

# Housing

## **Bureau of Consumer Protection**

2811 Agriculture Drive

PO Box 8911

Madison, WI 53708

(608) 224-5012

(608) 224-5058 (TDD)

(800) 422-7128

[DATCPHotline@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:DATCPHotline@Wisconsin.gov)

Information on tenants' rights and responsibilities.

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/ConsumerProtection.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ConsumerProtection.aspx)

## **Central Wisconsin Community Action Council**

203 DeWitt Street

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-3320

Processes applications for HUD Section 8 housing; provides emergency assistance for qualifying applicants; case management services for homeless; weatherization program which provides insulation and other energy-saving services to owners and renters.

## **Columbia County Southern Housing Region (SHR) Program**

MSA Professional Services, Inc.

(800) 552-6330

Qualifying Columbia County residents can apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to be used for housing rehabilitation.

<http://www.co.columbia.wi.us/columbiacounty/accounting/Housing/SouthernHousingRegion/tabid/2540/Default.aspx>

## **Emergency Assistance EA**

Forward Services Corporation FSC

2875 Village Road; Suite 200

Portage, WI 53901

(608) 742-1089

FSC offers Emergency Assistance (EA). EA can cover costs for impending homelessness (unpaid rent, late fees, court costs), homelessness (security deposit, first month rent, necessary household items), disaster relief (fire, flood or natural disaster assistance), or energy crisis (heating, electric, water delinquent bills).

## **Foreclosure Assistance Clinic**

Legal Resource Center

215 South Hamilton Street; Room L1007

Madison, WI 53703

[https://pdf.countyofdane.com/court/Foreclosure\\_Assistance\\_Clinic.pdf](https://pdf.countyofdane.com/court/Foreclosure_Assistance_Clinic.pdf)

Tuesday's 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Free legal help for homeowners in foreclosure. Please bring your legal papers to the session.

## **Foreclosure Helpline**

(608) 263-9574

U.W. Law School Consumer Law Clinic's Foreclosure Helpline

## **Forward Services Corporation**

2875 Village Road

Portage, WI 53930

(608) 742-1089

800-771-8420

<http://www.fsc-corp.org/our-services/>  
Assistance for those who qualify.

## **Foundation for Rural Housing**

888-400-5974

Assisting low income residents by supporting community-based solutions to improve housing conditions and promote stability.

**Habitat for Humanity**  
**Sauk-Columbia Area**

P.O. Box 38  
1211 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
(608) 448-2888  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
<https://www.hfhwisconsinriver.org>

**Homeless Students Resource**

CESA 5 - AmeriCorps VISTA Homeless  
Coordinator  
Website of resources for homeless students:  
[goo.gl/RXlvTK](http://goo.gl/RXlvTK)

**Hope House of South-Central Wisconsin**

720 Ash Street  
PO Box 557  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
(608) 356-9123 business line 8am-4:30pm  
(608) 356-7500 24/7 helpline  
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm  
800-584-6790 24-Hour Confidential Helpline  
[www.hopehousescw.org](http://www.hopehousescw.org)  
Provides shelter and advocacy to people  
affected by domestic violence and sexual  
assault.

**Housing Inspectors/Local Municipalities**

Columbus (920) 623-5900  
Pardeeville (608) 429-3121  
Portage (608) 742-2176  
Wisconsin Dells (608) 253-2542  
For help with rental properties whose building  
code or other municipal code may have been  
violated.

**No Wrong Door**

**Central Wisconsin Community Action Council**  
(608) 742-3320

**Renewal Unlimited**

(608) 742-5329  
Coordinated Entry is a way people experiencing  
homelessness or at risk of homelessness may  
find housing and get connected to resources in  
their community.

**Pathway Home**

1200 Silver Circle  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
(608) 355-4812  
Shelter for homeless women, children and men.

**Renewal Unlimited**

2900 Red Fox Run  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-5329 ext. 42  
Provides various housing programs to  
qualifying, low-income families to meet needs  
such as rental assistance, mortgage payment  
assistance, security deposit, utilities and  
property taxes.

**River Haven**

108 East Pleasant Street  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-7687  
Shelter for homeless women and children, and  
clearinghouse for information.

**River Haven Men's Shelter**

211 West Pleasant Street  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-7687  
Shelter for homeless and clearinghouse for  
information.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

**Portage WI Chapter**

Brian Schelbach  
(608) 683-9109  
[www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org)  
Volunteers dedicated to building, assembling  
and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children  
and families in need.

**Tenant Resource Center**

1202 Williamson Street; Suite 102  
Madison, WI 53703  
<https://www.tenantresourcecenter.org/>  
Internet resources for tenants.

**Weatherization Assistance Program (WX)**

Central Wisconsin Community Action Council  
203 DeWitt Street  
Portage, WI 53901  
(608) 742-3320

Available to homeowners or renters at or below 150% poverty. Assistance provided includes attic insulation, sidewall insulation, smoke detectors, air sealing, and or/furnace, water heater and refrigerator replacement.

**Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs**

2135 Rimrock Road  
Madison, WI 53707  
800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)  
(608) 266-1311

Outreach services to veterans including assisting them in finding housing, medical/subsistence assistance and state education benefits.

For other information or assistance:  
<https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx>