

EMERGENCY HOUSING OPTIONS

FOR YOUTH, AGES 12-24

The programs below are places that you can stay for the night. Many of them include shower and laundry access as well. You do not need to call in advance but you do need to arrive by a certain time.

A Safe Haven (Youth Engagement Services)

Location: 2750 W Roosevelt (CTA: Between Pink & Green Line, California stops; California-94 bus, Roosevelt- 12 bus)

Contact: 773-435-8440

Offers: Emergency shelter for 25 youth ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers.

Set up: All genders. First come, first serve. Open from 7pm–7am. Arrive at 8pm.

The Crib (The Night Ministry)

Location: Lake View Lutheran Church, 835 W. Addison (Red Line, Addison)

Contact: 773-318-5462 (answered between 8 PM and 10 AM, can leave a voicemail any time)

Offers: Emergency shelter for 21 youth ages 18-24. Includes dinner, breakfast, supplies, showers, laundry.

Set up: All genders. Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) youth welcome. *Space is not equipped for babies or children.* Lottery drawing at 8:30 PM.

Casa Corazón–Logan Square (La Casa Norte)

Location: 1940 N. California Ave. (California & Armitage; CTA: Blue Line, California)

Contact: 773-270-5126

Offers: Emergency shelter for 10 youth, all genders, ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers.

Set up: Lottery on Mon, Tues, Thurs @ 8p, 2845 W. McLean; Wed/Fri Lottery at 1940 N. California at 8:45p. Open 9p–9a.

Casa Corazón–Back of the Yards (La Casa Norte)

Location: 1736 W. 47th St. (47th & Hermitage; CTA: Orange Line, Western)

Contact: 773.276-4900 ext. 251 or 253

Offers: Emergency shelter for 30 youth ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers.

Set up: All genders. First come, first serve. Open from 9p–9a.

Ujima Village (Unity Parenting & Counseling)

Location: 7320 S. Yale Ave. (CTA: Red Line, 69th or #29 CTA, State Street Bus Stop at Lafayette Ave and 73rd Street.)

Contact:

Offers: Emergency shelter for youth, 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers.

Set up: All genders. First come, first serve. Open from 8pm–8am. Arrive at 8 PM.

Emergency Shelter for Pregnant and Parenting Youth

La Casa Norte

Location: 1942 N. California (CTA: #73, #74, #72)

Contact: Deja Davis, 773-360-1971

Offers: 5 beds for pregnant and parenting youth, ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers, laundry.

Set up: Ages 18-24. **7:00p–9:00a.** Must be referred by La Casa Norte

**NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE:
1-800-RUNAWAY**

EMERGENCY HOUSING: CALL 311

(How to get into Chicago's Adult Homeless Shelter system)

1. Go to any hospital emergency room or police station.
2. Find a phone and call 311 or ask staff to call for you.
3. Tell the staff and/or the person on the phone that you are homeless, 18 years of age or older, & need shelter.
4. Wait a really, REALLY, long time in the emergency room. Some waits are as long as 4 hours!
5. A Catholic Charities van will come and take you to a shelter. If you are able to arrange for something else during that time, you will still need to leave the waiting area when the van comes—since the hospital waiting room has the right to ask you to leave if you do not leave with the van.
6. If hospital staff forces you to leave the waiting room before the Catholic Charities van comes, be polite but assertive and ask to speak to that person's supervisor. If the supervisor also tells you to leave, please report this discrimination to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless @ 312-435-4548.

INTERIM AND TRANSITIONAL YOUTH HOUSING

These are places where you can stay for a longer period of time. You usually have to call and complete an intake process.

The programs listed here, except where noted, do not use the Central Referral System (see bottom of page).

El Rescate Transitional Living Program

Location: 2703 W. Division

Contact: 872-829-2662

LGBTQ youth housing, ages 18-24.

Harmony Village (Unity Parenting)

Location: 7923 S. Maryland (1 block east of Cottage)

Contact: 773-783-9200

Ages 17-24. Call to complete a telephone intake and to be added to the waiting list. Supportive transitional housing for pregnant/parenting young adults and their children, single youth, as well as young LGTQ and/or married couples.

Hilda's Place Transitional Shelter

Location: 1458 Chicago Avenue, Evanston (3 blocks north of the Dempster Purple line stop)

Contact: 847-424-0945

Ages 18+. 4 month maximum stay. Call to schedule intake.

The Harbour

Location: 1440 Renaissance Drive, Suite 240, Park Ridge

Contact: 847-297-8541. On-site housing for young women 16-21 (emergency Shelter for girls and young women, 12-21); supportive housing for all youth.

Neon Street Center & Dorms

Location: 4506 N. Sheridan Road (Wilson Red Line)

Contact: 773-336-6740

Ages 18-24. Transitional living program for up to two years (or until 21 years old) for all genders. Focused on educational and employment goals. ID or school ID and birth certificate required eventually. Call to schedule intake assessment. Must access drop-in center service (9a-7p) at least twice a month to stay on the waiting list.

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

Location: 1140 W. Jackson Blvd (Boys) & 11600 S. Longwood Drive (Girls)

Contact: 1-800-ARE-BOYS or 312-738-7560

Ages 11-21. Call to begin application process.

New Moms, Inc.

Location: 5317 W. Chicago Ave.

Contact: 773-610-7696 or

transformationcenter@newmomsinc.org

Up to 24 months of transitional housing for young moms, 18-24. Apply through CRS, call, or email for site-based waitlist.

Need help with basic needs like rent, utilities, or other housing issues? Call the Homelessness Prevention Call Center at 1-877-4-Cook-15 (1-877-426-6515) OR call 311 and ask for "Short-Term Help" and you will be transferred to the Homeless Prevention Call Center.

Direct2Housing is an online tool that allows you to search for housing information on your own. You can click on each result to see contact information, eligibility criteria, and application process for supportive housing programs www.direct2housing.org

Open Door Shelter-West Town

Location: 1110 N. Noble St. (@ Milwaukee; Division Blue)

Contact: 773-506-4100; 1-877-286-2523 (toll free)

Ages 14-20. Interim Housing Program with 4-month maximum stay. Transitional Living Program available to clients in the interim program. TGNC youth and single parents with children are welcome. No wait list. Best times to call: before 9am, after 9pm. No ID required.

RAPPP-Lakeview (The Night Ministry)

Location: 3262 N. Clark St. (Belmont Red Line)

Contact: 773-506-3120

Ages 14-20. Interim-housing program for pregnant and/or parenting youth. 8 beds, 8 cribs. Call for intake.

Solid Ground (La Casa Norte)

Location: 3533 W. North Ave (#72, North Avenue Bus)

Contact: 773-276-4900

Homeless young men (including trans men), ages 16-21½. 2-year independent living. Youth may call to schedule an intake and assessment between 9am-7pm Monday-Friday.

The TransLife Center

Contact: 773-248-5200 x 411 (Call for location)

Chicago House's safe and affirming housing program for transgender individuals, 18+. Apply through CRS.

Teen Living Programs, Belfort House

Location: 3745 S. Indiana Ave. (Green Line 63rd/Ashland)

Contact: 773-548-4443 or help@teenliving.org

Ages 18-21. Transitional housing program. Young people, TGNC, and pregnant youth welcome. Program not equipped for babies or children.

360 Youth Services Transitional Housing

Location: 1305 W. Oswego Road, Naperville IL 60540

Contact: 630-717-9408 ext. 1148

Ages 18-24, program dependent. Transitional housing program for youth experiencing homelessness; one program for LGBTQ+ youth. Apartments in Naperville and Lisle. Call for intake.

Chicago Central Referral System (CRS):

www.chicagocrs.org

System by which people experiencing homelessness can apply for housing. Can be filled out **online** and assesses eligibility for supportive housing. Rather than being a "first-come, first-serve" waitlist, it is based on a household's need. Not all programs use CRS but many do.