



Homeless Continuum
of Care of Stark County

Community Guide for People Facing Homelessness

This guide provides basic information for assisting someone facing homelessness.

FIRST, determine whether there is anywhere safe to stay tonight. Emergency shelter space is limited in Stark County and reserved for people with nowhere else safe and appropriate to stay. Therefore, seek any available safe housing, even if temporary, while connecting to other desired housing assistance. Start by exploring:

1. **Where did you stay last night? Is it safe for you? If so, is there something that would allow you to stay there again tonight?** (*food, utility support, etc.*) **How long do you think you can stay there?**
2. **As needed: do you have anywhere else that's safe where you can stay tonight or if and when you need to stay somewhere else?** *This includes temporary options with family, friends, and social connections (e.g., faith-based community friends).*

IF NO OTHER SAFE, APPROPRIATE HOUSING OPTIONS TONIGHT

- **If fleeing domestic violence:** call Domestic Violence Project, Inc. 24-hour crisis line at 330-453-SAFE (7233) or Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter 24-hour crisis line at 330-823-7223.
- **Other single adults and families:** call Homeless Navigation **330-452-4363**. Intake and assessment is available Monday - Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm on regular business days. After Hours calls transfer to the Stark County Crisis Hotline.
Note: Due to limited availability, households may be placed on a prioritization list.

As needed:

- Identify 24hr locations in your area as a safe place to stay until shelter becomes available.
- Connect with ICAN Housing, Inc.'s PATH Street Outreach Program for access to housing support, mental health, and drug & alcohol assistance. ICAN: **330-455-9100**
- Find other helpful resources: visit www.starkhelpcentral.com

IF THERE IS A SAFE PLACE TO STAY TONIGHT, BUT ONLY TEMPORARILY

- **If fleeing domestic violence: call Domestic Violence Project, Inc. 24-hour crisis line at 330-453-SAFE (7233) or Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter 24-hour crisis line at 330-823-7223**
- Other single adults and families:** Explore whether it's safe where you're currently staying or somewhere else you can stay. Is there something that would allow you stay there longer? (*food, utility support, etc.*)

As needed:

Visit www.starkhelpcentral.com for access to community-wide resources for rent & utility assistance, food, and other basic needs.