

Food and Housing Resources List



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Legal Assistance at DePaul University for Housing

DePaul Student Legal Services:

- <https://offices.depaul.edu/diversity/immigrant-refugee-resources/Pages/legal-services.aspx>
- <https://condor.depaul.edu/sls/about/contact.html>
- Contact Information:
 - sls@depaul.edu
 - 773-325-1588

Non-DePaul Legal help for Housing:

- <http://lcbh.org/>
- <https://bc-firm.com/tenants-rights-chicago/>
- Here is an income-capped option:
<http://www.chicagoadvocatelegal.com/bad-conditions.html>
- <http://www.chicagoadvocatelegal.com/eviction-defense.html>
- <https://www.carpls.org/client-services/>
- <http://www.cookcountycourt.org/FORPEOPLEWITHOUTLAWYERS/FreeLowCostLegalServices.aspx>

Some relevant laws:

- <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/chart-landlord-tenant-state-laws-29016.html>
- <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/the-eviction-process-illinois-rules-landlords-property-managers.html>
- <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/tenants-defenses-eviction-notices-illinois.html>
- <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/free-books/renters-rights-book/chapter7-2.html>
- <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/free-books/renters-rights-book/chapter7-5.html>
- <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/state-laws-prohibiting-landlord-retaliation.html>
- <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/state-laws-on-rent-withholding-and-repair-and-deduct-remedies.html>

DePaul Assistance with Housing Crisis & Financial Aid

If you are experiencing a housing crisis and/or financial crisis, contact the **Dean of Student's Office**.

- Website: <https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/about/departments/Pages/dos.aspx>
- Email: deanofstudents@depaul.edu

The Dean of Students Office can help students and students' family members navigate the university system and can meet with students and/or family members to discuss any of the following areas of need:

- Academic distress due to personal/medical crisis
- Emergency/crisis situations
- Concerning or unsafe behavior
- Missing student/wellbeing checks
- Medical illness/injury/hospitalization
- Mental health need/hospitalization
- Financial/economic distress
- Death or serious illness of a family member
- Communication difficulties
- Personal safety needs
- Housing conflict/concerns
- Inability to find necessary on-campus/off-campus resources

<https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/resources/for-parents-family/Pages/students-in-crisis.aspx>

If you need financial assistance, contact the [Dean of Students Office](#) to ask about the [Student Emergency Assistance Fund \(SEAF\) Program](#).

- This program can provide financial assistance up to a maximum amount
- Funds are often requested for assistance with housing, books, and transportation

Housing Assistance (Non-DePaul University Affiliated)

Search the [Chicago Homeless Shelter Directory](#) for a shelter that may fit your situation. Below is a list of shelters in the Chicago area.

Individual Housing for Students

- Depaul USA Dax Program

Depaul USA provides housing and support services (including help paying for food, school supplies, and transportation) to homeless or housing insecure college students.

- Website: <https://depaulusa.org/locations/chicago/>
- Contact Emily Edwards, Program Director
 - Phone: 312-362-7931
 - Email: emily.edwards@depaulusa.org

- Deborah's Place

Deborah's Place offers permanent supportive housing for women in all three of our locations. Participants have private residences, sign leases and pay rent based on income, although rent can be waived in cases where a resident has no income. Unlike shelters, there is no time limit for length of residency in these programs as long as a participant still qualifies for services.

- Website: <https://www.deborahsplace.org/what-we-do/housing-services/>
- UCAN
 - Website: <https://www.ucanchicago.org>
- El Rescate Transitional Living Program
 - Target Population: LGBTQ Youth ages 18-24
 - Website: <https://prcc-chgo.org/2014/11/10/el-rescate/>
 - Phone: (872) 829-2662 or (872) 829-2654
- Center on Halsted's Youth Housing Initiative
 - Target Population: LGBTQ+ Youth ages 18-24
 - Must be currently enrolled in the Center on Halsted Youth Program and experiencing homelessness
 - Website: <https://www.centeronhalsted.org/youthhousing.html>

Housing Assistance that includes Families

- A Safe Haven
 - Website: <https://www.asafehaven.org/housing/permanent-supportive-housing/>
- Heartland Alliance Housing
 - Website: <https://www.heartlandalliance.org/heartland-housing/>
- CSH
 - Website: <https://cshorg.wpengine.com/chicagoces/>
- Rosenthal Family Lodge
 - Target Population: Women and their children who are victims or survivors of domestic violence. Referrals are made for adult men who are victims of domestic violence.
 - Website: <https://familyrescueinc.org/programs-services/rosenthal-family-lodge-program/>
- Ridgeland Apartments and Children's Home
 - Target Population: Domestic violence survivors with at least one child who are homeless due to domestic violence
 - Website: <https://familyrescueinc.org/programs-services/ridgeland-apartments-daycare/>
- Family Promise Chicago North Shore
 - Website: <https://www.fpcnorthshore.org/guests.html>

Food Assistance

- The DePaul Student Food Pantry
 - Website: <https://resources.depaul.edu/newsline/sections/hey-students/Pages/Food-pantry.aspx>
 - Located in room 326 in the Lincoln Park Student Center
- Mother Seton Food Pantry and Sandwich Kitchen at St Vincent de Paul Parish

- Website: <https://offices.depaul.edu/student-affairs/support-services/health-wellness/Pages/food-pantry.aspx>
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
 - Website: <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org>

Other Basic Needs Services (including funding for housing)

- Broadway Youth Center, Howard Brown Health
 - Target Population: LGBTQ Youth ages 12-24
 - Website: <https://howardbrown.org/byc/>
 - **BYC sees anyone, regardless of ability to pay.
 - Services:
 - HIV/STI testing
 - Health services clinic, including gender-affirming hormone therapy, PrEP, pregnancy tests, birth control options, vaccines, and basic needs medical care
 - One-on-one assistance signing up for health insurance
 - Resource advocacy, including ID replacement, housing referrals, food stamp and job application assistance
 - Drop-in services (e.g., food, clothing, youth-led programming and leadership opportunities)
 - GED program, high school and college tutoring, or college application and scholarship assistance
 - Community Outreach and Education
 - Behavioral Health Services
- Check out the StreetLight Chicago Mobile App
 - Government resources
 - Website: <https://www.streetlightchicago.org>
- Catholic Charities Homeless Prevention Call Center
 - Offers financial assistance to people who are at risk of being evicted or have their heat or lights turned off due to a recent crisis
 - Website: <http://www.catholiccharities.net/Portals/0/Programs and>

[Services/Homelessness/Documents/HomelessPreventionCallCenter_FS_110816.pdf?ver=2017-01-31-130321-043](#)

- Chicago Housing Authority Assistance
 - Website: <https://www.thecha.org/residents>
- Housing Choice Voucher Program Section 8
 - Website:
https://www.hud.gov/topics/housing_choice_voucher_program_section_8
- The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA)
 - Offers a variety of programs and services including emergency assistance, housing, and health and nutrition
 - Website: <https://www.cedaorg.net>