

8 DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOMELESS SHELTERS



EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Typically, emergency shelters function as day shelters, meaning that temporary residents can stay there at night but also during the day.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR WOMEN'S SHELTERS

These shelters commonly house women and their children, many of whom are also abuse victims.

THE PROTOTYPICAL HOMELESS SHELTER

Guests benefit from a shower and a fresh change of clothes to supplement anything they lack. Guests may receive bulk hygiene kits and other mobile resources to help them during their time on the street.

FAITH-BASED SHELTERS

Faith-based shelters introduce residents to their values and beliefs during their stay. Some shelters have people view a short sermon before taking part in meals or receiving a ticket for a bed.

YOUTH SHELTERS

Youth shelters have social workers and counselors specifically dedicated to filling in practical education gaps and promoting the self-sufficiency of young adults.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional housing affords people more comfortable and private housing that's temporary in nature and yet allows them time to recover from trauma and restart their life.

FAMILY SHELTERS

Many family shelters ostensibly look like women's shelters, though some family shelters allow men with children and two-parent families the opportunity to stay.

WET SHELTERS

Wet shelters house people overnight even if they come in drunk instead of forcing people to quit drinking and taking drugs cold-turkey.

