



Emergency Family Shelter Frequently Asked Questions

I have no place to stay tonight. What should I do?

Families with dependent children should go directly to PATH (Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing office). You will need to bring your children with you. The following documentation will be needed: birth certificates, immunization records, social security cards, photo ID and names and addresses of people you stayed with over the last 24 months.

What is PATH?

PATH is the Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing office which is the Department of Homeless Services intake location for adult families; single pregnant women over age 18 and families with dependent children under the age of 21.

Can I get into Nazareth Housing shelter if I go to PATH?

Not necessarily. If you are over the age of 18 with dependent children or pregnant you may receive emergency shelter for the night or a 10-day conditional placement until you are deemed eligible by Department of Homeless Services for shelter placement.

How do I get to PATH?

NYC's Department of Homeless Services Prevention Assistance & Temporary Housing (PATH) office is located at: 151 E. 151st Street (between Walton Ave. Gerard Ave.)

Subway directions: 2,4, or 5 train to 149th Street Grand Concourse. Walk north on Grand Concourse to E. 151st Street. Make a left on E. 151st Street and walk towards Walton Ave.

Are there any shelters I can go to without having to go through PAHT?

If you or your child are a victim of domestic violence and require emergency placement to ensure your safety, you should contact Safe Horizon at (212) 577-7700.

What if I am an unaccompanied youth under the age of 17?

Youth under the age of 17 with no children and are in need of a safe place can go to Covenant House. Covenant House is located at 461 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10001. Covenant House has a crisis center. Covenant House NINELINE counselors are available every day. They utilize a database of more than 30,000 social service and child welfare agencies so callers can be connected with immediate assistance anywhere in the United States. Call (800) 999-9999 or visit www.NINELINE.org.