

Resources for: Day Shelter Services

The Beacon- Homeless Day Resource Center

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Address: 615 East Washington Ave. Madison, WI 53703 (entrance and parking in back off of East Main Street)

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 7 days a week/365 days a year

What we offer:

Showers, laundry services, food, housing assistance, preventative healthcare, Mail Center, help replacing lost or stolen ID's, van service to and from overnight shelters, computer Lab, employment search assistance, telephones, case management, advocacy. We also have a completely separate family space for families with children. Beginning 1/1/2018 other area homeless service providers will also be located on site to offer their services as well.

Bethel Lutheran Homeless Support Services

Phone 608-257-3577

Tuesday and Thursday, 8am-4pm

Address: 312 Wisconsin Ave, Madison

Homeless Support Services are overseen by Bethel's Homeless Ministry Board

Our program revolves around one simple principle: respect. We take the time to develop close relationships with our homeless neighbors so that we are better able to provide support and to assist at risk individuals in finding the necessary services and resources to improve their lives.

Aside from support group, our program also offers a computer lab, telephone access, clothing, information, games, a small library, bathrooms, hygiene products, hot coffee, conversation, book group and a safe space to escape the streets.

Our staff and volunteers are willing to help in any way possible including resume writing, job applications, housing applications, medical and legal referrals, acquiring SSI/Disability/Veterans' benefits, obtaining IDs, and much more.

All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

Also offer:

Spiritual Support, A Book Group and an annual retreat.

Madison Central Library

Phone: 608-266-6318

Monday-Thursday from 9am-9pm; Fridays from 9am-6pm
Weekend hours vary during different times of the year

Address: 201 W Mifflin St, Madison

On-site case management is no longer available as of 2018, however all people are welcome to be at the library during operating hours. It is a safe, climate controlled space to be during the day and there are computers and other resources.

Off-the-Square Club

Address: 322 E. Washington Ave, Madison, Wi 53703

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Off the Square Club Services

Here, you can receive a hot meal or access a computer to connect you with resources, recovery support or urgent crisis stabilization.

Off the Square Club is trauma-informed and recovery-oriented, and many staff members are state-certified peer specialists who are in recovery from mental illness themselves.

Peer specialists at Off the Square Club identify as having lived experience with trauma, psychiatric diagnosis and/or extreme emotional states and/or substance use and have completed rigorous state training and certification.

They will ensure members are empowered to take control of their own recovery and have an opportunity to build a system that enhances and supports it. They encourage an environment where both parties can share their experiences of what works.

Basic needs: Enjoy a daily hot meal and access to a TV, phone, computer and laundry facilities

Peer support and counseling: Gain assistance from staff members who listen, empathize

Employment opportunities: Find job assistance

Social: Connect with other members who live with mental illness, too

Crisis stabilization services

Resource assistance and referrals: Discover relevant Dane County programs and services

Structured activities: Join groups and discover volunteer opportunities help maintain your recovery

To become a member of Off the Square Club, you must be at least 18 years old, a Dane County resident, have a primary diagnosis of mental illness and agree to a criminal background check. The club welcomes members Off the Square Club

welcomes donations to support its work. The greatest items of need are adult clothing, personal care products and arts and craft supplies. Off the Square Club also offers volunteer opportunities for members of the community, including involvement in our Advisory Committee.