

STEP 1

Find temporary housing (emergency drop-in shelters, 90-day+ shelters)

If you can't stay with friends or family and need a bed for one night, apply to stay at a walk-in shelter. These are for emergencies, and don't require referrals (walk-in, or lottery for Lark Inn):

Youth-specific Larkin Street shelters
Provides residential counseling support, case management and meals.

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Ages 12-17

Diamond Youth Shelter
☎ (800) 669-6196
Tenderloin:
134 Golden Gate Ave, 94117
• 24 hours



Ages 18-24

Lark-Inn for Youth Shelter
• Arrive by 6:45 pm to enter lottery for bed.
☎ (800) 447-8223
Tenderloin:
869 Ellis St, 94109
• 24 hours



General Emergency Shelter

Bayview Hunters Point MSC South Drop in Center
☎ (415) 597-7960
Bayview Hunters Point:
525 Fifth St, 94107
• 5 pm - 1 am everyday

Call 311 to apply for 90+ Day Shelter Reservations



- Ask about the Homeless Outreach Team.
- If you're not placed in a shelter right away, continue calling **at least once daily** to check in.
- Once on the waitlist, you can find your place at <https://sf311.org/shelter-reservation-waitlist>
Many 90-bed shelters need referrals through 311 or a resource center.

Other resource centers where you can make reservations



Glide Shelter Walk-in Center

☎ (415) 674-6032
Tenderloin:
330 Ellis St, 94102
Mon - Fri: 7 - 11 am,
4 - 9 pm
Line starts 1:45 - 3 pm,
Beds assigned 5:30 - 9 pm

Mother Brown's / United Council of Human Services

☎ (415) 671-1100
Bayview Hunters Point:
2111 Jennings St, 94124
Mon - Fri: 7 - 9 am

Project Everyday Connect

☎ (855) 588-7668
25 Van Ness Ave,
Suite 340, 94102
Mon & Wed:
8:30 am - 12 pm
Tue, Thur, Fri:
Appointment Only

Mission Neighborhood Resource Center

☎ (415) 869-7877
Mission:
165 Capp St, 94110
Mon - Fri:
7 am - 12 pm, 2 - 7 pm;
Open late Thur till 8 pm;
Sat: 7 am - 12 pm

Youth Casey Guide

to homelessness resources in San Francisco

This guide explains **5 recommended steps** specific to ages 18-24 for navigating homelessness resources.

- STEP 1: Find temporary housing
- STEP 2: Gather all necessary documents
- STEP 3: Apply for transitional housing right away
- STEP 4: Apply for government benefits
- STEP 5: Apply for jobs and/or vocational training programs

STEP 2

Gather all necessary documents
(identification, TB shots, certificate of homelessness)

Make sure you have a state-issued ID and Social Security card.

Other helpful documents

If you don't have an ID, you should get a foreign or US birth certificate to apply for one.

For a birth certificate, go to:

Access Center

☎ (415) 551-5880
Tenderloin: 400 McAllister St, 94102
8:30 - 11 am, 1 - 3 pm

Other documents you might need

- **TB (Tuberculosis) Test Result Form:**
Test taken within the last year
- **Certificate of Homelessness**
Some affordable or transitional housing providers ask for a **Certificate of Homelessness**. You can get one at any resource center. Certificate works in place of an ID.

Help applying for government assistance

If you don't have a Social Security card or need other legal help with the application process, check these legal resources:

- **Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP)**
Legal services and social services for those experiencing homelessness or at immediate risk.
Civic Center: 125 Hyde St, 94102
New client intake Tue 1 - 4 pm;
Make appointment at (800) 405-4427
- **Glide's Drop-In Legal Clinic**
Free services and info for legal questions. For public benefits questions like SSI and GA, a lawyer is available on Thursdays only.
☎ (415) 674-6000 | Tenderloin: 330 Ellis St, 94102
Mon and Thur: 2 - 5 pm (Sign-ups start at 1:30 pm)
- **Bay Area Legal Clinic**
Free civil legal services for low-income residents of the Bay Area
☎ (800) 551-5554 | SoMa: 1800 Market St, 94102
Mon - Fri: 9 am - 5 pm

STEP 3

Apply for transitional housing right away
(reach out to case manager to set up options)

Did you know that waitlists average about **3 months**, and can be up to **1 year before your request gets fulfilled?**

Work with a case manager at your resource center to apply for the best long-term housing option for you.

Getting on the list as soon as possible helps avoid getting stuck after your temporary housing expires.

Larkin Street Youth has case managers who can help you identify the best transitional housing options. Examples include: housing for LGBTQ youth, two-year supportive housing programs, housing focused on mental health, and more.

Larkin Street Main Service Hub

☎ (800) 669-6196 - 24/7 hotline
Tenderloin: 134 Golden Gate Ave, 94102

There will be a new process for youth experiencing homelessness through the **Coordinated Entry** program, to be announced around June / July 2019. After that, look for updated information or call (415) 487-3300 ext. 7000.

Other helpful services

Meals

- **Glide:**
Offers 3 nutritious meals daily
Tenderloin: 330 Ellis St, 94102
Mon - Fri: 8 - 9 am, 12 - 1 pm, 4 - 5 pm,
Bagged lunches: 12 - 1 pm (Sat & Sun)
- **St Anthony's:**
Offers hot nutritious meals daily
Tenderloin: 150 Golden Gate Ave, 94102
Families w/ kids and seniors: 10 - 11:45 am,
all: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- **Mother Brown's / United Council of Human Services:**
2 hot meals daily
Bayview-Hunters Point:
2111 Jennings St, 94124
Daily: 7 - 9 am and 5 - 7 pm

STEP 4

Apply for government benefits
(health care insurance, food stamps, etc.)

How to apply for benefits?

If you have a Social Security card, apply for benefits at your closest GA office. One is **City and County of San Francisco Human Services Agency**, 1235 Mission Center, Mon - Fri: 8 am - 5 pm.
Make an online appointment for shorter wait times.

What should you apply for?

Food

- **CalFresh Program**
Provides up to ~\$200 (e-benefits) of food a month for individuals and families with max monthly income of \$1,915+, depending on household size.
- **Apply** at benefitscal.org or at your local county office.

Health insurance:

Medi-Cal Program

- Free or low-cost health insurance with \$0 copay for doctor visits, hospital care, immunization, pregnancy-related services and nursing home care.
- For children and adults who are **citizens or qualifying immigrants**, with max monthly income of ~\$16,753
- **Apply** through **Covered California** at www.coveredca.com/apply/, by calling (800) 300-1506, or by visiting your local county human services agency.

Welfare income:

GA (General Assistance) Loan

- Provides up to ~\$350 depending on case
- For citizens and legal immigrants who do a job search or work program. Max income varies by county.
- **Apply** by visiting your closest county office.

SSI (Supplemental Security Income)

- Provides up to ~\$771 for disabled adults and children with limited income/resources.

STEP 5

Apply for jobs or vocational training programs
(find paths to stable income)



Larkin Street Academy Services

Program for education and employment offered by Larkin Street Youth Services.

Provides:

- Career training opportunities like immediate access to paid work, tutoring, career readiness, internships, etc.
- Other learning programs like computer classes, secondary school and college readiness, financial literacy, etc.

Offers new employment drop-in hours, for help with resumes and cover letters, interviews, and job searching.

☎ (800) 669-6196 | <https://larkinstreetyouth.org>
Tenderloin: 134 Golden Gate Avenue, 94102

Job Corps Program

Free training and education program that helps eligible young men and women get career skills. Provides:

- Career planning, on-the-job training, job placement
- 3 meals a day, basic medical care, clothes and supplies needed, and a small stipend to pay for toiletries and other similar items
- Helps you after you graduate with a transition allowance, based on your academic and career skills achievement while in Job Corps.

Apply at <https://recruiting.jobcorps.gov>, or call (800) 733-5627
90 7th St, Ste 17100, 94103

Jobtrain

A nonprofit that combines vocational training, academics, and essential skills development, preparing students to go from unemployment and to success and self-sufficiency.

Apply at:
www.jobtrainworks.org/client-self-service-registration

Professional Clothing for Interviews

Dress for Success for Women

☎ (415) 362-0034 | Union Square: 500 Sutter St, Suite 218, 94102 Mon - Fri: 9 am - 5 pm

St Anthony's Clothing Program

San Francisco's largest free clothing program. Includes interview clothes and workwear.
Tenderloin: 121 Golden Gate Ave, 94102
Mon - Fri: 7:30 am - 8 am.
Sign-ups are for 30-minute shopping appointments.

Haight - Ashbury Clinic

☎ (415) 746-1950
Haight Ashbury: 588 Clayton St, 94117
Mon - Fri: 8:45 am - 12 pm, 1 - 5 pm

- **Zuckerberg SF General Hospital and Trauma Center**
☎ (628) 206-8000
Mission: 1001 Potrero Ave, 94110 | 24 hours

Storage

- **YMCA**
Low-cost storage for members
Community, showers, etc.

Internet Access

- **San Francisco Public Library**
☎ (415) 557-4400
100 Larkin Street, 94102
sfpl.org