



[Services to the Homeless or Hungry](#)

There are numerous programs and services available in and around New Brunswick for those who need short- or long-term shelter, as well as food and care. Please note there may be steps to follow to expedite service.

Below is a simplified listing of opportunities:

[For a motel or other emergency shelter:](#)

- Dial "2-1-1" and follow the prompts for homelessness in Middlesex County.
 - Those who are eligible for Emergency Assistance (EA) will receive a referral to the Board of Social Services.
 - Those who are not eligible will receive a follow-up call from "Coming Home" within 24 business hours to complete a coordinated assessment. Coming Home is a local program that helps people secure a stable home and connections to community resources in Middlesex County. Coming Home will make referrals or add individuals to waitlists for shelter.
- New Brunswick offers "Code Blue" when the outside temperature is 32 degrees or less for at least two hours. The center is at 81 Remsen Ave. If the center is fully occupied or closed, call "2-1-1" for potential Code Blue motel placement.

[Other Services](#)

Middlesex County offers a social services locator:

<https://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/government/departments/department-of-community-services/middlesex-county-service-locator>

There are also agencies in Middlesex County that can help those in crisis:

[For rental assistance, security deposits and utility deposits, call:](#)

- Catholic Charities Family Service Center - 732-738-1323
- PRAHD - 732-638-2870



For legal services, call:

- Central Jersey Legal Services - 732-249-7600

For Fair Housing and landlord/tenant issues, call:

- PRAB - 732-832-7535 ext. 154

For food insecurity, call:

- REPLENISH (formerly MCFOODS) - 732-729-0880. REPLENISH will provide a list of local soup kitchens and food pantries
- Elijah's Promise - 732-729-0880. The community soup kitchen at 18 Neilson Street in New Brunswick is open daily for lunch from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For other social service needs, Middlesex County provides information on its website:

- Go to www.MiddlesexCountyNJ.gov
- Click on Departments
- Click on the Department of Community Services
- Click on REPLENISH
- Click on Helpful Links (on the left-side tool bar)

For the New Brunswick Housing Authority:

- Click here: <https://newbrunswickhousing.org/waitlist/>
- Call (732) 745-5157 to schedule an appointment.
- The office is located at 7 Van Dyke Ave. in New Brunswick. Office hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Monday through Thursday)

Another local resource:

- Reformed Church Highland Park, 19 South Second Ave. in Highland Park. The phone number is 732-249-7349; the email is reformedchurchhp@gmail.com. The church runs the RCHP Affordable Housing Corporation, which purchases, rehabs and runs affordable housing for low-income residents. It also operates the Global Grace Cafe & Market, which offers low-cost, healthy meals on weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.