

Housing Stability Coalition

PRINCETON HUMAN SERVICES

Goals

To address state of homelessness in our communities beyond the definition of “homelessness” as defined by our county/state government agencies, funders, etc.

To be informed and be effective advocates when addressing the realities and challenges of housing stability and access to affordable housing

To streamline a process for intake and information sharing for organizations addressing housing issues first hand

To explore models and best practices to engage clients in job and financial literacy and coaching (particularly in Princeton as these efforts are primarily happening through volunteers, not as established as Trenton)

Housing Assistance Programs in Princeton/Mercer County

Organization	Emergency Assistance	Rental Assistance	Utility Assistance	Transitional Housing	Security Deposit
Princeton Human Services	X	X	X		
Housing Initiatives of Princeton		X		X	X
Arm in Arm		X	X		X
Stone Hill Church		X	X		X
St. Vincent De Paul	X	X	X		X
HomeFront	X	X		X	X
Princeton Senior Resource Center	X				

Community Wide Intake

Coordinated intake system between agencies in the Princeton area that help residents with housing assistance.

Consent given to share information.

Partners include:

- St. Vincent DePaul, HomeFront, Princeton Human Services, Arm-in-Arm, Housing Initiatives of Princeton, Stone Hill Church and Princeton Senior Resource Center

Princeton Human Services

1 Monument Drive Princeton, NJ 08540

The Department of Human Services coordinates and administers programs and services to the various population groups in need. The department also serves the community as an information and referral source for residents in need of various services.

Emergency Assistance, rental assistance, utility assistance

Contact: Melissa Urias, Acting Director

- (609) 688-2055
- murias@princetonnj.gov

Monday-Friday; 9:00am-5:00pm

Princeton Human Services

Services

Type of Service	Eligibility	Criteria for Applying
General Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Princeton Resident • U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) for at least 5 years and must show proof of Citizenship application within 30-60 days. For domestic violence victims, they can be an LPR for less than 5 years • No source of income • Over the age of 18 • No children or dependents under the age of 18 • Must have less than \$2,000 in bank accounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit down interview • Must bring in the following documentation: Photo ID, proof of citizenship, proof of address, current bank statements • Must attend 3 day work program within 28 days • If unable to work, must presented completed Med-1 by doctor
Emergency Assistance for General Assistance clients	Must be a General Assistance client	Sit down interview
Temporary Housing Assistance for General Assistance clients	Must be a General Assistance client	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit down interview • Must present lease and bill
Utility Assistance for General Assistance clients	Must be a General Assistance client	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit down interview • Must present bill
Housing Referrals	Do not qualify for General Assistance	Sit down interview

St. Vincent de Paul

214 Nassau Street Princeton, NJ 08540

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance in the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The Society recognizes that it must assume, also, a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless. Some 12 million persons are helped annually by Vincentians in the United States.

Emergency assistance, rental assistance, utility assistance, security deposit

Contact:

- English Speaking Clients: (609) 924-1743 ext. 250
- Spanish Speaking Clients: (609) 924-1743 ext. 251
- Hotline is checked everyday, including weekends

Monday-Friday; 9:00am-5:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul

214 Nassau Street Princeton, NJ 08540

Type of Service	Eligibility	Criteria for Applying
Utilities/Rent/Security Deposit Assistance	Must be a Princeton Resident or member of the church	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must call first• Must have a sit down interview with two of the volunteers to fill out the application
Car Repair Assistance	Must be a Princeton Resident or member of the church	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must call first• Must have a sit down interview with two of the volunteers to fill out the application
Medicine Assistance	Must be a Princeton Resident or member of the church	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must call first• Must have a sit down interview with two of the volunteers to fill out the application

Housing Initiatives of Princeton

33 Mercer Street Princeton, NJ 08540

Housing Initiatives of Princeton Charitable Trust (HIP) helps low-income working families and individuals in and around Princeton avoid homelessness. While providing transitional housing and temporary rental assistance, HIP equips families with tools for self-sufficiency, acting as a bridge between homelessness and hope.

Rental Assistance, transitional housing

Contact:

- Carol Golden, Chair
 - 609-497-4535
- Dina Skinner, LCSW, Board Member
 - 609-497-4535
- info@housinginitiativesofprinceton.com

Monday-Friday; 9:00am-5:00pm

Housing Initiatives of Princeton

33 Mercer Street Princeton, NJ 08540

Type of Service	Eligibility	Criteria for Applying
Back rent	Must be working and living in the Princeton area. In a one-time bind and owing rent. Eviction notice NOT needed.	Has to fill out application and attach requested documents. See attached application.
Security Deposit	Must be working and living in the Princeton area. Moving to a place that is affordable short on needed cash.	Has to fill out application and attach requested documents. See attached application.
Transitional Housing	Must be working and in need of affordable 2 bedroom housing in Princeton area.	Has to fill out application and attach requested documents. See attached application. Interview required.

Arm in Arm

61 Nassau Street Princeton, NJ 08540 | 123 East Hanover Street Trenton, NJ 08608 | 48 Hudson Street Trenton, NJ 08609

Arm in Arm's mission is to partner with our community to achieve stability for our neighbors in need. For more than three decades we have been a reliable source of food and financial support for thousands of Mercer County families in need. Today, fifteen staff members and hundreds of volunteers provide healthy food for more than 4,000 families, financial assistance and support for more than 600 families threatened with homelessness, and job training and support for dozens of people struggling to find employment.

Rental assistance, utility assistance, security deposit, food pantry

Contact:

- Cecilia Avila, Director
- 609-396-9355

Arm in Arm

Services

Type of Service	Eligibility	Criteria for Applying
Back Rent/Security Deposit/Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Mercer County resident• Income eligible	Must come to the office to have an intake done and bring documents (eviction notice, photo ID and SS card for adults, birth certificate and SS card for children, proof of income)
Utilities Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Mercer County resident• Income eligible	Must come to the office to have an intake done and bring documents (Proof of income, photo ID and SS card for adults, birth certificate and SS card for children, proof of payment)
Food Pantry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Mercer County Resident	Must present proof of address, photo ID for every adult in the household, proof of any dependents

Arm in Arm

Hours of Operation

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Housing Assistance (Princeton)	1:30 - 3:30 pm	4:00 – 6:00 pm	1:30-3:30	1:30-3:30 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Housing Assistance (East Hanover St., Trenton)	9:00am – 12:00 pm	Closed	1:00-3:00 pm	9:00am – 12:00 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Food Assistance (Princeton)	1:30 – 4:00 pm	1:30 – 7:00 pm	1:30 – 4:00 pm	1:30 – 4:00 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Food Assistance (Both Trenton Locations)	9:30-12:00 pm	9:30-12:00 pm	9:30-12:00 pm	9:30-12:00 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed

HomeFront

1880 Princeton Avenue #3 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

HomeFront's mission is to end homelessness in Central New Jersey by harnessing the caring, resources and expertise of the community. We lessen the immediate pain of homelessness and help families become self-sufficient. We work to give our clients the skills and opportunities to ensure adequate incomes, and we work to increase the availability of adequate, affordable housing. We help homeless families advocate for themselves individually and collectively.

Emergency Assistance, rental assistance, transitional housing, security deposit

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00am-5:00pm

Tuesday; 12:00pm-8:00pm

Contact:

Dana Nelson-Barnes	Permanent Housing Case Manager	609-989-9417 ext. 113	Contact when seeking permanent housing
Phoebe Brown	Emergency Assistance Case Manager	609-989-9417 ext. 149	Contact when looking for assistance with rental arrears/security deposit. Must call ext. 141 first to get on list. No walk-ins accepted.
Tijuana Richardson	Intake Specialist	609-989-9417 ext. 125	Contact for furniture & FreeStore Vouchers, and food bags
Brenda Whitaker	FreshStart/TLC & HIV/AIDS Program Director	609-989-9417 ext. 108	Contact when looking for transitional housing, and/or the client is living with a chronic illness

HomeFront

1880 Princeton Avenue #3 Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Type of Service	Eligibility	Criteria for Applying
Assistance with rental arrears/ security deposit	Lower income Mercer County residents with proof of homelessness and/or eviction notice	Must come to office to fill out intake and application. Must bring documentation – Photo ID, SS Card, Birth Certificate, proof of income, current lease or new lease (can be unsigned), proof of hardship.
Permanent (Rental) Housing	Income requirements depend on the particular vacancy open	Must come to office to fill out intake and application. Must bring documentation – Photo ID, SS Card, Birth Certificate, proof of most recent 30 days worth of income.
Transitional Housing	Became homeless in Mercer County and has the ability to pay once back on their feet	Must come to office to fill out intake and application. Must bring documentation – Photo ID, SS Card, Birth Certificate, proof of most recent 30 days worth of income, more documents may be asked for.
Shelter	Became homeless and referred by an agency	All above document will be asked for – only accept applications when there is a vacancy. Must contact Program Director first.
Food Pantry	Must be a Mercer County Resident	Need Photo ID, utility bill, and lease/rental agreement.
Furniture	Must be a Mercer County Resident	Must have a denial letter from MCBOS to get furniture voucher.

Stone Hill Church

1025 Bunn Drive Princeton, NJ 08540

Our Benevolence Ministry and Care Ministry attempt to provide tangible support for people in crisis. We can provide emergency financial help for rent, utilities, and other needs. We have personal financial coaches who can provide one-on-one support to help individuals and people develop a strong financial plan. We also have job coaches who provide personal support to aid someone in a job search.

Rental assistance, utility assistance

Monday-Friday; 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday; 9:00am-1:00pm

Contact:

Tammy Dawkins	Benevolence Coordinator	(609) 924-3816
Tracy Troxel	Pastor of Care	(609) 924-3816
Jennifer	jennifero@stonehillprinceton.org	(609) 924-3816

Stone Hill Church

1025 Bunn Drive Princeton, NJ 08540

Type of Service	Eligibility	Criteria for Applying
Back Rent Assistance	No eligibility restriction	Phone or in person interview, providing documentation for verification of need
Utility Payment Assistance	No eligibility restriction	Phone or in person interview, providing documentation for verification of need
Financial Coaching	No eligibility restriction	Phone or in person interview, providing documentation for verification of need
Job Coaching	No eligibility restriction	Phone or in person interview, providing documentation for verification of need
General Financial Assistance	No eligibility restriction	Phone or in person interview, providing documentation for verification of need

Princeton Senior Resource Center

45 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ 08540

PSRC is a non-profit organization serving aging adults and their families in the greater Princeton area. Our community includes people who are active, engaged, and independent, aging in place in their own homes, as well as others who live in residential communities and benefit from some support services. PSRC is a community of lifelong learners and a resource for learning about all aspects of aging.

Support and guidance services include individual and family consultations, care planning, assistance with transitions through life's changes, support and wellness groups, information and referral to community services, advocacy, assistance with benefit applications, and linkage to in-home support for older adults and caregivers.

Our focus is on adults age 55+, but since we offer retirement planning and family caregiver support, our programs are open to anyone in the greater Princeton area.

PSRC is the “go-to resource” for aging issues.

Monday-Friday; 9:00am-5:00pm

Contact:

Sharon Hurley	Director of Social Services	(609) 252-2362
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Princeton Senior Resource Center

45 Stockton Street Princeton, NJ 08540

Type of Service	Eligibility	Criteria for Applying
General Assistance	Must be from the community of Princeton, be an older adult 55+, and low or moderate income.	Must schedule a face to face interview with Social Services staff, verification of age, and verification of income.
Emergency Assistance	Must be from the community of Princeton, be an older adult 55+, and low or moderate income.	Must schedule a face to face interview with Social Services staff, verification of age, and verification of income.
Home Modifications (Minor) for Aging in Place	Must be from the community of Princeton, be an older adult 55+, and low or moderate income.	Must schedule a face to face interview with Social Services staff, verification of age, and verification of income.

Housing Programs and Resources

Homeless and Transitional Housing (Mercer County)

Resource	Function	Address	Phone	Website
Anchor House*	24 hour shelter for homeless youth (18-21)	482 Centre Street, Trenton, NJ 08611	609-396-8329	www.anchorhousenj.org
Arm in Arm Previously Crisis Ministry of Mercer County	Assistance for those who are homeless, at risk of eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoff	123 E. Hanover Street, Trenton, NJ 08609 714 S, Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08609 61 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542	609-396-9355	www.arminarm.com
Escher Sro Project*	Subsidized transitional and permanent housing, social services	50 Escher Street, Trenton, NJ 08609	609-392-4599	www.eschersroproject.com/home
HomeFront*	Helps families in poverty (who are at risk for homelessness and food insecurity)	1880 Princeton Ave., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648	609-989-9417	www.homefrontnj.org
Housing Initiatives of Princeton	Temporary living arrangements for families and individuals facing homelessness for 12-24 months	33 Mercer St., Princeton, NJ 08540	609-279-6987	www.housinginitiativesofprinceton.org/

*Provides Emergency Shelter

Housing Programs and Resources

Homeless and Transitional Housing (Mercer County)

Resource	Function	Address	Phone	Website
Mercer County Board of Social Services*	Emergency Assistance for General Assistance clients who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless for 12 months	625 South Clinton 2 nd Floor, Trenton, NJ, 08611	609-588-2400	http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/
Mount Carmel Guild	Emergency, food assistance, food and gifts for holidays	73 N Clinton Ave, Trenton, NJ 08609	Administration: 609-392-5159 Emergency: 609-392-3402 or 609-392-5159 (menu option 1)	www.mcgtrenton.org/
Princeton Human Services*	Emergency housing adults eligible for General Assistance. Clients must be for single adults with no dependents and no income living in Princeton	1 Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540	609-688-2055	www.princetonnj.gov/human-services.html
Rescue Mission of Trenton*	Shelter for single residents of Mercer County, services for addiction rehabilitation and residential or outpatient emergency services	98 Carroll Street, Trenton, NJ 08609	609-695-1436	www.rescuemissionoftrenton.org/contact.php

*Provides Emergency Shelter

Housing Programs and Resources

Affordable and Subsidized Housing: Rentals (Princeton)

Resource	Function	Address	Phone	Website
Elm Court	Housing assistance to elderly and low income individuals in Princeton who pay 30% of their income	300 Elm Road, Princeton, NJ 08540	609-921-0929	https://www.princetoncommunityhousing.org/communities/elm-court
Griggs Farm	70 low income rental units prorated based on the individual's earnings (up to 30% of gross income)	1 Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540	609-924-3822 ext. 5	https://www.princetoncommunityhousing.org/communities/griggs-farm
Princeton Community Housing (PCH)	466 safe, high quality and affordable rental apartments for low income and moderate income residents	1 Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540	609-924-3822 ext. 5	https://www.princetoncommunityhousing.org/
Princeton Community Village	Provides one bedroom apartments, two to three bedroom townhouses within walking distance of Princeton Shopping Center	1 Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540	609-924-3822 ext. 5	https://www.princetoncommunityhousing.org/communities/princeton-community-village
Princeton Housing Authority	Provides housing for low income families in Princeton while promoting self-sufficiency.	1 Redding Circle	609-924-3448	www.princetonhousing.org/

Housing Programs and Resources

Affordable Housing Programs (Mercer County)

Resource	Function	Address	Phone	Website
Mercer County Housing and Community Development Office*	Assistance to low and moderate income families and individuals through: First Time Homebuyer, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Residential Rehabilitation Program, Veterans Residence, Weatherization Assistance Program	640 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08611	609-989-6858	http://nj.gov/counties/mercerc/hcd/program.html
Mercer County Affordable Housing Veterans Residence	Rental units for low-income veterans	640 South Board Street, Trenton, NJ 08611 Units located at 2280 Hamilton Ave, Hamilton, NJ 08619	609-989-6858	http://nj.gov/counties/mercerc/hcd/program.html

*Application only open one week in January

Housing Programs and Resources

Other Nearby Municipal Affordable Housing Programs

Municipality	Address	Phone	Email
Ewing	216 Rockingham Row, Princeton NJ 08540	609-786-1100	Ewing@HousingQuest.com
Hamilton	<u>Affordable Housing</u> : 216 Rockingham Row, Princeton, NJ 08540 <u>HUD</u> : 2090 Greenwood Ave, P.O. Box 00150, Hamilton, NJ 08650	<u>Affordable Housing</u> : 609-786-1100 <u>HUD</u> : 609-890-3675	<u>Affordable Housing</u> : Hamilton@HousingQuest.com <u>HUD</u> : JBlakely@hamiltonnj.com
Hopewell	<u>Affordable Housing</u> : 201 Washington Crossing, Titusville, NJ 08560 <u>COACH Liaison</u> : 88 East Broad Street, Hopewell, NJ 08525	<u>Affordable Housing</u> : 609-737-0605 ext. 664 <u>COACH Liaison</u> : 609-466-2636	<u>Affordable Housing</u> : affordable@hopewelltp.org <u>COACH Liaison</u> : Michele.hovan@hopewellboro-nj.us
Hightstown	131 Rogers Avenue, Hightstown, NJ 08520	609-448-2268	kleprevost@Hightstownhousing.org
Lawrence	2207 Lawrence Road, P.O. Box 6006, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648	609-844-7087	Alink@lawrencetwp.com
Pennington	30 North Main Street, Pennington, NJ 08534-0095	609-737-0276	eheinzel@penningtonboro.org
Princeton	1 Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540	609-688-2029	mfullaway@princetonnj.gov
Robbinsville	2298 Route 33, Robbinsville, NJ, 08691	609-259-3600 ext. 110	gailp@robbinsville.net
Trenton	875 New Willow Street, Trenton, NJ 08638	609-278-5000	N/A
West Windsor	216 Rockingham Row, Princeton, NJ 08540	609-786-1100	Info@HousingQuest.com

Housing Programs and Resources

Affordable Housing Program (New Jersey)

State of New Jersey Housing Assistance Program

- Homeless Prevention Program (HPP)
- Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Program (Section 8)
- State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP)

For more information, contact Mercer County Field Office:

171 Jersey Ave, Building 5, Trenton, NJ 08608

(609) 292-8537