent is 30% of household income
- Office hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:30 pm

Address: 101 East Mifflin Street, Ste. 100, Madison

Phone: (608) 257-1436

www.ywcamadison.org/third-street



Transitional Housing

Eligibility: Low-income seniors and individuals with mental illness in Wisconsin

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Two group homes and eight apartments
- Group homes provide 24/7 care
- Apartment residents pay 30% of income; utilities included
- Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:30 pm

Address: 1302 Mendota Street, Madison

Phone: (608) 246-3140

<https://goodwillscwi.org/community-programs/stable-housing/>

Urban Triage

Eligibility:

Availability: Year round

Details: Housing Navigation Program is designed to rapidly connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness with safe, stable, and permanent housing.

Phone: (608) 299-4128

Address: 2312 S. Park Street, Madison

Drop-in hours Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 4:30 pm

www.urbantriage.org

Wisconsin Housing Economic and Development Authority (WHEDA)

Eligibility: Low-income families and seniors in Wisconsin

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Supports affordable housing through funding programs
- Assists low-income households and elderly individuals
- Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm

Address: 908 East Main Street, Ste. 501, Madison

Phone: (800) 943-9430

www.wheda.com/Renters/Rental-Assistance/

WHEDA Advantage

Eligibility: Low-income residents of Wisconsin

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Mortgage loans for low- and moderate-income families
- Primarily for first-time homebuyers

Address: 908 East Main Street, Ste. 501, Madison

Phone: (800) 334-6873

www.wheda.com/lending-partnerships/mortgage-lending/getting-started

Emergency Housing

The Beacon

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Day shelter with supportive services
- Provides breakfast, lunch, coffee, showers, restrooms, and laundry
- Mail center, phone access, copier/fax, and day storage
- Preventive healthcare, mental health referrals, and case manager access
- Transportation to night shelters
- Computer lab, ID assistance, and classes
- Open daily, 8:00 am–5:00 pm

Address: 615 E. Washington Ave., Madison

Phone: (608) 826-8040

<https://catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/the-beacon/get-help/>

Men's Emergency Shelter

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County male-identified individuals

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Drop-in shelter operated by Porchlight
- Two meals per day
- Personal hygiene supplies, showers, bathrooms
- Case management services
- Open daily, 5:00 pm–8:00 am

Address: 2002 Zeier Road, Madison

Phone: (608) 416-1446

www.porchlightinc.org/mens-emergency-shelter/

Briarpatch Youth Shelter

Eligibility: Free for all youth in Dane County

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Shelter for youth aged 12–17
- Offers temporary shelter (1–28 days)
- Includes counseling, case management, food, and clothing
- Transportation available if needed

Address: 2720 Rimrock Road, Madison

Phone: (608) 251-1126

www.briarpatch.org/

Domestic Violence Shelter – DAIS

Eligibility: Victims of intimate partner violence and their children in Dane County

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Temporary emergency shelter for survivors and their children
- Services include housing advocacy, support groups, referrals
- Provides time and space to heal from abuse

Address: 2102 Fordem Ave, Madison

Phone: (608) 251-4445

<https://abuseintervention.org/i-need-help/>

Before you head out:

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Family Shelter-Salvation Army

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County families

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Shelter for up to 35 families
- Provides three meals per day
- Access to showers and laundry
- Case management services for housing support

Address: 4502 Milwaukee Street, Madison

Phone: (608) 250-2298

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/danecounty/shelter/>

Homeless Support Services – Bethel Lutheran Church

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Drop-in day center for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Services include referrals, computer use, clothing and hygiene items
- Access to bathrooms, phone, coffee, resume help, job/housing search
- Assistance with ID, birth certificate, and Social Security recovery
- Open Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Address: 312 Wisconsin Ave., Madison

Phone: (608) 257-3577

www.bethel-madison.org/

The Road Home Dane County

Eligibility: Free for all Dane County residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Works with families experiencing homelessness
- Provides long-term housing support
- Offers case management and stabilization services

Address: 890 W. Wingra Dr., Madison

Phone: (608) 294-7998

<https://trhome.org/>

Women’s Shelter-Salvation Army

Eligibility: Free for all women-identified Dane County residents

Availability: Year round

Details:

- Safe overnight shelter for women
- Provides three meals per day
- Access to showers and laundry
- Case management services
- Check-in: 5:00 pm–8:30 pm; guests must stay in overnight

Address: 630 East Washington Ave., Madison

Phone: (608) 250-2226

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/danecounty/shelter/>

VA Homeless Outreach

See “Veterans” Section, page 31

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