

Housing Resource Guide

1. **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA):** Clients can access countywide housing resources via the LAHSA Coordinated Entry System (CES) Family Solution Centers (FSC). The CES directory ([CES Directory](#)) has access point locations listed where an individual can be assessed and matched with other housing programs.

[LAHSA Homelessness Prevention Program](#) Homeless Prevention provides individuals and families who are at imminent risk of homelessness with temporary financial assistance and housing stabilization services necessary to maintain their current housing or assistance finding new housing to avoid becoming homeless and entering the emergency shelter system.

Other LAHSA resources:

- Safe Parking LA provides people living in cars with a safe and legal place to park and sleep at night. [Apply for Safe Parking LA - Safe Parking LA](#)
- [Domestic violence resources](#) domestic violence shelters and provider resources.
- Legal help with housing, evictions, or tenant rights, Medical Legal Community Partnership for Health Services patients (818) 485-0575 and [legal](#).
- [Find A Shelter](#)
- [Shallow Subsidy](#) Provides rental assistance to individuals or families who are enrolled in a Rental Subsidy Housing Program and need continued rental assistance and light touch case management to maintain their housing due to being rent burden and unable to afford their rent without assistance.

2. **Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA):** The Los Angeles County Development Authority provides housing, community, and economic development programs to the residents of Los Angeles County [LACDA](#)
 - Section 8 - [Section 8 \(lacda.org\)](#)
 - Affordable Housing - [Affordable Housing \(lacda.org\)](#)
 - Tenants - [Tenants \(lacda.org\)](#)
 - Public Housing - [Public Housing \(lacda.org\)](#)
 - How to Apply for Section 8 - [How To Apply \(lacda.org\)](#)

3. **Department of Public Social Services (DPSS):** DPSS Assistance Programs include motel voucher, rental assistance and moving assistance. Additional DPSS resources can be found here: [DPSS Homeless Assistance](#). Please consult with the co-located DPSS Linkages Liaison in your office for more information.

DPSS Resources:

- [CalWORKs Housing Support Program](#) (HSP) assists families in the CalWORKs program that are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. HSP offers financial assistance and housing-related wraparound supportive services, including but not limited to: rental assistance, housing navigation, case management, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, interim shelter assistance, legal services, and credit repair.

- [Temporary Homeless Assistance \(THA\) FACT Sheet](#): DCFS staff can recommend to the FR GAIN Services Worker (GSW) to issue FR-THA funds if the parent needs housing in order to reunify with their child.
- 4. **211LA**: has a resource database that can be accessed here [211LA](#) or individuals can dial 211 to speak with someone regarding housing assistance.
- 5. **Military & Veterans Affairs – Custom Benefits & Services Consultation** For help with homelessness or legal guidance, connect with a Veterans Service Officer (VSO). They can offer referrals and assist in navigating housing benefits and legal options for veterans.
- 6. **LA-HOP** is designed to assist people experiencing homelessness in LA County with outreach services.
- 7. **Adult Protective Services (APS) Home Safe Program** this program finds contacts and temporary shelter for older adults who are experiencing homelessness in LA County. For more information and if there is availability: [Aging & Disabilities Department](#)
- 8. **Winter Shelter Program** is held annually to protect people experiencing homelessness during Los Angeles's colder months. For information: [Winter Shelter](#)
- 9. **The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**: ARPA provides housing services for families with at least one child in the home, but the family cannot have an open DCFS case or referral. Rental/mortgage assistance is available for up to 6 months. See the attached flyer for more information. This program is going to sunset in September 2025. The client must self-refer, and they will be connected to the agency within their SPA. Please see [ARPA Housing Support Flyer](#) for more information.
- 10. **Housing Units**: LA County has a database of rental listings here: <https://housing.lacounty.gov/>
 - Further, the Housing Rights Center (HRC) [HRC](#) has a listing of affordable housing units in the services tab.
- 11. **Department of Health Services (DHS):** [Housing For Health Programs](#) This program is for homeless people that includes health services with complex medical and behavioral health conditions. Visit the Housing for Health website to find out about the various programs.
 - General contact information: [\(323\)-274-3600](tel:(323)274-3600)
 - Brochure: [LADHS Shelter Housing](#)
- 12. **Department of Mental Health (DMH):** The Housing and Job Development Division [HJDD](#) provides a range of housing services and resources for homeless consumers. This includes housing subsidies through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and Continuum of Care Program; financial assistance for rental assistance, household goods and eviction prevention through the Countywide Housing Assistance Program; and temporary shelter through the Interim Housing Program

Housing program with DMH:

- [Countywide Housing Assistance Program](#) The Countywide Housing Assistance Program provides funding to assist mental health consumers without or limited financial resources

to afford the costs associated with moving into permanent housing such as paying the security deposit, purchasing household goods and/or avoiding a possible eviction due to an unexpected financial hardship.

- [Interim Housing Program](#) The Department of Mental Health (DMH) funded Interim Housing Program (IHP) is intended to provide temporary shelter services for adults with mental illness and their minor children who are homeless and who do not have adequate income (including financial benefits such as CalWORKs and SSI) to pay for temporary housing.
- [Enriched Residential Care Program](#) The Enriched Residential Care (ERC) Program, administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), was established to facilitate the placement of clients who require 24/7 care and supervision into licensed residential facilities in order to help them remain stably housed.
- [MHSA Housing and Special Needs Housing Programs](#) The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program was jointly launched to support capital development and capitalized operating subsidies of supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness and their families who are homeless.
- [Veteran Services - Department of Mental Health](#) Temporary and permanent housing for veterans and their families, help locating housing.
- [Related Housing Links](#) other resources

13. **Expecting and Parenting Former Foster Youth (EPY):** Must be between the ages of 18-26 at the time of application and have left a suitable placement order at 17 or older (DCFS and/or Probation). EPY funds are for closed TAY cases, or case has to be within 90 days of closing in order to be eligible. This is a one-time request for Expecting and Parenting Youth up to \$5,000. Fathers are eligible. Application can be submitted by a CSW, by a case manager from a CBO or from the youth themselves.

Application: [SAFS-DCFS-Probation Navigation Application FINAL.pdf \(dropbox.com\)](#)

Consent: [SAFS-DCFS-Probation Consent for Release of Information-Verification Form FINAL.pdf \(dropbox.com\)](#)

14. **DCFS Transitional Age Youth (TAY):** [ILP online Housing](#)

- **Independent Living Program Transitional Housing Program (ILP THP):** Closed DCFS case. Parenting youth eligible. For foster youth or probation youth between the ages of 18-21 and are homeless or at risk of being homeless. This program will provide foster youth with an opportunity to live in an apartment in the community while getting support from a team of individuals that will help them with their independent living skills goals. This program has some beds specifically set aside for those mental health needs, and those services are built into the program.

Links: [Housing Application and ILP Verification Form](#)
[Fact Sheet](#)
[ILP THP Housing Intake Roster](#)

- **Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents:** Open DCFS case. Parenting youth eligible. Non-minor Dependents 18 year old and up to age 21 can live in an apartment or house out in the community while getting support from your CSW/DPO AND THPP-NMD staff.

Links: [Application Form](#)
[Fact Sheet](#)
[THPP-NMD Housing Intake Roster](#)

- **Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus):** Closed DCFS case. Parenting youth eligible. For foster or probation youth between the ages of 18 -24 and are homeless or at risk of being homeless. This program will provide youth an opportunity to live in an apartment in the community while getting support from a team of individuals that will assist them with independent living skills goals. DCFS and/or Probation case will have to be closed prior to you entering this housing program.

For THP-Plus and Closed Cases, contact thp-plus-closedcases@dcfs.lacounty.gov

Links: [Housing Application and ILP Verification Form](#)
[Fact Sheet](#)
[THP-Plus Housing Intake Roster](#)

Other Transitional Housing Programs: <https://ilponline.org/Housing/Additional>

15. **Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD):** is the County's new central agency unifying LA County's efforts to serve vulnerable justice-involved people and communities. [Contact Information](#)

POWR Program: this program is a one-year program for justice system involved women. Services available include case management to link them to community supports, interim housing, medical, employment, support with family reunification and linking women to substance use and/or mental health treatment. **Eligibility:** System impacted women/women identified who are over 18.

Breaking Barriers : provides justice-involved individuals with programming to enable participants to move-in to a unit in the community and "transition in place" by taking over the full rent amount after 18-months of housing assistance and stable employment. **Eligibility:** Justice-involved adults or small families who are experiencing homelessness and can work full-time.

Reentry Interim Housing provides short-term dwelling and group-based in-house programming for justice-involved individuals in need of housing support to stabilize and heal for a target of months while locating longer-term housing solutions through partnership with a JCOD care. **Eligibility:** Single adults enrolled in a supportive service program such as Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS), Providing Opportunities for Women Reentry (POWR), or Youth Overcoming (YO!).

16. **Community Legal Resources for eviction/tenant rights:**

- [TenantsFacingEviction.pdf \(lacounty.gov\)](#) Tenant Resources for eviction for non-payment of rent.
- [Tenant Resources - Housing Is Key \(ca.gov\)](#) California Courts has compiled a list of resources available for tenants to locate Self-Help Centers that offer free legal information and a lookup tool to find legal aid offices and referral services to other free and low-cost services in your area.
- [Stay Housed LA - Understand and protect your rights as a tenant](#)
- [Tenant Protections - City Attorney](#) Additional Resources and Legal Aid Organizations.
- [DCBA Rent Relief, Tenant Protections, Foreclosure Prevention](#)