

## City of Fitchburg Health Department Outreach & Prevention



### HOUSING/SHELTER RESOURCES

**Central Mass Housing Alliance** Oversees programs including Housing counseling service; Emergency Housing Assistance - will refer to local agencies **Tel: (508) 752-5519** [Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance \(cmhaonline.org\)](http://cmhaonline.org)

**Community Legal Aid** Serves low-income and elderly; can assist with evictions and housing court issues 515 Main St, Fitchburg, MA **Tel: (855) 252-5342** [Community Legal Aid / Fighting for justice for residents of Western and Central MA](#)

**Emergency Family Shelters** for pregnant women or families who are homeless to help them find stable permanent housing. **Program eligibility:** Homelessness, Proof of Massachusetts residency; Relationship to any child/children in the family; Pregnancy (if applicable); Income levels not exceeding 115% of the federal poverty level; Countable assets not exceeding \$2,500. **Tel: (978) 665-8700 or (866) 584-0653**

**Intake office for Fitchburg: Visit DTA, 49 Nursery Lane, Fitchburg (near MOC offices)**

[Find emergency family shelter | Mass.gov](#)

**Fitchburg Housing Authority** - Public Housing, subsidized housing and rental assistance c/o Leominster Housing Authority, 100 Main Street, Leominster, MA **Tel: (978-342-7025)**

[Fitchburg Housing Authority](#)

**Lawyer for a Day Program** - attorneys provide limited, free legal advice to litigants in the Housing Court on a first-come, first-served basis. Check in at Clerk's office, Leominster District Court, 25 School St, Leominster.

Housing Court session is held on Friday mornings

Clerk's office **Tel: (508) 831-2050**

[Central Housing Court - Leominster Session | Mass.gov](#)

**Mediation Services of North Central Mass** Mediation Services of North Central MA, Inc. is part of a statewide initiative to provide free mediation services to landlords and tenants who are trying to avoid eviction proceedings in court. 435 Lancaster St, Suite 224, Leominster, MA **Tel: (978) 466-9595**

[Mediation - Mediation Services of North Central Mass, Inc. \(mediationncm.org\)](http://mediationncm.org)

**Montachusett Opportunity Council MOC** Variety of supportive housing supports

49 Nursery Lane, Fitchburg **Tel: (978) 345-7040**

[Making Opportunity Count Housing Services \(mocinc.org\)](http://mocinc.org)

**NewVue Communities** Low income apartments **Tel: (978) 342-9561** [NewVue Communities | Home](#)

**Queen Street Shelter** (Individuals)

25 Queen Street, Worcester, MA

**Tel: (508) 757-0103 X6340** [South Middlesex Opportunity Council - Organizing Resources For Social Change and Economic Independence \(smoc.org\)](http://smoc.org)

**RCAP Solutions** Assistance to help families in crisis, those going off public assistance or supportive services for those fleeing domestic violence, including homelessness prevention counseling. Financial literacy counseling, housing assistance and other supportive services.

**RAFT - Residential Assistance for Families in Transition** - DHCD program can provide up to \$10,000 per household within a 12 month period to help preserve current housing or move to a new housing. RAFT can cover utilities, moving cost and overdue rent - as well as future rent in some situations. A Notice to Quit or eviction summons is required to receive assistance for overdue rent. **Tel: RAFT (978) 630-6771**  
[Residential Assistance for Families in Transition \(RAFT\) program | Mass.gov](#)

**Veterans Affairs Supported Housing - Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)** rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services.

**HomeBASE** -financial resource available to families who are eligible for the state's Emergency Assistance (EA) Program. Up to \$10,000 of household assistance available annually. **Must apply through local DTA office** 49 Nursery Lane, Fitchburg, MA

**Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)** Funded by DHCD offers both tenant-based and unit-based rental assistance 191 May Street, Worcester, MA

**Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)** Assisting low-income families, the elderly and the disabled to afford decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market. Family responsible for finding suitable housing unit where Landlord agrees to rent under the program. Housing subsidy paid directly to LL by RCAP and family pays the difference.

**Tel: Section 8 (978) 630-6668 RCAP Main Tel: (800) 488-1969** [Homelessness Prevention | RCAP Solutions](#)

**Salvation Army** - provides disaster relief and other emergency assistance

739 Water Street, Fitchburg, MA **Tel: (978) 342-3300** [Massachusetts Division - Fitchburg/Montachusett Corps Community Center \(salvationarmy.org\)](#)

### **SMOC**

**Individual Shelter** located at 482 North Main St, Leominster **Shelter Intake Tel: (508) 232-0340**

**Supportive Housing** - offers supportive housing in congregate and scattered site units, applications are available at Hastings Hall, 35 Holt St, Fitchburg, MA **Tel: (774) 509-2131** <https://www.smoc.org/>

**Spanish American Center** - offers a **Family Advocate / Information & Referral Specialist** who provides information, referral, advocacy and case management services including housing, legal issues and immigration **Tel: 978-534-3145 ext. 114** <https://www.spanishamericancenter.org/>

**YWCA/Battered Women's Shelter** - Provides emergency shelter and support services to women, men and children fleeing domestic violence. YWCA/Battered Women's Resources Inc. of No. Central MA, PO Box 1209, Leominster, MA **Tel: HOTLINE: (508)755-9030 Office: (978) 345-8699** <https://ywcacm.org/>

**FPD DV Advocate Tel: 978-343-4551 ext. 1265 Email: [rguerrero@police.fitchburgma.gov](mailto:rguerrero@police.fitchburgma.gov)**

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**The City of Fitchburg Street Outreach** program services include information about and connection to housing, shelter, detox & treatment, medical & behavioral health, recovery support Narcan distribution and harm reduction. Street Outreach phone **(978) 868-6482** is monitored Mon-Thurs 7:30am - 5pm