

Who is Eligible?

- Must be homeless
- Must reside in Oxford or Northern Cumberland Counties
- Able to live independently without staff supervision (take medications without supervision, willing to follow shelter rules)

Fees

- Shelter is provided free of charge
- Guests are expected to work toward employment if possible and save money
- Guests must apply for food stamps to use for food while at shelter

Guest Responsibilities

- Daily chores, prepare own meals
- Work on goals with a Case Manager
- Supervision of their child(ren)

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Greenleaf House

Roy House Treatment Program

Turner Family Support Center

Leeds Home

Transition House

Other Programs

Homeless Youth Outreach

Strafford Ave. Family Center

Transitional Living Program

Norway Family Center

A Member of:



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National Independent Living Association (NILA)

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EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Overview: Homelessness is not an easy problem to solve. The lack of affordable housing, reliable transportation and scarce job market in Oxford County are all contributing factors to homelessness.

Our clients face at least three major factors that contribute to their homelessness: (1) they have no income or are very low-income (2) the lack of affordable housing in this region; (3) they have personal and family problems, including mental illness substance abuse, domestic violence, abuse and neglect, illness, injury, job loss, displacement, and/or eviction.

Shelter Mission: Our mission is to provide a safe haven for homeless individuals and families while allowing them dignity, restoring hope and giving them assurance that someone cares. We do this by providing a safe place to sleep at night and offering supportive services to help individuals and families eliminate their homeless situation.

Our shelter locations include: the Strafford Family Center, Norway Family Center and the South Paris Men's Emergency Shelter

Goals: The goal of the Emergency Shelter Program is to provide temporary shelter until individuals can change their homeless situation.



The shelter is designed to help homeless individuals and families help themselves by securing safe and affordable housing, obtaining a steady income, and helping to resolve the issues that led to homelessness.

The shelter offers guests the opportunity to:

- Stabilize their immediate crisis
- Identify patterns that lead to cycles of homelessness
- Develop and implement long-term strategies and skills for breaking the cycle.



Services:

- The shelter is open 24 hours per day;
- Safe and stable environment;
- Clean bed with linens and blankets, food assistance and supplies;
- Referral to services including health care, mental health and substance abuse services;
- Emergency food, over-the-counter medicine, personal hygiene items and referrals for clothing needs; and
- Follow up services through our Homeless Youth Outreach Program.

Eligibility for Shelter Services:

- Must be homeless;
- Must reside in Oxford and/or Northern Cumberland Counties;
- Must be able to live independently and be able to supervise own child(ren);
- Must be drug and alcohol free.

Strafford Ave. Family Center:

The Strafford Ave. Family Center helps homeless families in crisis by providing emergency shelter and essential services to help them resolve their crisis situation and secure safe and affordable housing.

It is located in a four-bedroom home in a residential neighborhood in Rumford, Maine. The Strafford Ave. Family Center can serve one (1) family at a time that has a head of household between the ages of 18-25.

Norway Family Center:

This is a 12-bed emergency shelter for homeless women and children in crisis.

This includes those who find themselves homeless due to violence in the home, abandonment, past substance abuse or any other crisis in their lives. It is located in a four-bedroom house in a residential neighborhood in Norway, Maine.



South Paris Men's Emergency Shelter:

The South Paris Men's Emergency shelter serves up to two (2) homeless single males who are between 18-25 years of age. The shelter is located in a two-bedroom apartment in South Paris. It is fully furnished and all essential supplies are provided. The shelter provides basic furnishings including a stove, refrigerator, television, beds, bureaus, living and dining room furniture, bedding, and personal and house supplies and emergency food assistance. ❖