

Entry Points to Hamilton's Homeless-serving System

Prevention Programs

Supports to Find and Maintain Suitable Housing

Housing Help Centre: Provides services to assist individuals who are on a low income and/or experiencing homelessness in finding safe and affordable housing. Services include: listing of available rental accommodations, applications for subsidized housing and financial benefits, housing search assistance, information services, community referrals, landlord resources. 119 Main Street East, Hamilton, ON (905) 526-8100.

Access to Housing: Point of access for people who want to apply for subsidized housing in the Hamilton area. The City maintains a centralized wait-list for more than 12,000 units and works with a network of agencies and housing providers to help applicants find housing. Access to Housing is not a landlord and does not directly offer housing. Waits for offers of housing can be long. 350 King St E. Suite 110. 905-546-2424 x 3708

Good Shepherd Staying Home Program: An eviction prevention program that supports single women and families to help stabilize and locate housing. 905-523-8766.

Housing Outreach Preventing Evictions for Seniors (HOPES) St Matthew's House: Supports for adults 55+ to secure and maintain housing in safe and stable environments. 905-523-5546 x 240

Early Intervention & Diversion for Youth: A partnership between Notre Dame House, Wesley Youth Housing, and Catholic Children's Aid Society. This program works with youth aged 16-24 to prevent and/or quickly end experiences of homelessness. 905-308-8090.

Mission Services' Early Intervention for Men: Prior to accessing emergency shelter, or in the early days of emergency shelter access, Early Intervention Services concentrates on assisting service users to find secure, safe and sustainable accommodations. 905-528-4211

Indigenous-led

Housing Support Programs

The Hamilton Regional Indian Centre offers a wholistic range of supports for individuals with Indigenous ancestry. These include:

- **Indigenous Drop-in :** a culturally safe & appropriate space for Indigenous people to access housing supports and connect with peers in a community-based setting. 407 King Street West Drop-in Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 6:30pm Drop-in Services: Light Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner; Access to Traditional Medicines, Connect with Elders/Knowledge Keepers; Identification Supports; Housing Help & Resources.

Indigenous Housing and Homelessness Supports and Services Program - primarily serves Indigenous men, women, youth, and families, who self-identify as Indigenous and are experiencing housing stability challenges or are at risk of homelessness. Supports include:

- **Shelter Intervention:** staff work with individuals currently residing in an emergency shelter and provide culturally specific supports
- **Indigenous Homelessness Support:** staff provide supports to those who are recently homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing individualized supports and services to reduce or minimize impact.
- **Intensive Indigenous Homelessness Support:** staff work through the Housing First approach by facilitating services and supports that promote housing stability to those who are chronically or episodically homeless.
- **Landlord Liaison:** staff strive to develop relationships with landlords and property managers to connect clients into available units.

The Housing Supports Intake number is 905-869-9593. Further information is available by contacting Program Manager, Sheryl Green by email sgreen@hric.ca or phone 289-260-9591.

Emergency Shelters

Housing focused shelters: Provides emergency sheltering and housing supports for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Emergency Shelters for Women 18 yrs.+:

- Good Shepherd Mary's Place, 20 Pearl St. N. Hamilton. (crisis line) 905-523-6277, (business line) 905-540-8000
- Mission Services Emma's Place, 196 Wentworth St. N. Hamilton. 905-528-5100 x 1200
- Native Women's Centre: provides emergency shelter for all women regardless of age, with or without children. 905-664-1114
- Womankind Withdrawal Management Program: emergency shelter with addiction support. 905-545-9100

Emergency Shelters for Men 18 yrs.+:

- Good Shepherd Centre, 135 Mary's St. Hamilton. 905-528-9109
- Mission Services Men's Residence, 325 James St. N. Hamilton. 905-528-7635
- Salvation Army Booth Centre, 94 York Blvd. Hamilton. 905-527-1444

Emergency Shelters for Youth:

- Notre Dame House: 11 beds for males and 9 for females with laundry and meals provided. 14 Cannon St. W. Hamilton. 905-308-8090

Emergency Shelters for Families:

- Good Shepherd Family Centre, 143 Wentworth St. S. Hamilton. 905-528-5877

Drop-Ins & Outreach Services

Drop-ins: Open 7 days a week, with the exception of Indigenous drop-in, during the day to provide access to laundry, showers, meals, culturally appropriate Indigenous services and harm reduction supplies. Each drop-in may offer a variety of population specific supports.

Women

- Carol Anne's Place - YWCA: 75 MacNab St. S. Hamilton. Operates overnight from 10PM-8AM. 905-517-9326
- Mission Services Willow's Place, 196 Wentworth St. N. Operates daily from 9AM-8:30AM. 905-528-5100

Youth Ages 13-25

- Living Rock Ministries: 30 Wilson St. Hamilton. Operates daily from 1PM-4PM. 905-528-7625
- Notre Dame House—[Community Resource Centre](#): 14 Cannon Street West. Daily drop-in for youth 16-21. 905-308-8090
- The Hub: 78 Vine St. Hamilton. Operates daily from 5PM-9PM

Indigenous *Monday-Friday*

- Indigenous Drop-in, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, 407 King St. W. Hamilton. Operates Monday-Friday 8:30AM-6:30PM.

Housing Focused Street Outreach

- Supports for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to meet basic needs and connect to housing resources, contact at unsheltered@hamilton.ca

Violence Against Women (VAW) Shelters

VAW Shelters: offer emergency sheltering services for women and families fleeing violence or abuse.

Women:

- Good Shepherd Martha House: A 28 bed security-equipped transition house for women and children in crisis. 25 Ray St. N. Hamilton. 905-523-6277 | 905-523-8895
- Interval House: A transition house for women and children fleeing domestic violence. 630 Sanatorium Rd. Hamilton. (crisis line) 905-387-8881 | (business line) 905-387-9959
- Inasmuch House: Emergency shelter for abused and homeless women and their children, as well as female teenagers over the age of 16. (crisis line) 905-529-8600 | (business line) 905-529-8149