

Other Steppingstone Programs

Men's Treatment Program

466 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-617-4436

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

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

Next Step Home Program

506 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508 674-2788 x 119

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

The Stone Residence

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

Welcome Home

5 Dover Street Suite 201
New Bedford, MA 02740



The First Step Inn
Steppingstone, Inc.
175 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720

The First Step Inn



A Homeless Shelter with
Case Management Services

Serving Homeless Individuals
in Fall River, Massachusetts

Steppingstone, Inc.





Admission Criteria

The First Step Inn shelter serves homeless men and women in Fall River who meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older
- Homeless in the City of Fall River
- Willing to submit to a search upon entry
- Willing to authorize a CORI check, CORI report must be without warrants
- Alcohol and drug free
- Medically and psychologically stabilized

Population Served

- Individuals homeless in Fall River, Massachusetts
- Individuals lacking resources to obtain affordable housing
- Individuals struggling with addiction
- Individuals with mental health disorders

Services Offered

Guests at the shelter are required to engage in case management meetings which result in the development of a Three Phase Individual Service Plan designed to identify issues and refer guests to needed services. Guests in the First Step Inn receive the following services:

- Food and nutritional assistance
- Safe and secure sleeping environment
- Comprehensive case management
- Housing placement assistance
- Psycho-educational groups
- Assistance with applications to income resources
- Crisis intervention
- 12 step meetings, and other AA/NA recovery related activities
- Residential substance abuse treatment access
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment access
- Coordination of emergency and long term psychiatric care
- Referrals to community-based collateral services, educational, medical care, domestic violence, and other forms of assistance
- Discharge and aftercare planning

Referral Process

Social service agencies are encouraged to refer eligible homeless individuals, to the First Step Inn at 508-679-8001, twenty-four hours per day.

All individuals seeking assistance must be pre-screened before receiving services. The screening hours are between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Major Funding Sources

- Fall River Community Development Agency
- Fall River Department of Public Health
- Private contributions
- Proceeds of Steppingstone's annual **Get Steppin Walk for the Homeless in Recovery**