



Housing Search Tips Navigation Services



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

This resource sheet gives tips on what to gather, things to consider, and resources to use when searching for housing.

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

Things to Collect:

- Birth Certificates
- Valid Colorado Driver's License and ID for all applicants 18+
- Social Security cards
- Proof of income
- Sample Application
- Letters of recommendation from previous landlords
- Letters of explanation (evictions, criminal history, etc.)

Things to Consider:

- Know your price range. What is the maximum you can pay in rent each month? Is there any way you can raise that amount by cutting down on other costs?
- Know your eviction and criminal history, and be prepared to write a letter of explanation if needed
- Keep an open mind. The more flexible you are, the more options there are so you can get into housing faster

Tips while looking:

- Get your name on every wait list possible no matter how long it is
- Apply for all Housing Choice Voucher (formerly Section 8) openings when available.
- Check back regularly with landlords on wait lists you're already on
- Document all the phone calls you make and with whom you speak
- Keep an up-to-date mailing address and phone number. Update landlords on any changes to these
- Set a goal for applications to complete each day or week

Housing Search Assistance Toolkit

[Housing Search Assistance Toolkit - HUD Exchange](#)

Search tools provided on the website above to help clients with their housing search

- Housing Preferences Worksheet
- Sample Rental Application
- Client Telephone Guide: Calling about an Apartment
- Tips for Finding an Apartment
- Apartment Comparison Checklist
- What Does My Lease Say?
- Move-in Inspection Checklist

Resources:

- www.socialserve.com
- www.roomster.com
- www.craigslist.com

Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

B-Konnected

720-551-7441

P.O. Box 40472 Denver, CO 80223

Email: bkonnectedteam@b-konnected.org

<https://bkonnected.org/>

- Our Housing Navigation Platform supports renters seeking homes and landlords searching for long term renters.
- Our program works with landlords throughout the Denver metro area to provide placement and ongoing housing stability services. Our team will give you access to daily vacancies and support when locating your next rental home. Our team will provide you with a full 3rd party background check that includes credit, eviction, and criminal history. This tool will provide you with an understanding of what's on your background. This tool will support you in gaining housing access.
- Before we can begin services, you will be sent an invoice for the **non-refundable \$250 program fee**. Once we receive your payment, someone from our team will contact you to complete a pre-screen, explain more about the intake process for our program, and go over the required documentation needed to continue services. Our team will also send you a Smartmove rental application to fill out that will allow our team to increase housing options for you. Once our intake is completed, we will support you in locating your next rental homes with one of our landlords.
- We will make an individual file for your documents and share it with the landlord of the specific unit(s) you apply for. The landlord will review your documentation with the application you will be required to complete for the specific unit(s) you apply for. Our program does not cover any application or deposit fees associated with the units available.
- Housing inspection and eviction prevention is also available,

Colorado Housing Connects

Main Phone Number: 303-202-6340

CHC Phone Number: 844-926-6632

2250 Eaton St., Suite B, Denver, CO 80214

<https://coloradohousingconnects.org/>

- Housing navigators can help Coloradans navigate through non-emergency housing services and resources. Our helpline provides information about a variety of housing services and topics of interest to renters, landlords, first-time homebuyers, seniors, people with disabilities and anyone with fair housing concerns.
- We aim to prevent evictions by connecting Coloradans to local rental assistance resources, wherever they live, thereby encouraging long-term sustainable solutions, informing residents about the eviction process and their rights, and by connecting residents to legal referrals.

The Gathering Place

303-321-4198

1535 High Street, Denver, CO 80218

<https://tgpdenver.org/what-we-do/case-management-program.html>

- Members experiencing homelessness are able to participate in case management- involving member-driven goal setting to develop individualized care plans and promote greater personal stability.
 - Obtaining transitional and/or permanent housing
 - Meeting basic needs (including shelter, food, personal hygiene, clothing)
 - Improving income through employment and benefits
 - Increasing education, certificates, and training
 - Gaining reliable means of communication and transportation

Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

Family Tree

303-467-2604

3805 Marshall Street, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

<https://www.thefamilytree.org/homelessness-program>

- The Family Tree Homelessness Program provides housing navigation and placement services, comprehensive case management, education and employment services, along with connections to various resources to assist those experiencing homelessness or those at-risk of homelessness.

Heading Home

<https://www.headinghomejeffco.com/partner-page>

- Heading Home is a collaboration of individuals, public service, and faith-based organizations from the community determined to end homelessness in Jefferson County.
- Navigators work with local residents experiencing homelessness to identify housing pathways and assist in decreasing barriers on those pathways. Navigators do not have housing but work to access existing housing resources.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – Families

303-312-9679

Email: fssintake@coloradocoalition.org

<https://www.coloradocoalition.org/housing>

- Family Support Services helps to link your family experiencing homelessness (with children under the age of 18) to housing and many other services.
- Family Support Services Program provides the following services:
 - Emergency Shelter information and referrals
 - Housing information
 - Referrals to other agencies
 - Programming designed specifically to meet needs of children ages birth to 5 years old
 - Access to medical health services through the Stout Street Health Center
 - Access to free mental health services for individuals, couples, children, and families through Family Support Services Clinical program
 - Diapers and baby supplies, including car seats when available
 - Advocacy, support, and problem solving in connection with social service agencies
 - Care Coordination services for survivors of intimate partner violence
 - Referrals to Renaissance Children’s Center for early childhood education program and day care
- Eligibility
 - Families experiencing homelessness with children under the age 18
 - Single parent, two-parent, same sex couples, and multi-generational families are all eligible for services
 - Families must have or be working towards at least 50% custody of one or more children under the age 18
 - If Child Protective Services is involved, there must be a plan for reunification
 - Pregnant individuals encouraged to attend
- Access to our Rapid Rehousing program is now completed through the OneHome Coordinated Entry System. To complete the assessment known as the “VI-SPDAT”, please speak with your current homeless service provider. If you do not have a current provider, please email lolona@coloradocoalition.org to schedule an appointment

Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – Single Adults & Couples without children

303-312-9679

Email: crinfo@coloradocoalition.org

<https://www.coloradocoalition.org/housing>

- Housing Assistance for Adults
 - Single adults or couples, without children, qualify for assistance from Community Resources. There is no referral necessary
 - Community Resources works to help connect you to housing options and resources. This program provides the following services:
 - Assistance in applying for permanent housing
 - Short-term case management
 - Shelter information
 - Referrals to other agencies
 - Referrals to treatment programs in the community
 - Payeeship referrals
 - Assistance in completing benefits applications
 - Basic hygiene products
 - Replacement permanent resident card applications
 - Advocacy, support, and problem solving in connection with social service agencies
- Housing Assistance for Adults with Mental Illness
 - Adults with a primary diagnosis or history of major mental illness who are experiencing homelessness at time of admission and who are seeking housing as an individual or as a couple (not with dependent children). There is no referral necessary.
 - PATH (Project to Assist in the Transition from Homelessness) assists adults living with mental illness move from homelessness into permanent housing and access the resources you need to support recovery and maintain long-term housing stability.
 - Case Management
 - Obtaining and Maintaining Permanent Housing
 - Vocational and Educational Referral
 - Assistance in applying for benefits
 - Referrals for Representative Payee services
 - Advocacy, support, and problem solving in connection with social service agencies
 - Mental Health
 - Assessment and Evaluation
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Behavioral Health Case Management and Individual Psychotherapy
 - Referrals for mental health and substance use treatment
 - Education and support regarding mental health and recovery
- If you are interested in any of these services, please plan to come to Walk-In Hours at 2100 Broadway, Denver, CO 80205. Monday through Friday at 8:00 am. Please be aware that due to COVID 19 restrictions we are only able to see the first 8 people each day.
- It is helpful, but not required, to bring originals or copies of the following items:
 - Photo ID, social security card, birth certificate, proof of income