

WINTER SERVICES

2019 – 2020

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This guide has been produced as a quick reference to winter housing and food resources. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all services in our community. Community resources are subject to change.

For the most current information, always call 2-1-1.



Centralized Intake for Homeless (CIH) Walk-In Assessments

If you are experiencing homelessness and live in Champaign County, CIH may be able to connect you to a homeless assistance program that can help.

You are **strongly encouraged** to bring:

- Verification of your homeless situation (for example, a letter from someone like a case manager or friend stating where you are currently sleeping; it must include the date and their contact information)
- Photo ID
- Social Security card(s)
- Birth certificate of minor child(ren)
- Disability verification (if applicable)

When a homeless assistance program has a vacancy and you are the next eligible household based on the prioritization established by the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, you will be referred to the homeless assistance program. Each homeless assistance program has individual and specific eligibility requirements.

CURRENT WALK-IN HOURS AND LOCATIONS

The Phoenix Drop-in Center
70 E. Washington Street, Champaign
Tuesdays 12–4pm

Illinois workNet Center
1307 N. Mattis Avenue, Champaign
Thursdays 9am–12pm

Salt & Light
1819 S. Philo Road, Urbana
Mondays 5–8pm

Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County
520 E. Wabash Ave., Ste. 1, Rantoul
Every 4th Wednesday 1–3pm

Families/Children

Emergency Shelter for Families with children:

Attend a Centralized Intake for Homeless (CIH) walk-in appointment to be assessed and registered on the CIH priority list. Information about the walk-in days, times, and locations are available by calling **217-819-4117** or United Way's **211** line.

One or more parent (or legal guardian) age 18 or over with child(ren) under the age of 18 and Champaign County residents. Family household size: max 6 people. The head of the household needs to be biologically or legally related to the child(ren). Expecting women with no current children may be housed by program (must be in last trimester of pregnancy). Guest will be allowed 3-5 day increments of stay, as long as the guests are actively participating in case management services and working toward finding more stable housing option.

Crisis Nursery

Crisis Nursery is the only emergency-based child care facility **open 24 hours, 365 days a year serving ages birth through six**. It is open for the entire community to access with no fees or income eligibility. Besides safe shelter for children, we also provide family support and parenting education to strengthen parent skills and confidence. Tours are also available upon request-please call in advance to schedule an appointment for this. We believe that asking for help is a sign of strength. Families who may be experiencing a crisis are welcome to call (217)337-2730 to begin the process of scheduling care for their child/children.

Regional Office of Education:

Is a resource for homeless families with children and youth who are of school age. Pre-school aged children also receive services to ensure access to early childhood and preschool programs. Verification of school enrollment will be required. Services include providing school supplies, physical education clothing, transportation, alarm clocks, or special school fees such as those for field trips, pictures, and book clubs. In addition, funding is also available for tutoring and to assist with the cost of educational summer programs.

Call 217-893-3219 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Friday.

Women Only

Austin's Place – Overnight Shelter for Women

Austin's Place provides overnight emergency shelter for women during the winter months. Open from **November 1 2019 - April 15, 2020 from 7:30pm to 7am**. Screening and intake occur at Courage Connection, 504 E. Church St Champaign, from 6:00 - 7:30 each evening. Transportation to the shelter is provided by shelter volunteers. Light snacks are provide; showers and laundry are not available. Guests will be provided with bus tokens in the morning. For more information, contact Ruth Moore at 217-356-9078. Follow Austin's Place on Facebook for the latest shelter news and events and check our website at <http://shelter-austinsplace.weebly.com/>

After Business Hours and need shelter? Call the Outreach Hotline: 217-888-0329.

St. Andrews Church

909 S. Wright St, Urbana

5:45 PM Community meal (free) on Wednesday's followed by fellowship, Bible study and discussion.

Showers available for women on Tuesday and Friday from 10:30am - 2pm during the Austin's Place operating season.

Men Only

CU at Home Men's Emergency Shelter

Emergency Winter Shelter for men provided **November 1, 2019 – April 15, 2020 (8:00 PM-7:00 AM) C-U at Home (70 E. Washington, Champaign/the former TIMES Center location)**. Light snacks available, but no meals served. Showers and laundry are **not** available. Contact: Aleta Keith, 217-819-4569; or call 217-649-2200.

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Food

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Hot meal served seven days a week from 11-12:30 at 116 N. First Street, Champaign. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. (217) 356-7687 or visit dailybreadsoupkitchen.com

Canteen Run:

The Canteen Run is a mobile truck that offers food, drinks, blankets and human kindness to those on the streets on **Sundays 3PM-5PM and Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:30PM- 9PM**. Drivers are needed and require a background check. Training is provided on the spot.

Contact Barb Davies or Jason Fisher at cucanteenrun@gmail.com

Visit www.cucanteenrun.org to learn more

The Jubilee Café

Located in the basement of the Community United Church of Christ, located at 805 S. Sixth St. in Campustown.

The volunteer-based café will provide fresh, home-cooked meals every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. to college students, as well as local residents, who struggle with food insecurity.

Contact 211 (or 1-888-865-9903) for a list of food pantry and soup kitchen locations, dates and hours.

General Services

Courage Connection

Individuals fleeing domestic violence should contact Courage Connection at (217)352-7151.

The Phoenix Daytime Drop-In Center

Provides a year-round drop-in center and winter daytime warming site for those in our community that need a place to be. Hours of operation include **Tuesday-Friday from noon-5:00pm. Additional hours to be added (ranging between 7:30am-8:30pm) when daytime temperature drops below 10* and are based on volunteer manpower.** The Phoenix is located at 70 East Washington Street in Champaign (the former TIMES Center facility). For more information please contact the Phoenix at [\(217\) 819-4569](tel:2178194569) . Visit www.cuathome.us to learn more."

The Salvation Army Stepping Stone Program and Daytime Warming Center

The Stepping Stone Program will house men, women and families who present as homeless and who commit to working the program. Capacity is limited, so agencies must contact Program Manager before referring. The Salvation Army Red Shield Center on Market St. also serves as a daytime warming center from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Additional Daytime warming options include:

The Phoenix, public buildings such as libraries, municipal (city, state and federal) buildings during normal business hours are also available.

Additional resources

Call 2-1-1 or 1-888-865-9903

Community Resource Center at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center hours 7:00 AM- 6:30 PM 337-2635

Contact Beverley@uwayhelps.org or (217)352-5151 to add resources or make changes

Emergency Management would like to be notified when emergency shelters or services are made available or the above information changes.

Contact Champaign County EMA at 384-3826 ema@co.champaign.il.us