

Housing Resource Guide



Rhode Island

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INTRODUCTION TO THE HOUSING GUIDE

With the publication of this Housing Guide, Rhode Island has, for the first time, a directory of housing and housing-related services. The guide also includes stories that tell how stable, affordable, and accessible housing has made a significant difference in the lives of Rhode Islanders - from families finding refuge and new direction for their lives in an emergency shelter to persons with disabilities living independently in supportive housing to immigrant families reaffirming the American Dream of buying their first home.

SHAC created this guide to make the search for affordable housing more efficient and effective. Rhode Island, like the rest of the nation, is experiencing a shortage of rental housing for extremely- low- to moderate-income households. All types of subsidized housing have long waiting lists. Section 8 vouchers often are turned back because a qualifying rental unit cannot be found. Rhode Island's aging housing stock puts many children at risk for lead poisoning. Rhode Island's homeownership rate still remains 5-6% below the national average, and 20-30% below in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and among minorities. A more substantial investment from local, state, and federal government is essential to meet the housing needs of Rhode Islanders.

STATEWIDE HOUSING ACTION COALITION

The Statewide Housing Action Coalition (SHAC) was formed ten years ago by a diverse group of community organizations and public agencies to focus on housing issues on the state level. SHAC also is the lead agency in Rhode Island for the New England Housing Network, an advocacy coalition of housing groups working throughout the six New England states.

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HOW TO USE THIS HOUSING GUIDE

The purpose of this Housing Guide is to give someone looking for housing or a housing-related service a first point of contact for information and assistance. The guide provides a door into the world of affordable, stable, accessible housing by providing a comprehensive listing of housing resources in Rhode Island.

This guide is divided first into general types of housing or housing assistance. Within each of these categories, the information is listed by geographical region. There also may be a *statewide* listing at the beginning of each category for agencies representing statewide interests or agencies that do not have service areas defined by geography.

The resources in this guide are targeted to low- and moderate-income individuals and households. The listings identify longer-term affordable housing and housing-related services and do not include short-term residential treatment facilities.

The Table of Contents at the front of the guide lists the categories of housing and housing services. An Index at the back of the guide lists each organization alphabetically and the page where it can be found in the guide.

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CITIES AND TOWNS IN EACH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Blackstone Valley

Central Falls
Cumberland
Lincoln
Pawtucket

Bristol County

Barrington
Bristol
Warren
Tiverton

Greater Providence

Cranston
East Providence
Johnston
North Providence
Providence

Kent County

Coventry
East Greenwich
Warwick
West Greenwich
West Warwick

Newport County

Jamestown
Little Compton
Middletown
Newport
Portsmouth

Northern Rhode Island

North Smithfield
Smithfield
Woonsocket

Northwest Rhode Island

Burrillville
Foster
Glocester
Scituate

Washington County

Charlestown
Exeter
Hopkinton
Narragansett
New Shoreham (Block Island)
North Kingstown
Richmond
South Kingstown
Westerly

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Advocacy

Statewide

George Wiley Center
32 East Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
728-5555

Get the Lead Out Coalition/Childhood Lead Action Project
421 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
785-1310

The Housing Network of Rhode Island
790 North Main Street
Providence, RI 02904
521-1416

Life & Family Ministry Office
83 Stewart Street
Providence, RI 02903
331-4463

Local Initiatives Support Corporation
229 Waterman Street
Providence, RI 02906
331-0131

Mental Health Association of RI
500 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
726-2285

The Poverty Institute at Rhode Island College
School of Social Work
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908-1991
456-8512

Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging
210 Cahir Street
Providence, RI 02903
453-0040

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence

422 Post Road, Suite 202
Warwick, RI 02888-1524
467-9940

Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless

790 North Main Street
Providence, RI 02904
421-6458

Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations

67 Cedar Street, Suite 1
Providence, RI 02903-1042
273-0900

Rhode Island Indian Council

807 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
941-3398

Rhode Island Legal Services

56 Pine Street 4th Floor
Providence, RI 02903
274-2652 (1-800-662-5034)

Branch office:

19 Spring Street
Newport, RI 02840
846-2264

Rhode Island Public Housing Tenants Association

8 Kirkbrae Drive
Lincoln, RI 02865
334-2968

Statewide Housing Action Coalition (S.H.A.C.)

44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
457-1285

United Way of Southeastern New England

229 Waterman Street
Providence, RI 02906
444-0630

Local Advocacy:

Greater Providence

Direct Action for Rights & Equality (D.A.R.E.)
340 Lockwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
351-6960

Project Basic

1043 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02905
467-2050

Newport County

Newport Residents Council

(Public Housing Tenants)
One Park Holm
Newport, RI 02840
849-7321



Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties

As tourists climb up the hill leading to Bellevue Avenue and the mansion district of Newport, they have to pass a recently renovated structure that few enter but which serves thousands.

The Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties, which was started in 1977 by a small group of dedicated women, has now grown into a full-fledged effort concerned with preventing, treating and finally ending domestic violence that cuts across gender and class.

Besides offering a shelter for women and children--it has 12 beds and is nearly filled to capacity year long--the Center offers legal services, economic development, preventive training in the schools and various community organizations and an expanded "children who witness violence" project.

New classes are now being offered in self-esteem, financial literacy and budgeting, according to Deborah Linnell, executive director.

"Eventually, we intend to have a five-year career plan that will lead to starting micro enterprises called 'Women Mean Business'," she said.

Although most of the clients are women and children, Linnell noted that at least five percent of men are abused a number she considers underreported. As a result, a separate program for men has been initiated with intervention, advocacy and a support group.

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"At least 80 percent of abusers were abused as kids," she said, which prompted the outreach to students in all elementary and secondary grades in the two counties served by the Center.

The Center also provides training and consulting to business, religious and legal justice groups concerned with domestic violence.

As the result of a recent extensive fundraising effort, the Center is able to carry out its extensive programs with the help of 24 staff members and 20 volunteers, making it one of the largest groups of its kind in the state.

Domestic Violence Shelters

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center
P.O. Box 5643
Pawtucket, RI 02862
723-3057

Bristol and Newport County

Women's Resource Center of Newport & Bristol Counties
114 Touro Street
Newport, RI 02840
847-2533

Greater Providence

Sojourner House
2 Richmond Square
Providence, RI 02906
861-6191 Hotline: 765-3232 or 658-4334

Women's Center of RI

P.O. Box 6692
Providence, RI 02940
861-2760

Kent County

Elizabeth Buffum Chace House
P.O. Box 9476
Warwick, RI 02889
738-1700

Northern Rhode Island

Sojourner House
P.O. Box 532
Woonsocket, RI 02895
861-6191 Hotline: 765-3232 or 658-4334

Washington County

Women's Resource Center of South County
61 Main Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
782-3990



Women's Resource Center of South County

We may be living in the New Economy but there is nothing new about the growth in domestic violence. "We still get from 60 to 180 calls a month," said Mary Roda, executive director of the Women's Resource Center of South County. Women forced to leave their homes, usually to protect children, are "caught in a cycle of abuse with no financial controls, credit cards and even limits on the number of friends. It is all about control," she said.

The Center, started in 1978, has initiated a new program of transitional housing so that clients can stay up to two years in two apartments while receiving training in parenting and budgeting.

This is the housing effort's first year in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and Welcome House, two area nonprofits. The aim of the program is to produce women who are independent, productive and self-sufficient, Roda explained.

The transitional training is tied in with the Center's other programs such as court advocacy, education, prevention training in the schools, emergency shelter and elderly out reach. The work is done by a staff of 19, including consultants, and a growing number of volunteers. The bulk of the funding is federal and state grants.

Although located in South County, the office is in Wakefield, many of the women are not from the immediate area and at least half are from out of state. "They don't want to be too close to their homes," Roda noted.

Elderly & Assisted Living

Statewide

Department of Elderly Affairs

160 Pine Street

Providence, RI 02903

222-2880

Housing Assistance: 222-6552

Rhode Island Assisted Living Association

239 New Meadow Road

Barrington, RI 02806

247-2796

Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging

210 Cahir Street

Providence, RI 02903

453-0040

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street

Providence, RI 02903

Assisted Living: 457-1280

Housing Developments: 457-1237

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Rhode Island Office

120 Weybosset Street

Providence, RI 02903

528-5351

Also See Public Housing

Emergency Housing Assistance Programs (EHAP)* & Weatherization Programs

State of Rhode Island Energy Office

Emergency fuel assistance: 222-3003

Weatherization assistance: 222-6920

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

32 Goff Avenue

Pawtucket, RI 02860

723-4520

Greater Providence

Comprehensive Community Action

311 Doric Avenue

Cranston, RI 02910

467-9610

Providence Community Action

518 Hartford Avenue

Providence, RI 020905

273-2000

Self Help Community Action Agency

100 Bullocks Point

Riverside, RI 02915

437-1000

Tri-Town Community Action Agency

1126 Hartford Avenue

Johnston, RI 02919

351-2750

Kent County

Westbay Community Action

218 Buttonwoods Avenue

Warwick, RI 02886

732-4660

Newport County

New Visions for Newport County
19 Broadway
Newport, RI 02840
847-7821

Northern Rhode Island

Family Resources/CAP
245 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
766-0844

Washington County

South County Community Action
1080 Kingstown Road
Peace Dale, RI 02882
539-7204 & 789-3016

* Funds are available to people experiencing a temporary emergency housing crisis, if you are about to lose, or have lost your housing because of: a sickness or disability; loss of employment; damage or destruction to a household dwelling because of fire or the elements; or a need to establish a new residence because of domestic violence. Funds are available for utility assistance and security deposits for qualified individuals and families.



Warwick Shelter

The buzzwords in housing this year are transitional and affordable. That is where the federal money is being concentrated. But while that change is slow there is a serious need for temporary emergency shelters, according to Janis Lavellee Fisher, director of Warwick Shelter, the largest family shelter in the state.

And while public policy and funding emphases are altering, the demand for emergency housing increases. The Warwick Shelter, which has nine family units in a former Conimicut convent, cannot keep up with families who have lost their apartments.

"We turned away 600 people last year," Fisher said, "and the government tells us that shelters are passé, but the need for emergency housing has not gone away."

As many as 38 adults and children are in the shelter at any time. They are supposed to stay six to eight weeks but the critical shortage of affordable units in the community has forced some families to remain as long as three months. During their residence, adults receive medical attention, occupational therapy and life management skills. Half are on public assistance and the rest are working but cannot afford the higher rents linked to the shortage of decent units.

To stretch the shelter's budget, cooperative training is provided by Traveler's Aid, nursing students from URI and technical majors from New England Tech.

Emergency Shelter

Travelers Aid Help Line: 1-800-367-2700

Travelers Aid Youth SAFE Line: 521-SAFE (521-7233)

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center

P.O. Box 5643

Pawtucket, RI 02862

Population Served: Victims of domestic violence and their children/homeless women and their children

723-3057

Emergency Shelter of Pawtucket & Central Falls

183 Barton Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Population Served: Families/Women

728-8490

Bristol County

East Bay Coalition for the Homeless

100 Bullocks Point Road

East Providence, RI 02915

Population Served: Families

437-5104

Greater Providence

Advent House

102 Linwood Avenue

Providence, RI 02907

Population Served: Adult Men/Women

273-8946

Amos House

415 Friendship Street

Providence, RI 02907

Population Served: Adult Men/Women

272-0220

Interim House

49-51 Trenton Street

Providence, RI 02906

Population Served: Families/Children

831-4570

Sojourner House

1 Richmond Square

Providence, RI 02906

Population Served: Victims of domestic violence and their children/homeless women and their children

765-3232

Urban League of Rhode Island

246 Prairie Avenue

Providence, RI 02905

Population served: Individuals/families

351-5000

Welcome Arnold

Howard Avenue, Bldg. 93

Cranston, RI 02920

Population Served: Families/Individuals

464-2498

Kent County

Warwick House of Hope

P.O. Box 8608

Warwick, RI 02888

Population Served: Families

463-3324

Warwick Shelter

165 Beach Avenue

Warwick, RI 02819

Population Served: Individuals/Families

739-8584

Newport County

Lucy's Hearth

909 West Main Road

Middletown, RI 02842

Population Served: Women/Children

847-2021

McKinney Cooperative Shelter

15 Meeting Street

Newport, RI 02840

Population Served: Individuals/Families

846-8810

Northern Rhode Island

Woonsocket Shelter

184 Sayles Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Population Served: Families/individuals
766-0844

Washington County

Galilee Mission to Fishermen

P.O. Box 459
Narragansett, RI 02882
Population Served: Adult Men
789-9390

W.A.R.M. Shelter

56 Spruce Street
Westerly, RI 02891
Population served: Adults/Families
596-9276

Women's Resource Center of South County

61 Main Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Population Served: Victims of domestic violence and their children/homeless women
and their children
782-3990

Welcome House of South County

8 North Road
Peace Dale, RI 02879
Population Served: Families/individuals
782-4770



Woonsocket Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing

Pia Webber, 29, was living with her male friend and a new baby in what she described as a "drug area" in Providence. So they moved out and eventually ended up in Woonsocket.

But the couple broke up and the single mother, unable to provide food and housing, found a space in a two-building shelter operated by Family Resources Community Action. The program offers emergency and transitional housing.

John Coen, the shelters' director, said the young mother and child stayed in the facility for nearly nine months. She received assistance and attended life skill classes. That enabled her to obtain her own apartment.

With the training she received, Pia said, she applied for a job at the shelter, named after Lucien P. Benoit and Paul H. Dempster, local community activists. The two units have 48 beds that with children doubling up can provide for up to 60 people.

The former shelter resident was hired as an intake worker to use her experience in counseling others who find themselves without a home or a job.

"On March 10, 2000, I got my first paycheck," she said proudly, thanking the shelter staff for allowing her to help others get their lives in order.

Fair Housing

Statewide

Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights

180 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
222-2662

Rhode Island Legal Services

56 Pine Street 4th Floor
Providence, RI 02903
274-2652 (1-800-662-5034)

Branch office:

19 Spring Street
Newport, RI 02840
846-2264

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Fair Housing Enforcement Center for New England
1-800-827-5005

Greater Providence

Project Basic

1043 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02905
467-2050

Providence Human Relations Commission

151 Weybosset Street
Providence, RI 02903
421-3708

Funding for Housing Development

Statewide

Community Development Block Grants

Cranston: 461-1000 ext 7226

East Providence: 435-7536

Pawtucket: 724-5200

Providence: 351-4300

Warwick: 738-2000

Woonsocket: 767-9236

Small Cities CDGB: 222-4411

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

Pawtucket: 724-5200

Providence: 351-4300

Woonsocket: 767-9236

State ESG Program: 222-4411

Federal Home Loan Bank/Affordable Housing Program

Housing and Community Investment Office

1-888-424-3863

HOME Program

Providence: 351-4300

Pawtucket: 724-5200

Woonsocket: 767-9236

State HOME Program: 457-1129

Housing Resources Commission

41 Eddy Street

Providence, RI

243-0058

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

229 Waterman Street

Providence, RI 02906

331-0131

Rhode Island Bankers Association

1 Providence Washington Plaza

Providence, RI 02903

276-2637

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street

Providence, RI 02903

751-5566

HOME Program: 457-1260

Land Bank: 457-1113

Pre-development loans: 457-1266

Rental production: 457-1280

Special needs housing: 457-1129

Transitional housing: 457-1266

Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association

180 South Main Street

Providence, RI 02903

421-2338

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Rhode Island Office

120 Weybosset Street

Providence, RI 02903

528-5351

USDA Rural Housing Rehabilitation

222-4411

Homebuyer Education and Counseling

Statewide

Consumer Credit Counseling Services

535 Centerville Road, Suite 103
Warwick, RI 02886
732-1800 or 1-800-208-CCCS

Rhode Island Homebuyer Education Center

790 North Main Street
Providence, RI 02904
1-888-722-1461 or 521-1461

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

32 Goff Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
723-4520

Bristol County

East Bay Community Development Corporation

150 Franklin Street
Bristol, RI 02809
253-2080

Greater Providence

Elmwood Foundation

1 Trinity Square
Providence, RI 02907
273-2330

Housing Development of the North End

481 Charles Street
Providence, RI 02904
351-3311

Olneyville Housing Corporation

17 Hyat Street
Providence, RI 02909
351-8719

Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund

24 Meeting Street
Providence, RI 02903
272-2760

Stop Wasting Abandoned Property (SWAP)

439 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02907
272-0526

West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

392 Cranston Street
Providence, RI 02907
453-3220 / 453-3222

Newport County

Church Community Housing Corporation (CCHC)

50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
346-5114

Northern Rhode Island

Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation

141 Olo Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
762-0093

Washington County

Community Housing Corporation

(formerly Action Community Land Trust)
25 Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
782-4646



Trailer Pioneers and Church Community Corporation

Mobile homes are not generally perceived as housing pioneers. But don't tell that to Michael Silvia, president of the unique and literally trail-blazing Heritage Park Home Cooperative in Tiverton.

In a rare alliance of trailer owners, a suburb, an environmental group and a nonprofit development corporation, thirty three homes were saved from being closed and 109 acres will remain as open space.

The two-year effort began when the trailer park's owner gave a year's notice of intent to close the site because he could find no buyers for the 17.5 acre trailer park. The residents contacted Church Community Corp. of Newport, which had created 375 units of elderly, family, homeless and special needs low income rental housing in the six towns of Newport County, as well as more than 100 home ownership units and some 1,200 housing rehab loans.

"They gave us a great deal of technical assistance," Silvia said. The nonprofit, led by Stephen Ostiguy, got Tiverton to provide \$150,000 in federal funds, of which \$100,000 was a loan. The Bank of Newport offered a \$240,000 mortgage and Rhode Island LISC, which assists the financing of nonprofit housing, approved a \$20,000 predevelopment loan. And the residents had to come up with \$10,000.

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Complicating the sale was an adjacent and undeveloped 109 acres also controlled by the trailer park owner. In stepped the Nature Conservancy, which bought the parcel for \$200,000 with help from a \$50,000 donation from the Champlin Foundation. Then the land was sold to the town for \$150,000.

The complex deal was completed when Tiverton paid for the landfall with \$50,000 in real estate conveyance taxes and \$106,850 in open space funding from the R.I. Department of Environmental Management.

After all the papers were signed, the Cooperative owned the land in the trailer park with each owner assessed \$180 a month to pay off loans and hire a management firm to handle the multiple financing.

"It was worth the wait," Silvia said, citing the unusual partnership of the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

Homeownership Programs

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.
32 Goff Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
723-4520

Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation

268 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
726-1173

REACH

445 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
723-8730

Bristol County

East Bay Community Development Corporation

150 Franklin Street
Bristol, RI 02809
253-2080

Greater Providence

A.M.E.N, Inc.

163 Bellevue Avenue
Providence, RI 02909
831-0367

Elmwood Foundation

1 Trinity Square
Providence, RI 02907
273-2330

Family Housing Development Corporation (FHDC)

P.O. Box 27084
Providence, RI 02907
421-3953 / 273-1720

Good News Housing & Community Land Trust

1043 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
461-1230

Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services

839 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
461-4111

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Providence

807 Broad Street, Box 31
Providence, RI 02907
831-5424

Housing Development of the North End

481 Charles Street
Providence, RI 02904
351-3311

Mt. Hope Neighborhood Land Trust

153 Camp Street
Providence, RI 02904
421-7925

Olneyville Housing Corporation

17 Hyat Street
Providence, RI 02909
351-8719

OMNI Development Corporation

150 Colfax Street
Providence, RI 02905
461-4442 / 461-7108

Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund

24 Meeting Street
Providence, RI 02903
272-2760

Smith Hill Community Development Corporation

47 Goddard Street
Providence, RI 02908
521-0159

Stop Wasting Abandoned Property (SWAP)

439 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02907
272-0526

Urban League of Rhode Island

246 Prairie Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
351-5000

West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

392 Cranston Street
Providence, RI 02907
453-3220 / 453-3222

Newport County

Church Community Housing Corporation (CCHC)

50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
346-5115

Northern Rhode Island

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Washington County

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Habitat for Humanity of South County

25 Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
783-2480



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Providence

A house of many firsts, constructed with sweat equity by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Providence, was recently completed at 16 Putnam Street in the former mill neighborhood of Olneyville.

It is the first "healthy home" in the state and one of the first in the country, according to the Rhode Island chapter of the American Lung Association, one of the project's sponsors.

And its new occupants include a father who so impressed volunteers with his construction talents that he was later hired by one of the contractors, thereby doubling his hourly pay.

The two-story home was built with easily available materials to reduce airborne pollutants and other irritants that can cause asthma and have been linked to certain forms of cancer.

Floors were made of linoleum tiles and hardwood with no carpets to collect dust. The tiles were glued with water-based rather than oil-based epoxies, which do not produce fumes. Wall paints contained fewer fume-producing volatile organic compounds (VOC).

Heat is from a forced water system that doesn't disturb dust and the furnace's heat exchanger removes stale air and brings in fresh air throughout the house.

Windows, doors and interior construction are tightly sealed to remove
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drafts and the bathroom has a window and fan to prevent mildew. Even the edges of counters and cabinets have a sealant to prevent the escape of formaldehyde and other gases from the particle board.

The first owners are Juan and Rosalina Martinez and their four children. Juan Martinez worked closely with contractors in putting up walls and other interior work. His abilities were so obvious that after the home was completed, he was hired by one of the contracting firms at \$14 an hour, a rate that doubled his previous factory wages.

The Habitat house was also sponsored by the Rotary Club of Providence, whose members donated materials and labor. As a result, Habitat was able to sell the home for \$55,000 with its usual zero percent mortgage after only a two percent down payment.



Stop Wasting Abandoned Property, Inc.

The surge of immigrants from war-ravaged countries is bringing global history, and progress, to the Southside neighborhoods of Providence.

Rosetta Clarke-Brooks of Liberia, a nation in the midst of a civil war, came to the United States eight years ago to visit her brother. But she was stranded here when the increasing civil disruption prevented her from returning to her husband and two small children.

She was rescued by coming into contact with SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property), the neighborhood nonprofit that is in its third decade of providing affordable home ownership and rentals in the Lower and Upper South Providence communities. Recent projects involved nearly 70 new and renovated units for renters and owners.

SWAP found her an apartment while she obtained work to become eligible for residency. "For six years I waited to be with my husband and children," she said. "SWAP did everything they could to make sure I was comfortable and ready to take the next step."

Two years ago, she and her family were reunited and took the next step--obtaining a mortgage and buying a home that SWAP had moved across the street and renovated in one of its multi-unit developments.

Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS

Statewide

AIDS Care Ocean State

557 Broad Street

Providence, RI 02907

Population Served: Adult Men/Women/Children

273-1888

House of Compassion

2510 Mendon Road

Cumberland, RI 02864

658-3992

Northern RI Community Mental Health Center

P.O. Box 1700

Woonsocket, RI 02895

766-3330



AIDS Care Ocean State

The shortage of safe, affordable housing in Rhode Island hits hardest at those who need it the most.

"We get two calls a day looking for housing," said Paul Fitzgerald, executive director and a founder of the state's largest provider of housing and services to adults and children with HIV and AIDS.

His nonprofit, AIDS Care Ocean State, owns or rents 60 apartments that hold up to 170 residents in Providence, Pawtucket, North Providence, West Warwick, Cranston and South County.

The current organization was created in 1998 in the merger of two AIDS groups--Family AIDS Center for Treatment and Support, started in 1987, and Sunrise Community Housing, begun in 1989. Both originated on the Southside of Providence.

The full service agency operates two clinics including one of the first pediatric AIDS projects in the nation. Other services involve prevention, education and treatment with an emphasis on reaching adolescents and assisting families with multiple issues exacerbated by AIDS.

Since it now provides up to 85 percent of AIDS housing in Rhode Island, according to Fitzgerald, the program's budget exceeds \$3.5 million, funded with grants from city, state and federal agencies. The staff has grown to 55 full time and 35 part time workers.

Plans are underway to purchase, lease or construct additional housing to meet a demand that shows no indications of declining soon.

Lead Safe Housing

Statewide

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
450-1350 or Toll Free: 1-800-570-0768

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

32 Goff Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
723-4520

Greater Providence

Childhood Lead Action Project

421 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
785-1310

East Providence Planning & Development

145 Taunton Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
435-7553

Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services

839 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
461-4111

H.E.L.P Lead Safe Center

841 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
781-8595

Providence Department of Planning & Development

400 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
351-4300

Minimum Housing Code Offices

Barrington	247-1900
Bristol	253-7000
Burrillville	568-9460
Central Falls	727-7460
Charlestown	364-1215
Coventry	822-9156
Cranston	461-1000
Cumberland	724-2400
East Greenwich	886-8618
East Providence	435-7722
Exeter	294-2177
Forster	392-9205
Glocester	568-3484
Hopkinton	377-7771
Jamestown	423-7200
Johnston	553-8815
Lincoln	333-1100 ext. 42
Little Compton	635-4400
Middletown	847-0009
Narragansett	789-1044
New Shoreham	466-3206
Newport	846-9600 ext. 223
North Kingstown	294-3331 ext. 300
North Providence	232-0900 ext. 231
North Smithfield	767-2207
Pawtucket	728-0500 ext. 247
Portsmouth	683-3611
Providence	421-7740 ext. 350
Richmond	539-0230
Scituate	647-5901
Smithfield	231-6612
South Kingstown	789-9331 ext. 225
Tiverton	624-4535
Warren	245-7343
Warwick	738-2000 ext. 6300
West Greenwich	392-3807
West Warwick	822-9222
Westerly	348-2547
Woonsocket	762-6400

Native American Housing

Statewide

Rhode Island Indian Council

807 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
941-3398

Narragansett Indian Wetumuck Housing

P. O. Box 148
Kenyon, RI 02836
241-5180



East Bay Community Development Corporation Franklin Court

It was the best of Bristol in the 19th Century, the huge U.S. Rubber manufacturing plant, a complex that covered several square blocks. The 1892 structures became part of Kaiser Aluminum whose eventual exodus added the site to the industrial ghosts of New England.

But commercial and residential recycling of mega historic factories is now common place with the latest example the work of the East Bay Community Development Corporation.

With the assistance of local government, the nonprofit took over the main buildings that were initially expected to be turned into college dormitories. But resident opposition gave the site to East Bay, under the new leadership of Linda Silveira, the executive director, who seized the opportunity to produce a landmark project.

As a result, the central factory has been turned into 188 units of independent and assisted living for low-income seniors. Franklin Court East and West contains 96 apartments for independent elderly residents and Franklin Court, recently completed, offers 92 assisted living units.

The renovated complex also contains three commercial offices on Wood Street. Franklin Court was built with HUD Section 202 funds, while the Franklin Court was financed mostly with placing investment tax credits with the private sector. Both projects cost nearly \$21.5 million.

Neighborhood Revitalization

Statewide

The Housing Network of Rhode Island

790 North Main Street
Providence, RI 02904
521-1461

Housing Resources Commission

41 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
450-1350

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

229 Waterman Street
Providence, RI 02906
331-0131

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
Neighborhood Revitalization Program: 457-1256

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

32 Goff Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
723-4520

Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation

268 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
726-1173

REACH

445 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
723-8730

Bristol County

East Bay Community Development Corporation

150 Franklin Street
Bristol, RI 02809
253-2080

Greater Providence

A.M.E.N, Inc.

163 Bellevue Avenue
Providence, RI 02909
831-0367

Elmwood Foundation

1 Trinity Square
Providence, RI 02907
273-2330

Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services

839 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
461-4111

Housing Development of the North End

481 Charles Street
Providence, RI 02904
351-3311

Olneyville Housing Corporation

17 Hyat Street
Providence, RI 02909
351-8719

OMNI Development Corporation

150 Colfax Street
Providence, RI 02905
461-4442 / 461-7108

Providence Preservation Society Revolving Fund

24 Meeting Street
Providence, RI 02903
272-2760

Smith Hill Community Development Corporation

47 Goddard Street
Providence, RI 02908
521-0159

Stop Wasting Abandoned Property (SWAP)

439 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02907
272-0526

West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

392 Cranston Street
Providence, RI 02907
453-3220 / 453-3222

Newport County

Church Community Housing Corporation (CCHC)

50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
346-5114

Northern Rhode Island

Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation

141 Olo Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
762-0093

Washington County

Community Housing Corporation

(formerly Action Community Land Trust)

25 Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
782-4646

Also contact local municipal planning departments



Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services (GENS)

Providence may be undergoing a downtown renaissance but a housing nonprofit is trying to get rid of another of the city's unenviable tag lines created by environmental critics--"the lead poison capital of the country."

While the percentage of lead poisoned children in the state is slowing declining, nearly one third of the 2001 entering kindergarten class in Providence has high lead blood counts.

Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services, working with a contract from the RI Department of Health funded by the federal government, recently completed a three-year project in which 196 units of single and multifamily housing in a 12-square block target zone were repaired and made lead safe at a cost of \$1.5 million.

One of the beneficiaries of that work is Magnus Davis of 42-44 Congress Avenue, a three-family home that needed extensive interior and exterior repairs.

Renovations planned by the owner were blocked when he was turned down for a bank mortgage. Hearing about the GENS project, he obtained a combined loan and grant that enabled the eleven-year resident to fix his units, make them lead safe, and rent them to families with young children.

"I needed help," he said. "And GENS was very helpful. They sent staff here to oversee the work and did a very good job."

Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

Residential Resources for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Statewide

ARC of Northern Rhode Island

320 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
765-3700

AVATAR

33-A College Hill Road
Warwick, RI 02886
826-7500

Blackstone Residential

500 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
722-8960

Bridges, Inc.

P.O. Box 263
Jamestown, RI 02835
423-1155

Corliss Institute

292 Main Street
Warren, RI 02885
245-3609

C.O.V.E.

866 Broadway
East Providence, RI 02915
438-2459

Groden Center

86 Mt. Hope Avenue
Providence, RI 02906
274-6310

Easter Seals RI/ Cranston ARC

905 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
941-1112

Easter Seals RI/ Cranston ARC

665 Dyer Ave
Cranston, RI 02920
942-2388

Fogarty Residential

220 Woonasquatucket Avenue
North Providence, RI 02911
353-7000

Gateways To Change

11 Knight Street
Warwick, RI 02911
463-0000

Justice Resource Institute

555 Plain Meetinghouse Road
West Greenwich, RI 02817
397-9354

La Plante Center

P.O. Box 56
Peace Dale, RI 02883
884-8825

L.I.F.E. Inc.

P.O. Box 449
Tiverton, RI 02878
254-2910

Looking Upwards, Inc.

P.O. Box 4289
Middletown, RI 02842
847-960

Mentor

43 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888
467-7009

New England RMS, Inc.

476 Wellington Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910
490-7806

Ocean State Community Resources

1445 Wampanoag Trail, #206
East Providence, RI 02915
437-0770

Olean Center

93 Airport Road
Westerly, RI 02891
596-2091

Opportunities Unlimited

P.O. Box 20123
Cranston, RI 02920
463-7155

Perspectives

1130 Ten Rod Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852
294-3990

RE-FOCUS, Inc.

1228 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02909
521-2164

Rocky Knoll Group Home

3709 Main Road
Tiverton, RI 02878
624-4722

Spurwink/RI

One Spurwink Place
Cranston, RI 02910
781-4380

Trudeau Residential

P.O. Box 7789
Warwick, RI 02887
738-3900

United Cerebral Palsy

1704 Broad Street
Cranston, RI 02905
941-9377

West Bay Residential

158 Knight Street
Warwick, RI 02886
738-9300

Residential Resources for Persons with Mental Illness

Blackstone Valley

Community Counseling Center, Inc.

(Serving: Pawtucket & Central Falls)
160 Beechwood Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
722-5573

Bristol County

Riverwood Rehabilitation Services

399 Metacom Avenue
Bristol, RI 02809
253-1812

Greater Providence

East Bay Mental Health Center

(Serving: Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Warren)
52 Amaral Street
East Providence, RI 02915
431-9875

Mental Health Services

(Serving: Cranston, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, North Providence, Scituate, Smithfield)
1443 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919
273-8100

The Providence Center

(Serving: Providence)
530 North Main Street
Providence, RI 02904
274-2500

Kent County

Kent County Mental Health Center
300 Centerville Road - Suite 301 S
Warwick, RI 02886-0208
732-5656

Newport County

Newport County Community Mental Health Center
127 Johnnycake Hill Road
Middletown, RI 02842
846-1213

Northern Rhode Island

Northern RI Community Services
(Serving: Burrillville, Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Woonsocket)
1516 Atwood Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919
273-8100 or 1-800-274-3501 or 1-800-731-0987

Northwest Rhode Island

Mental Health Services
(Serving: Cranston, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, North Providence, Scituate, Smithfield)
1443 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919
273-8100

Washington County

South Shore Mental Health Center, Inc.
4705 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI 02813
364-7705



South Shore Courts in North Kingstown

Housing nonprofits are moving from specialists to generalists. Typical of this expansion into different types of homes is the Women's Development Corporation of Providence.

Starting more than 20 years ago as a renovator of older units for women and their families, the developer now controls or is building projects throughout Rhode Island and Connecticut and is one of the oldest in the area using federal HUD programs.

Its most recent effort is the South Shore Courts in North Kingstown, a facility with 11 units for persons with chronic mental illness who are capable of independent living.

"Most of the tenants are adults who work or go to school," said Alma Green, the long time WDC executive director. "They came from shelters, substandard housing or were homeless."

Construction support involved \$766,000 under HUD's Section 811 program, and \$500,000 in state mental health bonds.

Women's Development has also created low and moderate income rental and ownership projects, special units for those with various disabilities, and homeless shelters. In addition, the organization serves as a consultant on various proposals by other area nonprofits.

Permanent Supportive Housing and Single Room Occupancies

Greater Providence

Advent House

102 Linwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
273-8946

Amos House

446 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02907
274-8021

YMCA Tower

162 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903
351-2449

Newport County

Fifty Washington Square

4 Farewell Street
Newport, RI 02840
846-3120



Cumberland Ann & Hope: From Factory to Home

The recent announcement of the retrenchment of the venerable Ann & Hope overlooked the impact that the nation's first discounter had on creating workers' homes.

The first store opened in the former mill complex in Cumberland where what is now considered an historic mill village of brick and stone was constructed in the latter part of the 19th century. Years of neglect by absentee landlords, however, had left the buildings in terrible shape, a hangout for drug dealers and an eyesore in the Lonsdale neighborhood.

In stepped the Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, a spin-off of the Cumberland Public Housing Authority, which enabled the town's only housing nonprofit to access federal funds for renovation and construction.

The new group moved quickly to obtain abandoned units and those made available by various federal agencies. In half a decade, the housing corporation refurbished some \$15 million worth of rental housing.

Its latest project, according to Peter Bouchard, executive director, is the restoration of the Ann & Hope mill village on Main Street, where 43 apartments are slowly being restored at below market rentals.

In a sense, it is a return to the nonprofit's roots because its first project was in an abandoned historic structure on Main Street, which was purchased for \$1 in a federal foreclosure.

Public Housing and Section 8 Voucher Programs

Blackstone Valley

Central Falls Housing Authority

30 Washington Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
727-9090

Cumberland Housing Authority

573 Mendon Road
Cumberland, RI 02864
334-2678

Lincoln Housing Authority

10 Franklin Street
Lincoln, RI 02865
724-8910

Pawtucket Housing Authority

214 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
725-9113

Bristol County

Bristol Housing Authority

1014 Hope Street
Bristol, RI 02809
253-4464

Warren Housing Authority

20 Libby Lane
Warren, RI 02885
245-7019

Greater Providence

Cranston Housing Authority

50 Birch Street
Cranston, RI 02920
944-7210

East Providence Housing Authority

99 Goldsmith Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
434-7645

Johnston Housing Authority

8 Forand Circle
Johnston, RI 02919
231-2007

North Providence Housing Authority

947 Charles Street
North Providence, RI 02904
728-0930

Providence Housing Authority

100 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903
751-6400

Kent County

Coventry Housing Authority

14 Manchester Circle
Coventry, RI 02816
828-4367

East Greenwich Housing Authority

146 First Avenue
East Greenwich, RI 02818
885-2610

Warwick Housing Authority

25 Easton Avenue
Warwick, RI 02888
463-7206

West Warwick Housing Authority

62 Robert Street
West Warwick, RI 02893
822-9430

Newport County

Jamestown Housing Authority

45 Pemberton Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835
423-1561

Newport Housing Authority

1 York Avenue
Newport, RI 02840
847-1169

Portsmouth Housing Authority

P.O. Box 118
Portsmouth, RI 02871
683-3173

Tiverton Housing Authority

99 Hancock Street
Tiverton, RI 02878
624-4748

Northern Rhode Island

Smithfield Housing Authority

7 Church Street
Smithfield, RI 02828
949-0270

Woonsocket Housing Authority

679 Social Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
767-8000

Northwest Rhode Island

Burrillville Housing Authority

77 Ashton Court
Burrillville, RI 02830
568-6200

Glocester Housing Authority

64 Chestnut Hill Road
Chepachet, RI 02814
568-5100

Washington County

Narragansett Housing Authority

P.O. Box 388
Narragansett, RI 02882
789-9489

South Kingstown Housing Authority

364 Curtis Corner Road
Peace Dale, RI 02879-2136
783-0126

Westerly Housing Authority

5 Chestnut Street
Westerly, RI 02891
596-4918/4919

Other Communities

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
751-5566

Administers Section 8 Vouchers for the following communities:

Barrington, Charlestown, Exeter, Foster, Gloucester, Hopkinton,
Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, New Shoreham, Newport,
North Kingstown, North Smithfield, Richmond, Scituate, West Greenwich



Central Falls Family Self-Sufficiency Foundation

They work as a store manager, minister and property supervisor. What they have in common is training, counseling and a unique savings program run by the Central Falls Family Self-Sufficiency Foundation.

The Foundation, an offshoot of the public housing authority, helps families move from public assistance and Section 8 housing into their own apartments and home ownership. To become eligible residents have to take part in a five-year contract to attend classes, receive life skills training and attend schools that will enable them to obtain jobs to support their families.

The program last year had 31 single-head of household families with 73 children. The heart of the effort are the Escrow Savings Accounts, according to Ed Roderick, the foundation's executive director. "The goal is to improve tenants' lives and move on" to financial independence, he said.

The savings accounts are tied to the tenants' rents. As the rents increase due to higher incomes, the increase is put in an escrow account. When the participants graduate--finish school, obtain work and move out of public housing--they are given the savings.

The maximum amount is \$15,000 and the three successful graduates noted above collected a total of \$22, 987.38. One of them, Ellen Trembley, a single mother with two teenagers, was able to complete the certified nursing assistant program at CCRI.

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However, while working her way through school, she worked part time at a Blockbuster video store. She is now part of Blockbuster management and runs two stores in Pawtucket and Cumberland. Trembley recommends the program to others seeking self sufficiency, "They were there to give you that push," she said, and "they help push you in the right direction."

Recovery Housing

Rhode Island Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence
Hotline 1-866-252-3784

Greater Providence

Alpha House

Providence 942-4085
Population Served: Males

Another Way for Women

Providence 621-7143
Population Served: Females

Hope House

Providence 331-5570
Population Served: Males

Sober Team

Providence 621-7143
Population Served: Males

Kent County

A New Life

Warwick 737-0139
Population Served: Males

Haven House

Warwick 739-2741
Population Served: Males

Phoenix House

Cranston 946-4605
Population Served: Males

Recovery Road

Cranston 942-1669
Population Served: Males

Salvation House

Cranston 941-0103
Population Served: Males

Northern Rhode Island

New Horizons

North Providence 724-4229

Population Served: Males

Serenity House

Woonsocket 767-3716

Population Served: Males

Washington County

Freedom House

North Kingstown 885-7097

Population Served: Males

To inquire about availability in an existing house or for information regarding the opening of a new house, please contact the Council at (401) 725-0410.



Women's Development Corporation - School House Place

The second oldest school in Warwick, built at the end of the 19th Century, stood abandoned on West Shore Road. In fact, the historic structure was vacant twice, the last time for 10 years.

But in 1997, the Women's Development Corporation took it over from the city and turned it into seven rental units for low income residents, including two apartments renovated specifically for the handicapped.

This particular project was unusually expensive--some \$963,000--for several reasons not unusual in urban neighborhoods. Historic buildings must meet stringent renovation codes, land costs are higher in cities and in this particular case, an extensive and expensive sewer system had to be installed.

Although some of the funding came from the usual federal sources, such as Community Development Block Grants and H.O.M.E., the bulk of the financing came from investment tax credits.

"Ninety percent of the funds were investor money," said Alma Green, W.D.C.'s executive director, whose Providence-based organization has done rental and ownership projects throughout the state and in Connecticut.

Rental Housing

Statewide

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
457-1105

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

10 Weybosset Street
Providence, RI 02903
528-5381

Blackstone Valley

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

32 Goff Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
723-4520

Pawtucket Citizens Development Corporation

268 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
726-1173

REACH

445 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
723-8730

Bristol County

East Bay Community Development Corporation

150 Franklin Street
Bristol, RI 02809
253-2080

Greater Providence

Elmwood Foundation

1 Trinity Square
Providence, RI 02907
273-2330

Family Housing Development Corporation (FHDC)

P.O. Box 27084
Providence, RI 02907
421-3953

Good News Housing & Community Land Trust

1043 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
461-1230

Greater Elmwood Neighborhood Services

839 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
461-4111

Olneyville Housing Corporation

17 Hyat Street
Providence, RI 02909
351-8719

OMNI Development Corporation

150 Colfax Street
Providence, RI 02905
461-4442 / 461-7108

Smith Hill Community Development Corporation

47 Goddard Street
Providence, RI 02908
521-0159

Stop Wasting Abandoned Property (SWAP)

439 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02907
272-0526

West Broadway Incentive Corporation

31 Willow Street
Providence, RI 02909
521-3510 / 751-8406

West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

392 Cranston Street
Providence, RI 02907
453-3220 / 453-3222

Women's Development Corporation

861A Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
941-2900

Newport County

Church Community Housing Corporation (CCHC)

50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
346-5114

Northern Rhode Island

Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation

141 Olo Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
762-0093

Washington County

Community Housing Corporation

(formerly Action Community Land Trust)
25 Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
782-4646

Rural Housing

Statewide

Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903

Rural homeownership program:

243-0000 or Toll Free: 1-888-744-4770

Newport County

Church Community Housing Corporation (CCHC)

50 Washington Square
Newport, RI 02840
346-5114

Northern Rhode Island

Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation

141 Olo Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
762-0093

Washington County

Community Housing Corporation

(formerly Action Community Land Trust)

25 Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
782-4646

Habitat for Humanity of South County

25 Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
783-2480



Bowling Lane: Restored Mill Village in Bradford

On a side street in Bradford, not far from Westerly, a local housing organization has saved an historic group of old mill houses by turning them into affordable rentals for working families.

The bucolic named Bowling Lane consists of 36 units that were created for workers between 1915 and 1920 by the Bradford Dyeing Association. Occupied but in poor shape, the parcel was purchased in 1996 by the Action Community Land Trust, which in the last decade has built or reconstructed scores of owner and rental housing for low and moderate income families in the sprawling suburban and rural areas of South County.

Using investor tax credits, bank financing, federal and housing agency funds, the nonprofit completely renovated the 18 duplexes at a cost of \$3.78 million. The work reinvigorated the residents who started the Bradford Village Improvement Association, a housing organization not usually associated with renters.

They helped turn an abandoned construction office into a center for neighborhood activities offering community programs, homework assistance, and a space for the police. In addition, they constructed a basketball court, said Salvatore A. Zito, ACLT's executive director.

Encouraged by the success of the street's turn around, the ACLT is currently constructing two more units and is looking into other expansion plans for the historic site.

State Offices

Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division

72 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02903
222-2104

Department of Children, Youth and Families

610 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
222-5220

Department of Elderly Affairs

160 Pine Street
Providence, RI 02903
222-2880
Housing Assistance: 222-6552

Department of Health Lead Program

3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908
222-2438

Department of Human Services

600 New London Avenue, Bldg 57
Cranston, RI 02920
Housing and basic needs policy: 462-6811

Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals

14 Harrington Road
Cranston, RI 02920-3080
462-3201

Housing Resources Commission

41 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
Main office 450-1350
Office of Planning and Policy: 450-1358
Office of Program Performance and Evaluation: 450-1349
Office of Community Development and Technical Assistance: 450-1356
Office of Homeownership: 450-1356
Office of Homelessness Services and Emergency Assistance: 450-1357

Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Affairs

89 Jefferson Boulevard

Warwick, RI 02888

941-4500

Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights

10 Abbott Park Place - First Floor

Providence, RI 02903-3768

222-2662

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

10 Weybosset Street

Providence, RI 02903

528-5351

Multi-family hotline: 1-800-685-8470



McAuley Village

Miriam Melgar's journey from Guatemala to Providence is an example of how the growing transitional or temporary housing movement is having an impact in Rhode Island.

When her husband died from alcohol-related problems in 1997, she was left with three children and insufficient income that forced the family to move in with her sister.

She was told about the program at McAuley House in Elmwood, started in 1990 by the Sisters of Mercy. The 22-unit building offered a structured two-year program of language training, education and counseling to assist single heads of household families (about 90 percent Hispanic) to rebuild their lives.

The families pay 30 percent of their income for rent and when they leave they cannot go to a shelter or back to their families but to affordable housing. When they are at McAuley, they must be in training, school, or at work. A number of the adults from the 150 families who have used the facility have received high school diplomas and college degrees.

Miriam's story took a different path. Although she was a high school graduate in her native country, she needed a G.E.D. She also learned how to drive, got a license and car and received a certificate from the International Institute as a day care assistant. She was hired by McAuley as a team teacher in the childcare center program. "This program changed everything," she said. "They helped me meet my goals. I love working with kids." She and her children now live in public housing.

Transitional Housing

Blackstone Valley

Emergency Shelter of Pawtucket & Central Falls

183 Barton Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Population Served: Families/Women
728-8490

Bristol County

Rhode Island Veterans Home

480 Metacom Avenue
Bristol, RI 02809
Population Served: Veterans/Adult Males
253-8000

Greater Providence

Advent House

102 Linwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
Population Served: Adult Men/Women
273-8946

AIDS Care Ocean State

557 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02907
Population Served: Adult Men/Women/Children
273-1888

Amos House

415 Friendship Street
Providence, RI 02907
Population Served: Adult Men/Women
272-0220

East Bay Coalition for the Homeless

100 Bullocks Point Road
East Providence, RI 02915
Population Served: Families
437-5104

Interim House

49-51 Trenton Street
Providence, RI 02906
Population Served: Families/Children
831-4570

MAP Alcohol & Drug Rehabilitation Services

66 Burnett Street
Providence, RI 02907
Population Served: Adult Males/Females
785-0050

McAuley Village/ McAuley Corporation

325 Niagara Street
Providence, RI 02907
Population Served: Women/Children
467-3630

Nickerson House Gateway to Independence

133 Delaine Street
Providence, RI 02909
Population Served: Males/Females/Children
351-2241

People to End Homelessness/ The Key

208 Webster Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
Population Served: Adult Males
464-9036

The Providence Center

127 Michigan Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
Population Served: Adult Males/Females/Children
276-4000

Shelter Services, Inc.

32 Tanner Street
Providence, RI 02907
Population Served: Males/Females
454-8827

SSTARBIRTH

80 East Street
Cranston, RI 02920
Population Served: Women with children
463-6001

Travelers Aid

177 Union Street
Providence, RI 02903
Population Served: Adults/Youth
521-2255

Women In Transition

Department of Corrections
Phillipe Pinel Building – B28-29
Cranston, RI 02920
Population Served: Women discharged from the Department of Corrections
462-1767

Kent County

Warwick House of Hope, Providence

P.O. Box 8608
Warwick, RI 02888
Population Served: Families
463-3324

Newport County

Child & Family Services of Newport County

24 School Street
Newport, RI 02840
Population Served: Adults/Families
849-2300

Lucy's Hearth

909 West Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842
Population Served: Women/Children
847-2021

McKinney Cooperative Shelter

15 Meeting Street
Newport, RI 02840
Population Served: Individuals/Families
846-8810

Northern Rhode Island

Woonsocket Shelter CAP

184 Sayles Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Population Served: Adults/Families
766-0844

Washington County

Crossroads

40 Navy Drive
North Kingston, RI 02852
Population Served: Families
294-7723

Galilee Mission to Fishermen

P.O. Box 459
Narragansett, RI 02882
Population Served: Adult Men
789-9390

W.A.R.M. Shelter

56 Spruce Street
Westerly, RI 02891
Population Served: Adults/Families
596-9276

Welcome House of South County

8 North Road
Peace Dale, RI 02879
Population Served: Families/Individuals
782-4770



Nickerson House for Veterans

Nickerson House in the Olneyville section of Providence is part of a growing trend of established social service and neighborhood centers expanding into nontraditional housing.

The community organization recently initiated a Rhode Island first--transitional housing for veterans and their families.

Called Gateway to Independence, the program is located in three buildings just off Olneyville Square that are owned by Nickerson. The program started in 1998 and involves up to two years of residence, counseling, financial and legal assistance and free room and board.

"The residents have to be homeless" to qualify, said Beth Ventrone, Nickerson's director of social services. "Most of them are also either divorced or jobless," she added.

There are currently nine units occupied and another three will soon become available in a nearby building. Ventrone, a psychotherapist, said most of the counseling deals with stress and drugs. The complex also provides transportation and operates free food and clothing banks.

Two of the veterans are women, she noted. The funding comes from private sector sources. Because the program is new and growing, nearly all the veterans come from the immediate neighborhoods.

Veterans Housing

Statewide

Nickerson Community Center

133 Delaine Street
Providence, RI 02909
351-2241

Operation Stand Down

1010 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919
1-800-861-VETS

Rhode Island Veterans Action

250 Prairie Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
521-6710

Rhode Island Veterans Home

480 Metacom Avenue
Bristol, RI 02809
253-8000

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