

## HOUSING

You and your family have a right to live in a healthy home and without discrimination. Financial assistance programs are also available to help you make ends meet. Use the resources below to help you find safe, affordable housing for you and your family. Find low-cost housing and get help lowering home-related expenses.

### RENTAL ASSISTANCE:

- LA County Housing Resource Center or call 1-800-265-7811
- The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
- For Section 8 call 562-347-4663
- For homeless shelter program call 1- 800-548-6047 or 213-225-6581
- Single Parent Association of America – offers financial aid, advice, discounts on groceries and clothing, & other services to single parents.
- U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development - housing information for people with disabilities
- Video: Detailed instructions on how to fill out rental assistance applications
- Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County – An organization that helps residents and businesses maintain quality and affordable housing. You can also call 1-888-895-2647
- Call 2-1-1 for more information

### TIPS

- You may qualify for financial assistance programs if you have trouble paying your rent, mortgage, or utilities.
- Federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. You can file a complaint if you believe you have been discriminated against.

### HOME – RELATED EXPENSES:

- LA DWP financial assistance – Fill out a Financial Assistance Qualification form to see which programs you qualify for. You can also call 1-800-342-5367
- Southern California Gas Company – Contact the Gas Company for information on how you can lower your gas bill, and to see if you qualify for financial assistance programs
- Contact your phone or internet company and ask how you can lower your monthly bill. Companies now offer land lines, cell phone, cable and internet bundle packages that generally save you money.
- Lifeline is a program that offers a discount on phone service for low-income families. If you receive support from MediCal, Healthy Start, Section 8 Housing or other programs, you may qualify for Lifeline. Learn more here: <https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline>

## **AVOID FORECLOSURE**

If you are struggling with making mortgage payments, contact a lender or loan servicer to discuss your options.

- Federal Housing Administration - Save your home from foreclosure
- Making Home Affordable – A program that helps homeowners avoid foreclosure. You can also call 1-888-995-4673.
- Video – Federal Trade Commission, avoid foreclosure rescue scams
- Call 2-1-1 for more information

## **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION**

Federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. If you believe your rights have been violated, you can file a Housing Discrimination Complaint.

- LA County Department of Public Health – Understand your rights as a tenant. Access multiple agencies that can provide free or low-cost information and advice on all housing matters
- LA Housing Department – under Federal and California law, housing providers cannot deny housing or provide less favorable treatment to families with kids. Read this document to find out where you can get help.
- Sexual orientation discrimination – Sexual orientation discrimination occurs when a housing provider refuses to rent to someone because they are gay, lesbian or bisexual. Read this document for information on how to get help.

- Housing Rights Center – The Housing Rights Center investigates allegations of housing discrimination. To file a complaint or for more information visit the website or call 1-800-477-5977
- Video – Free tutorials on housing and employment laws
- Call 2-1-1 to find local organizations that can help you

## **HOMELESSNESS**

- Everyone has a right to safe & affordable housing. If you need help to find a permanent place to live, contact any of these organizations:
- Homeless shelters & services in LA County – This website lists hundreds of shelters in LA County, including transitional and treatment centers.
- Downtown Women’s Center – Seeks to provide permanent supportive housing for women. You can also call 213-680-0600 for more information.
- PATH – Housing services and programs for the family. You can also call 323-644- 2216 for more information.
- Weingart Center for the Homeless – Provide housing, employment services, and health and sobriety services to residents. You can also call 213-627-9000 for more information.
- Union Rescue Mission – Provides comprehensive emergency and long-term services to guests to help them escape homelessness. You can also call 213-347-6300 for more information.

- The Midnight Mission – Provides housing and emergency services to families in need. You can also call 213-624-9258 for more information.
- LA Family Housing – Helps families transition out of homelessness and poverty by offering housing and supportive services. You can also call 818-982-4091 for more information.
- Good Shepherd Center – Empowers women and their kids to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency through housing, employment, and support services. You can also call 213-235-1460 for more information.
- Covenant House – Helps homeless kids find permanent housing and educational assistance. You can also call 1-800-RUNAWAY for more information.
- LA Homeless Services Authority – An organization that offers services to people who are homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness.
- Call 2-1-1 for more information

## APPS:

### FIND YOUR PERFECT RENTAL

[rentals.com/Mobile-Apps](https://rentals.com/Mobile-Apps)

### HOME BUYING POWER

[itunes.apple.com/us/app/home-buying-power/id301061531?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/home-buying-power/id301061531?mt=8)

### ZILLOW - REAL ESTATE PHONE APP

[zillow.com/iphone](https://zillow.com/iphone)

### TRULIA - FIND HOMES AND APARTMENTS FOR RENT

[itunes.apple.com/us/app/trulia-rentals-find-homes/id508163604?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/trulia-rentals-find-homes/id508163604?mt=8)

### CRAIG'S LIST

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