

How to Find Shelter

For homeless individuals and families who need to find shelter, Emmaus operates two emergency shelter programs. Mitch's Place provides emergency shelter to homeless individuals. It serves 30 men and women each night. Emmaus House provides emergency shelter and supports to 54 families with dependent children (under age 21).

To obtain emergency shelter for yourself or someone else, see the information below.

For Individuals

If you are an individual adult (or household without a child under the age of 21 in your care) and need emergency shelter, Emmaus' shelter Mitch's Place can help. Mitch's Place provides overnight shelter, nutritious meals, and support services. Our staff will help connect you to available resources, including income programs, rental assistance, community meal programs, and affordable housing. A physician, a nurse practitioner, and an outreach mental health worker are on site weekly to meet with guests who need medical attention.

To obtain emergency shelter at Mitch's Place, call (978) 241-3540 in the morning to see if there is an opening.

For Families with Dependent Children

Emmaus Family Shelter is a closed referral program, which means we can only accept families referred by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). If you are experiencing homelessness and have a child under the age of 21 or you are pregnant, you and your family may be eligible for placement in a family shelter.

To find shelter for your family, contact DHCD's Homeless Coordinator at the Lawrence Transitional Assistance (DTA) Office, which serves the Haverhill and Lower Merrimack Valley area. The Lawrence DTA office is located at 280 Merrimack Street, 2nd floor, Lawrence, MA 01840. The phone number is (978) 725-7100. Speak with the Homeless Coordinator to request emergency shelter.

