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Housing Resources (2019)

For prospective homebuyers and current homeowners:

Organization	Actua, Colabora, Trabaja (ACT) Lawrence
Programs and Description	-In-Person First-Time Homebuyer Workshop (\$50 fee) -Online First-Time Homebuyer Workshop (\$100 fee) -Landlord/Tenant Responsibilities Training (\$50 fee)
Cost	Above fees paid online
Contact Information	15 Union St, Entrance C, Suite #409 Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 685-6274 reception@actlawrence.org Monday – Thursday: 10 AM – 5:30 PM; Friday: 10 AM – 1 PM

Organization	Lawrence Community Works
Programs and Description	-Foreclosure prevention -Support in accessing financial assistance -Home ownership/landlord education and counseling -Workshops and coaching for first time homebuyers
Cost	Some programs may have fees, financial assistance with proof of income
Contact Information	168 Newbury Street, Lawrence MA 01841 (978) 685-3115 Monday-Friday: 10:00am-6:00pm

Organization	Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA)
Programs and Description	-Foreclosure prevention via mortgage restructuring -First time homebuyer assistance -Home repair and rehabilitation assistance
Cost	Free
Contact Information	261 Common Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 Phone: (978) 687-3993

Housing conditions:

Organization	Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
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Programs and Description	-Lead inspections in homes with children under age 6 and blood lead testing -Fuel assistance -Energy Services Program fixes/replaces faulty heating systems, weatherizes homes, removes energy-wasting appliances
Cost	Free
Contact Information	305 Essex Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 Phone: (978) 681-4950 Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Organization	Lead Abatement and Rehabilitation Program Department of Community Development
Programs and Description	-Home inspection for lead paint and code violations -Grants and loans for lead removal or prevention work
Cost	Free (low- and moderate-income homeowners and investors/developers are eligible)
Contact Information	225 Essex Street 3 rd Floor, Lawrence, MA Phone: (978) 620-3523

Legal assistance:

Organization	Northeast Legal Aid
Programs and Description	-Legal advice and counsel -Legal representation in litigation -Services address civil legal problems including housing eviction and foreclosure, consumer debt, public benefits, elders' legal needs
Cost	Free (but no guarantee of receiving assistance) Most services are limited to those who meet financial eligibility requirements (except if you are the victim of a crime)
Contact Information	50 Island Street #203A, Lawrence, MA Phone:(978) 458-1465 Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 5 PM; Friday: 9 AM – 1 PM

Organization	Lawyer for the Day - Lawrence District Court
Programs and Description	For those with active case in housing court: -Assistance preparing forms and documents -Legal advice from Northeast Legal Aid attorney -Referrals to service agencies
Cost	Free

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Contact Information	2 Appleton Street Housing Court Clerk, 2 nd Floor, Lawrence, MA 01840 Thursdays 8:30am-1pm, first come first served
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Organization	Court Service Center - Lawrence District Court
Programs and Description	-Help filling out court forms and accessing legal research and court information -Computers available with access to online resources -Interpreter services - NO LEGAL ADVICE GIVEN
Cost	Free
Contact Information	2 Appleton Street - Law Library, 2 nd Floor Lawrence, MA 01840 Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-1pm and 2 pm -4:30pm Friday: 8:30 AM – 1 PM

Transitional housing programs:

Organization	Lazarus House
Programs and Description	-Emergency shelter and transitional housing programs -Families and individuals welcome
Cost	Free
Contact Information	Emergency Shelter: 48 Holly Street, Lawrence, MA Contact Almarie Perez at (978) 269-5283 or emergency@lazarushouse.org Capernaum Place: Contact Hazel Navarro at (978)-332-8525 For families and individuals Ishah House: Contact Carmen Paulino at (978)-332-8524 For single, homeless women—requires submission of an application

Organization	Emmaus
Programs and Description	-Emergency shelters for families (with referral from DTA) and individuals -Transitional and permanent affordable housing -Housing counseling and job training -Case management
Cost	Free
Contact Information	Mitch’s Place (Adult emergency shelter): 127 How Street, Haverhill, MA Call (978) 241-3540 in morning for availability Emmaus Family House (emergency shelter for families): 150 How Street, Haverhill MA Requires referral from Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

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(978) 725-7100: Speak with the Homeless Coordinator to request emergency shelter or meet at Lawrence DTA office (280 Merrimack Street, 2nd floor, Lawrence, MA 01840)

Organization	YWCA
Programs and Description	-Transitional Housing for survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual violence, homeless women, and homeless pregnant teens -Single Residency Occupancy: permanent housing option for single women who have become homeless due to domestic and/or sexual violence (without children living with them) -Case management and counseling for residents
Cost	Free
Contact Information	Fina House - 203 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 Phone: (978) 682-3039 Rape Crisis 24-hour hotline: 877-509-9922 (English); 800-223-5001 (Spanish)

Emergency financial assistance and housing:

Organization	Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) DHCD Program, Administered at Community Teamwork Inc.
Programs and Description	-Provides short-term financial assistance to low-income families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless -Eligible uses include moving cost assistant, rent and utility overdue payments, rental stipends, or utility bills -For families who must move; security deposit, first/last month's rent, utility startup costs and furniture -Maximum amount per family: \$4000/year
Cost	Eligibility: -Family must be homeless or at risk of homelessness -Low income -Must show that RAFT assistance will stabilize current housing situation (must have enough income to avoid homelessness AFTER to RAFT)
Contact Information	To access, must complete a Housing Consumer Education Center (HCEC) Intake Assessment. Can walk in or call. In-person appointments are available for assistance in completing the application. Bring ID and proof of current income for all adult household members (including cash benefits) when applying. May also require proof of need of assistance (i.e. eviction notice). Prior to applying, one must attend an information session at Community Teamwork, Inc. Local HCEC: Community Teamwork, Inc. 17 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 459-0551

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	DHCD Main Office: (617) 573-1100
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Organization	Daybreak (Psychological Center)
Programs and Description	-Temporary shelter for men and women (18+) -Those under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol welcome (no drugs or alcohol allowed on premise) -Hot dinner, warm shower, safe sleeping accommodations -Substance abuse stabilization, referral, and educational services
Cost	Free
Contact Information	19 Winter Street Lawrence, MA 01841 (978) 975-4547 Open 4:00pm-8:00am, arrive before 9:00pm, first come first served

Organization	Lawrence Department of Transitional Assistance
Programs and Description	-Domestic violence services and emergency housing -Rental and utility assistance -Tenancy Preservation Program to prevent homelessness for individuals with disabilities -Home Base Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-housing benefit for families in the emergency shelter assistance system • Provides funds for first and last month's rent, security deposit, furniture and monthly stipend to help pay for rent up to 1 year, utilities, and other expenses • Includes support from a case manager and stabilization worker • For families deemed eligible by DHS who are currently in Emergency Shelter Assistance OR families in a housing crisis on the verge of homelessness must be deemed eligible by DHCD Homeless coordinator • Contact: Housing Consumer Education Centers: 1-800-224-5124 DHCD Division of housing Stabilization: 1-877-418-3308
Cost	Free
Contact Information	280 Merrimack Street Suite 202, Lawrence, MA 01843 (978) 725-7100 Monday – Friday: 8AM – 5PM

Organization	Salvation Army
Programs and Description	-Emergency utility assistance during winter for those who don't qualify for other utility assistance programs -Rental assistance for those behind on 1 month rent (maximum) who don't receive other housing benefits

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Contact Information	250 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 682-8038 Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-4:00pm; Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm

Organization	Veteran's Affairs
Programs and Description	-Rental and mortgage assistance for Chapter 115 veterans living below the federal poverty level -Eligible dependents of a deceased veteran receives the same benefits as when the veteran was living *Only for VA health services eligible individuals
Cost	Free
Contact Information	200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA, 01840 Phone: (978) 620-3000 Monday – Friday: 8:30-4:30PM

Organization	Lawrence Public Schools
Programs and Description	-For families who live in: shelter, motel, camping ground, car, train station, park, abandoned building, <u>doubling up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship</u> -School aged children may qualify for certain rights and supports under the McKinney-Vento Federal Act
Cost	Free
Contact Information	Call or visit Lawrence Public Schools Family Resource Center 237 Essex Street, 4 th Floor Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 975-5900

Multi-service agencies:

Organization	Community Teamwork, Inc.
Programs and Description	-Emergency housing and rent/utility assistance (RAFT) -Workshops on rights and responsibilities for landlords -First-time Homebuyers Program (\$60 fee) -Home Modification Loan Program, including loans for home modifications for disabled residents -Housing Consumer Education Center -Section 8 application distribution in in Lawrence: Northeast Independent Living Program 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence MA 01843 Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Organization	Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Programs and Description	-Financial assistance to prevent homelessness and shelter placement -Information about all shelters in the state -"A Bed for Every Child" program offers bed donations for kids -"Room to Breath Program" supports low-income individuals with chronic respiratory disease to improve their home environment -Affordable housing education
Cost	Free
Contact Information	73 Buffum Street, Lynn, MA 01902 (781) 595-7570 Monday – Friday: 8AM – 4PM

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