



Is this program right for me?

Have you experienced homelessness due to a change of circumstances or conditions in your life, such as the loss of a job, family member, or changes in your health? Have you been evicted or at-risk of eviction due to lack of financial resources, leaving you unable to pay rent on time? Have you struggled to maintain your housing and ended up living with friends or family, in shelters, or on the streets?

Do you have a substance use and/or mental health disorder which affects your ability to secure or retain housing?

If these are some of the challenges that you are facing today, are you willing to make some changes and receive help?

Let the First Step Inn help you.

First Step Inn
134 Durfee Street
Fall River, MA 02720
508-679-8001



Leader in Behavioral Health and Homeless Services

Fall River Men's Residential Rehabilitation Service (RRS) Program

466 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-617-4436

Transition House

542 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 11118

Fall River Women's RRS Program

522 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 11101

New Bedford Women's RRS Program

979 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA 02740
508-984-1880

Outpatient Clinic

279 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-679-0033

William B. Webster Graduate Program

506 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 women x 11101, men x 12202

New Bedford Graduate Program

977 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA 02740
508-984-1880

Next Step Home

506 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 11122

First Step Inn Shelter

134 Durfee St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-679-8001

Stone Residence

177 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-675-4159

Welcome Home

888 Purchase St., Suite 401, New Bedford, MA 02740
508-984-7514

Home First

506 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720
508-674-2788 x 11113

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First Step Inn

An Emergency Shelter

Serving Homeless Individuals in
Fall River, Massachusetts



What can I expect if I participate in the program?

The First Step Inn provides safe shelter and daily nutritious meals to men and women in the City of Fall River. Case management services offered at the First Step Inn connect guests to housing, employment, mainstream resources, primary and behavioral healthcare, and an array of other services.

Guests are assisted with locating and securing permanent housing and have access to wrap-around supports to ensure continued stability.

These comprehensive supportive services are offered in a safe, comfortable environment and enable guests to successfully transition into the community and experience housing stability and an improved quality of life.

Who is eligible?

Eligible guests must be 18 years of age or older, homeless or chronically homeless and medically and psychologically stable. Guests must be willing to authorize a CORI check, as well as submit to a safety search upon admission. A picture ID is required.

How do I apply?

All referrals, including those from social service agencies, homeless providers, addiction centers, and self-referrals must contact the Shelter directly at 508-679-8001. If criteria are met, an individual seeking assistance must be pre-screened before receiving services. The screening hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The First Step Inn is supported through a combination of grant funding and proceeds from our annual Get Steppin' Walk fundraiser.

What services are offered?

- Food and nutritional assistance
- Safe and secure sleeping environment
- Comprehensive case management
- Housing placement assistance
- Psycho-educational groups
- Assistance with applications for mainstream resources
- Crisis intervention
- Recovery support services
- Residential substance abuse treatment access
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment access
- Coordination of emergency and long-term psychiatric care
- Referrals to community-based collateral services, educational development, medical care, domestic violence support, and other forms of assistance
- Discharge and aftercare planning
- Recovery Coaching Services

I lost everything and ended up at the First Step Inn. I don't have to worry about being hungry and warm right now and will be working with a case manager. ~ Mary