

## Homeless Services

The Allegheny Link can connect individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to needed services.

If you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, there is one number to call for help.

1-866-730-2368

[alleghenylink@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:alleghenylink@alleghenycounty.us)



### DHS IS

responsible for providing and administering publicly funded services to Allegheny County residents.

### DHS PRINCIPLES

All services will be

- high quality, comprehensive, and accessible.
- individualized and designed to be respectful of the unique cultural characteristics of each individual and/or community
- integrated and offered through a team approach that recognizes the capacity of individuals and families to identify their own strengths, needs, and goals; create relationships with natural supports; and take steps necessary to accomplish these goals.



## Office of Community Services

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**Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2221**

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Specialists at the Allegheny Link can connect you to the following types of programs and services that are provided through the DHS Office of Data Analysis, Research and Evaluation. The Allegheny Link staff will help you determine which is right for you.

### **Rental assistance**

Rental assistance is for individuals or families facing eviction from their rented property because of non-payment of rent. Rental assistance may also assist with first month's rent and/or security deposit for those who are homeless.

### **Emergency shelters**

Emergency shelters are for individuals and families in immediate need of emergency accommodations who have no other housing option.

### **The Bureau of Homeless Services also offers shelters specifically for:**

- Unaccompanied youth (ages 18-24)
- Persons fleeing domestic violence
- Persons who identify as LGBTQ

### **Winter Shelter**

Individuals who generally live on the street can take refuge in a Winter Shelter between November 15 and March 15.

### **Permanent housing**

Permanent housing is available for individuals with disabilities, for families with a family member with a disability, and individuals who would otherwise be living on the street (chronic street homeless). Residents may remain as long as necessary. Each program offers additional services to help participants become more independent. Occupancy fees are based on a sliding scale.

### **Rapid Rehousing**

Rapid Rehousing helps people move from homelessness to permanent housing in the community through housing search assistance, rental assistance, and service coordination.

### **Transitional and Bridge housing**

Transitional and Bridge housing helps individuals and families with housing for up to 24 months. Each program offers additional services to help participants become more independent. Occupancy fees are based on a sliding scale.

### **PennFree Bridge housing**

PennFree Bridge housing helps individuals and families who are homeless and for whom alcohol and/or drug addiction were/are factors in their ability to maintain housing.

### **For additional information, please visit the Homeless Services webpage**

[www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Homeless-and-Housing.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/Programs-Services/Basic-Needs/Homeless-and-Housing.aspx)

Please visit [www.pahousingsearch.com](http://www.pahousingsearch.com) for housing search assistance.

