

Housing Assistance Resource Guide



Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.

The UDMO Housing Program is a federal program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted through Iowa Finance Authority. It is designed to assist income eligible people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

- ❖ Tenant Based Rental Assistance

- Program Enrollment Requirements: <https://www.udmo.com/programs-services/housing/>
How do I apply? **Call the Statewide Crisis Line: 1-833-739-0065**

Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority

Voucher Program- Commonly called Section 8, this program is designed to assist low-income individuals by paying a portion of their rent. Newly assisted individuals are responsible for paying a minimum of 30% but not more than 40% of their adjusted monthly income for rent and utilities. Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority pays the remainder directly to the landlord. The combination of the tenant's payments and the NWIRHA may not exceed the Payment Standard for the county they live. <https://nwirha.org/>

Office Phone: **712-262-7460**

Application Instructions: <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IA475>

Family Crisis Centers (Rapid Rehousing for Domestic Violence)

- ❖ Emergency Rental Assistance Program Eligibility (O'Brien County and Osceola County)
- ❖ Tenant Based Rental Assistance for those most at risk of eviction, experiencing homelessness, or fleeing domestic violence.

'Rapid Rehousing' focuses on securing safe, permanent housing as quickly as possible for victims and survivors fleeing domestic violence. We help with housing identification, financial assistance (for a limited amount of time), and ongoing support. The goal is to help victims and survivors successfully maintain their new housing independently.

For additional questions or to apply, please contact:

<https://www.familycrisiscenters.org/housing-and-homeless-services.php>

Family Crisis Centers at **712-722-4404 or 800-382-5603**

SEASONS

Emergency Services are provided 24 hours per day 7 days per week to assist individuals and families who have an emergent need. When you dial our **FREE 24/7 Crisis Line** at **844-345-4569**, you will speak to a caring Seasons employee who will help connect you with the services you need. <https://seasonscenter.org/>

Seasons provides these services when:

- Individuals or family members feel that they or a loved one are a danger to themselves or others.
- Individuals feel overwhelmed and need to speak to a crisis counselor right away.
- On-site assistance arising from a traumatic event such as a death or injury in the workplace, natural disaster, car accident, suicide, homicide, or other such traumatic events.

Love Inc. of Greater O'Brien County

Love INC of Greater O'Brien County is a partnership of churches uniting to help resolve needs in our community. <http://www.sheldon-loveinc.org/>

- Ministries:

- o Short-term tangible and service resources (Household Supplies)
- o Life together ministry & classes (Faith and Finances, Successful Living, etc.)

Office Phone: **712-324-9707**

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Community Housing Initiatives

The Resident Services Department (RS) of Community Housing Initiatives, Inc. (CHI), provides a unique level of service in affordable multi-family housing. Our RS team works diligently to prevent evictions and sustain properties by serving as physical and mental health liaisons and communication specialists. Our first-hand experiences and data confirm affordable housing is critical for families to thrive. CHI Resident Services Specialists may provide the following services:

- Eviction Prevention, Physical and Mental Health Liaison, Successful Families, Community Building, Communications Specialists
- Apartment Search - <https://www.chihousing.com/ourproperties.aspx>

Website: <https://www.chihousing.com/index.aspx>

Elderbridge (Area on Aging)

Supportive services are key to helping older adults maintain their long-term independence. With the help of access services (e.g., transportation, case management, information and assistance), in-home services (e.g., personal care, chore and homemaker assistance) and community services (e.g., mental health services, adult day care), individuals can prevent early institutionalization and instead continue living at home or in their community of choice. <https://elderbridge.org/>

Office Phone: **800-243-0678**

O'Brien County General Assistance

Services: (may be able to provide financial assistance for rent and utilities)

- Please try to apply for assistance through Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. before applying for 'General Assistance.'

O'Brien County Courthouse, 155 S. Hayes Avenue, P.O. Box 97, Primghar, Iowa 51245

Office Phone: **712-957-0031**

Iowa Legal Aid

Housing Information - <https://www.iowalegalaid.org/issues/housing> (Landlord and Tenant Issues, Home Ownership, Mobile Home Issues, Foreclosure Prevention, Other Housing Issues, Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination)

Siouxland Mental Health Center – Plains Area Mental Health Center

Siouxland Mental Health Crisis Center and Turning Point are 24/7 facilities designed to assist individuals experiencing mental health discomfort and/or increased mental health symptoms that require a level of care that cannot be addressed in their current living situation and who do not meet the criteria for inpatient hospitalization. Admission is based on the client's voluntary cooperation - they may leave at any time if they choose to do so. The goal of the crisis centers is to provide a safe, supervised environment where clients can address their crisis and stabilize their symptoms with support.

- Crisis Stabilization Residential Services:
 - o Crisis stabilization residential services are short-term services (up to 5 days) provided in comfortable environment. The goal of CSRS is to stabilize and reintegrate the individual back into the community. Crisis stabilization residential services are designed for voluntary individuals who are in need of a safe secure environment less intensive and restrictive than inpatient hospital.
- Siouxland Mental Health – Sioux City (4038 Division Street Sioux City, IA 51108)
 - o Phone: 712-560-7996
 - o <https://www.siouxlandmentalhealth.com/crisis-center>
 - o Crisis Line: 712-252-3871 (Option 8)

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Iowa Department of Health and Human Services: Rent Reimbursement Program

Who can file for Rent Reimbursement? You can file if you meet all of the following requirements: 65 years of age or older OR Disabled and 18 – 64. Your income was less than \$25,328. You live in Iowa now. You paid rent in Iowa at a property that pays property tax

- Rent Reimbursement Team – Phone: 515-420-6077
- <https://hhs.iowa.gov/rent-reimbursement> (Program Eligibility and Application)

Shelter / Homeless Resource Locations:

- The Gospel Mission (500 Bluff Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51103)
 - Phone: 712-255-1769
 - <https://thegospelmission.org/services/shelter-the-homeless>
- Bishop Dudley Hospitality House (101 N. Indiana Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103)
 - Phone: 605-809-8424
 - <https://www.bdhh.org/>
- St. Francis House (210 N Sherman Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103)
 - Phone: 605-334-3879
 - <https://www.stfrancishouse.com/>
- Beacon of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter (Fort Dodge, Iowa)
 - Phone: 515-955-3366
- Lotus Community Project (2980 170th Street, Vincent, Iowa 50594)
 - Phone: 515-571-8802 (Single women and family units with children)
 - <https://www.lotuscommunityproject.org/>
- Discovery House (1411 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360-1333)
 - Phone: 712-336-5340 (safe place for homeless individuals, alcoholics, and addicts to get back on their feet; guidelines for the house are found on their website)
 - <http://mydiscoveryhouse.com/index.php>
- Turning Point Crisis Home (900 Early Street, Sac City, IA 50583)
 - Phone: 712-662-8055 (Cell: 712-661-8000)
 - <https://plainsarementalhealth.org/turning-point-crisis-home/> (Referral Criteria)
- Genesis House (Orange City, IA)
 - Genesis House provides care and safety for individuals fleeing human trafficking while they also receive survivor specific supports, advocacy, counseling, and programming through 'Rescue America.'
 - Phone: 712-707-2130
 - <https://www.geneshouseiowa.org/>