

Other Steppingstone Programs

Men's Treatment Program

466 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 102

Women's Treatment Program

522 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 101

Women's Treatment Program

979 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
508-984-1880

Outpatient Treatment Program

542 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 120

William B Webster Graduate Program

506 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 118

New Bedford Graduate Program

977 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
508-984-1880

Transition House

542 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 118

First Step Inn Emergency Shelter

175 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-679-8001

Stone Residence

177 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-675-4159

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The Next Step Home Program



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A Scattered Site Subsidized
Housing Program with
Supportive Services

Serving Homeless
Individuals and Families in
Fall River, Massachusetts





Admission Criteria

The Next Step Home is a scattered-site affordable permanent housing program serving homeless individuals and/or families who meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older
- Homeless in the City of Fall River
- Diagnosed with co-occurring (substance abuse and mental illness), HIV/AIDS, chronic substance abuse, or extensive histories of mental health disorders and domestic violence
- Must meet HUD's income guidelines
- Willing to authorize a CORI check, CORI report must be without warrants
- Alcohol and drug free
- Medically and psychologically stabilized

Population Served

- Individuals in recovery from chronic alcohol and drug use
- Individuals living with HIV/AIDS and related disabilities
- Individuals with a history of domestic violence; resulting in the need for day to day supportive services
- Individuals with major mental health disorders

Services Offered

The Next Step Home offers permanent housing. Participants in the Next Step Home program receive the following services:

- Housing search and placement
- Advocacy with landlord/tenant resolution
- Subsidized rental assistance (tenant rental portion 30% of income)
- Comprehensive case management
- Crisis intervention
- Psycho-educational groups
- Relapse prevention groups
- Residential substance abuse treatment access
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment access
- Coordination of emergency and long term psychiatric care
- Specialty services designed for those living with substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, mental health and homelessness
- Referrals to community-based collateral services, educational opportunities, medical care, domestic violence and other forms of supportive services

Referral Process

Social service agencies are encouraged to refer eligible homeless individuals and/or families, to the Next Step Home at 508-674-2788 ext. 113.

- An Initial Referral Form must be completed by a service provider that will be reviewed by program staff for eligibility
- A face to face interview will be scheduled
- Once accepted, the individual will be placed on a waiting list if there are no immediate openings in the program

Major Funding Sources

- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Fall River Community Development Agency
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of HIV/AIDS
- Private Contributions