
NBCCC Resources & Services Guide



Resources for Clothing Assistance

The Immigrants Assistance Center Clothing Pantry

58 Crapo Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-996-8113

Clothing pantry open the last Friday of every month. If it is an emergency clients can be seen throughout the month by appointment.



The Salvation Army

619 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-6561

Clothing vouchers are available for the Salvation Army Thrift Store. Clients must have proof of income, ID and proof of residence. Appointments and referrals are preferred.



Agnes Brown Community Center

360 Coggeshall Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-979-1737

Clothing available 9:00-12:00 Monday – Thursday



Full Blessing Church

299 Dartmouth Street
New Bedford, MA
Phone: 508-991-5019

Clothing at a very low cost (sometimes will give for free if referral is made). Open Monday-Friday 10:00 – 4:00pm.

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Resources for Food Assistance (Food Pantries)

Immigrants Assistance Center

58 Crapo Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-996-8113

10:00am – 3:00pm
Monday – Friday

Client needs to bring picture ID & proof of income. Can be accessed once every 30 days. Basic application will be completed. Canned Food available. No appointment needed.



The Salvation Army

619 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-6561

1:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday – Friday

Client needs to proof of income, ID for family, proof of residence, referral and appointment.



PAACA

360 Coggeshall Street
New Bedford, MA 02746
Phone: 508-979-1737

9:00am – 1:00pm
Monday – Thursday

Client can come once every 30 days. They need to bring ID. If there are children in household will need their Mass Health or other insurance cards as proof.



Grace Church

School Street
New Bedford, MA

10:00am – 11:00am Monday and Friday. Need picture ID enough for three meals.



American Red Cross

1160 Rockdale Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-996-8286

9:00am – 12:00pm
Monday – Thursday

Client can come every 30 days. The need to bring ID, proof of income and address



P.A.C.E. Inc.

166 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-999-9920

9:00am – 12:00pm
Monday – Friday

Client needs to bring Picture ID and Social Security or Mass Health Card. Appointments are needed.



Catholic Social Services

238 Bonny Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-7337

10:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday and Thursday

Client can come once every 30 days, no appointment needed. Must be 18 years old or older and bring picture ID and proof of income. Mass Health cards or other proof of children.



M.O. Life Food Pantry

729 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-992-5978

10:00am – 12:00pm
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
Call ahead schedule can differ

Client can come once a month. Proof of income and Mass Health cards for children.



Damien's Kitchen

65 Red Brook Road
Wareham, MA 02571
Phone: 508-759-5245

10:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Client can come once every 30 days. Need proof of ID and Social Security cards for children.



Market Ministries

60 Eighth Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-3202

9:00am – 1:00pm
Last Friday of month.

No appointment needed, just stand in line. One bag of canned goods.

4:00pm everyday lunch given out



The Pilgrim United Church

Corner of Purchase & School Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-5684

11:00am – 1:00pm
Monday – Friday

Soup Kitchen



The Shepherd's Pantry

357 Main Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Phone: 508-992-6268

10:00am –11:00am
Saturday

Picture ID, Mass Health Card, WIC referral



Sisters of Charity

556 County Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-7347

3:00pm
Every Monday

One or two bags of food. Stand in line.

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Resources for Food Assistance

New Bedford WIC Program

874 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-1500

About WIC:

WIC's goal is to help keep pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under age 5 healthy. WIC provides:

- Personalized nutrition consultations
- Checks to buy free, healthy food
- Referrals for medical and dental care, health insurance, childcare, housing and fuel assistance, and other services that can benefit the whole family.

WIC also offers immunizations screening and referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition and health workshops on a variety of topics including meal planning, maintaining a healthy weight, picky eaters, caring for a new baby, and shopping on a budget.



Food Stamps, The Office of Transitional Assistance

160 West Rodney French Boulevard
New Bedford, MA 02744
Phone: 508-961-2000
Fax: 508-961-2100

Monday – Friday 7:15am –5:00pm

Most families who meet the federal income rules can get food stamp benefits. Food stamp benefits help buy nutritious food that families need.

To get more information about food stamp benefits and an application, call the Department of Transitional Assistance Application Information Unit at 1-800-249-2007. You can also print out an application and get more information about food stamp benefits by going to a web site sponsored by [Project Bread](#), www.gettingfoodstamps.org. Food Stamp benefits are available for qualified Massachusetts's residents. For further information or for help filling out the application, contact [Project Bread's](#) Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 (TTY:1-800-377-1292).



Serve New England

(New Bedford Contact Information)
P.A.C.E. Inc.

166 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-999-9920 x 333
Website: www.servenewengland.org

About Serve New England:

Serve New England is a program designed to promote [volunteer service](#) by offering deep discounts on the highest quality grocery, meat, and vegetable items to community-minded individuals willing to volunteer 2 hours of their time each month to a worthy cause. We have over 350 [chapter sites](#) located throughout the six New England states. Serve has no eligibility requirements other than the 2 hours of volunteer service. Our program is open to people of all ages, races, and income levels. As a reward for this effort, you can participate in Serve's [food co-op](#), which offers you top quality food at a discount of up to 50%. For more information about our food, please go to the Food co-op choice in the menu or [click this](#). **EBT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED.**

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Health Resources

Agencies in the New Bedford area that can assist individuals in completing Mass Health Applications

New Bedford Child and Family Services

1061 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-996-8572



I.H. Schwartz Children's Rehabilitation Center

Schwartz Center for Children
One Posa Place
North Dartmouth, MA 02747
Phone: 508-996-3391
Fax: 508-996-3397
Website: www.schwartzcenter.org

About The I.H. Schwartz Children's Rehabilitation Center (The Schwartz Center)

The Schwartz Center was established in 1947 by parents seeking services for their children. The Three major programs of the Schwartz center are the **Early Intervention**, **Day School Program** and the **Outpatient Therapy Program**.

About the Schwartz Center programs:

The Early Intervention Program evaluates and serves infants and young children, birth to age 3 years old, who are at medical or environmental risk of delay or who are delayed in the development of:

- Speech & Language
- Learning
- Motor Skills
- Vision & Hearing
- Social Interaction
- Self-Help Skills

Services are covered by most health insurance providers. The Massachusetts Department of Health covers the cost of services for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

This program is certified by the Department of Public Health.

The Center has a bilingual and multicultural staff who provide care both onsite and in the families home. All services are provided with sensitivity to the family's language and culture.

Day School Program

The Day School is a Department of Education approved program at the Schwartz Center. It encompasses ungraded classrooms with ages ranging from 3-22 years. Program staff include teachers certified in special education and teaching assistants and aides who are highly trained in related fields.

The program also includes RN's and LPN's and licensed therapeutic staff in the areas of speech/ language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and sensory integration. Parents are encouraged to participate in classroom activities, as well as parent support groups, special events, and daily communication with classroom staff.

The program is designed to serve students with multiple disabilities who demonstrate potential for progress. Diagnoses of our students include, but are not limited to, physical disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, developmental disabilities, communication disorders, sensory-motor delays, deaf blindness, and a variety of other conditions.

Educational and therapeutic service delivery is Tran disciplinary, with services delivered within the classroom as well as one-on-one. Community involvement is a strong component of the program, with opportunity for participation in aquatic therapy and hippo therapy services provided.

The school operates year-round for a total of 226 days per year. The school day is 5 1/2 hours long. Qualified students have the availability of a specialized after school day care program, which runs from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Program services are fully funded on a tuition basis by each student's local school system. There is no charge to the family for any Day School services, however, there may be a charge for the after school program.

Out-Patient Therapy Program

The Outpatient Therapy Program provides speech and language, physical and occupational therapy to children and adolescents at the Center, as well as at participating schools, childcare centers, and other community sites.

The Center evaluates and treats children with sensory integration dysfunction by a certified Sensory Integration (SI) Therapist.

The Center also conducts monthly clinics:

Genetics clinics in collaboration with the National Birth Defects Foundation, Waltham, MA.

Pedi-Rehab clinics in collaboration with Dr. Harry Webster of New England Medical Center, Boston, MA.

Bracing and Mobility clinics in collaboration with National Seating and Mobility of New England Orthotics and Prosthetics.

Audiology clinics are also offered monthly.

The Center also serves as a satellite for the Shriners Hospital.

The Center is the only freestanding pediatric rehabilitation clinic in New England.

The Outpatient Therapy program is accredited by CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, to assure that services meet or exceed the standards.

Other Services Offered by the Schwartz Center:

Living Skills Program

The Schwartz Center's Living Skills Program is an after school program for adolescents and young adults with disabilities. The focus of this program is to provide training in the area of independent living skills necessary for successful adult life.

The goal of the program is to provide activities and information in curriculum areas such as money management, housekeeping, personal care, community involvement, and vocational exploration. The program exposes students to these skill areas to increase competence and begin preparation for independent living and supported employment.

Program staff will be happy to discuss funding options for this program prior to enrollment. Transportation may be available to qualified individuals and may be billed through some insurance.

Regional Consultation Program

The Regional Consultation Program (RCP) is a regional program covering the Southeastern territory of Massachusetts. It is one of six programs funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) in the state. The program's mission is to promote the inclusion of Children with multiple disabilities, or extensive medical health issues with complex care requirements.

The Regional Consultation Program provides child specific consultation and training for families, Early Intervention professionals and childcare providers, and the general community throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. The Program provides the following services:

- Direct Assistance to eligible families
- Education and training to families and community
- Equipment loan program
- Lending library
- Resource and referrals for families of children with special needs
- Technical assistance and consultation
- Sibling support group - "All About Us"
- Regional parent network
- Threshold Electrical Stimulation assessments
- Infant massage and infant massage instruction
- Specialty clinics
- Respite services
- Parent involvement activities
- Child specific consultations including feeding, sensory issues, and augmentative communication

The Regional Consultation Program is a grant-funded project of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Prenatal, Early Childhood and Special Health Needs.



People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE)

166 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-999-9920



Immigrants Assistance Center

58 Crapo Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-996-8113



Coastline Elderly Services

1646 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: 508-999-6400



St. Lukes Hospital

101 Page Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 800-497-1727



Healthy Start

If not currently a member but interested in becoming a member call: Mass Health Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900

If already a member contact: Healthy Start Program Customer Service: 1-888-488-9161

The Healthy Start Program provides health insurance to low-income, uninsured pregnant women in order to improve access to early, comprehensive, and continuous prenatal care to improve the health of newborns and their mothers. Healthy Start is for low-income, uninsured pregnant women who are also eligible for Mass Health Limited. Family-group income must be at or below 200% of the [federal poverty level](#).

The Healthy Start Program provides coverage for the following pregnancy-related services:

- Pregnancy-related primary and specialty care
- Outpatient mental health, up to 10 visits per pregnancy
- Prescriptions
- Pregnancy-related radiology and laboratory services
- Amniocentesis
- Prescribed durable medical equipment, up to \$300 per pregnancy
- Home nursing postpartum visits (limited to two visits for pregnancies without complications and limited to five visits for pregnancies with complications or C-sections)
- Office visits, including family planning
- Postpartum obstetric and gynecological care
- Newborn hospital and outpatient care including one postpartum pediatric ambulatory visits

Healthy Start benefit limitations are based on a pregnancy basis, rather than a fiscal year or lifetime basis. If you become pregnant again, and are eligible for the Healthy Start Program, you are eligible for these benefits again. Individuals enrolled in Healthy Start are also eligible for Mass Health Limited, which covers emergency services including inpatient labor and delivery and emergency transportation. In

addition, Healthy Start members are eligible for the Uncompensated Care Pool, which covers some other medically necessary services.

Newborns born to mothers enrolled in Healthy Start and Mass Health Limited will receive Mass Health Standard benefits starting at birth through the first year of life.

Eligibility Criteria

You may be eligible for Healthy Start if you are:

- a pregnant woman, and
- not eligible for Mass Health (except Mass Health Limited), and
- have family-group income at or below 200% of the [federal poverty level](#).

Application Process

Call Mass Health Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900

(TTY: 1-800-497-4648) to request a Medical Benefit Request (MBR)



The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center

874 Purchase St.
New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: 508-992-6553

TTY: 508-994-2478

Fax: 508-999-5457

website: www.gnbchc.org

About the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center:

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center provides primary health care services with a focus on the medically under served. We are committed to health care for everyone. Conveniently located downtown the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center not only provides general health care but also a wide variety of other health services.

HIV program:

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center offers a wide range of HIV services and various employees to staff it. From medication support to weight gain, primary care to benefits case management, we can accommodate almost any need. In many cases, you do not need to be receiving your primary care at the **Health Center** to access our ancillary services.

The Health Center offers an Adherence Support program that is designed to assist consumers in taking their medications. Since HIV drug regimens are often complicated, the program combines nursing support with consumer mentors to help consumers stick to their medication schedules, understand and manage side effects, and offer moral. For more information, please call our department.

The HIV Nurse Educator participates in community outreach, patient and community education, and organizes educational forums for both consumers and providers. Our Nurse Educator is also responsible for the Safety Net Program. This program reaches hundreds of people in the community who would otherwise have little or no exposure to HIV or STD information.

Our Benefits Coordinator works to make certain that consumers have knowledge of and access to all forms and benefits which are available to them. Questions about disability, social security income, and Mass Health or other coverage should be directed to the Benefits Coordinator.

ACT-Now/HDAP:

These are two HIV-specific programs that the Health Center is proud to be collaborating with. Access to Care and Treatment Now (ACT-Now) is a limited health insurance for HIV positive people who are un-or underinsured. This program provides coverage for much of a patient's needed primary care. The HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP) is a program, which will pay for HIV medications if a patient is uninsured or if their health coverage does not have a prescription plan. If a patient has co-payments for prescriptions, HDAP may cover the cost. For more information, you should contact our Program Assistant.

Teen Clinic:

<http://www.gnbchc.org/contribute.htm> Teen Clinic offers confidential care to teens between the ages of 13 and 18. This care includes birth control with routine gynecological care, including PAP smears and STD testing and treatment. We also conduct pregnancy testing as well as HIV counseling and testing. The nurses, physician and social worker and family planner who staff this program address teens with needs beyond their diagnoses. Health education is a part of every visit. Prevention and risk reduction are always emphasized.

Teen Clinic is held every Thursday from 5-9 PM. Teens can call to make appointments without parental consent. We also welcome calls from parents who want these services for their teenagers. The staff is available throughout the week to address immediate concerns of patients receiving or desiring services through the clinic.

Maternal Child Health Program:

The Maternal Child Health Program promotes early access to prenatal care, insurance, and adequacy of care to all pregnant teens and women who access the clinic for services. This is accomplished through individual case management which include application to Mass Health and Healthy Start, WIC enrollment, prenatal vitamins, HIV pre-test counseling, dental screening referrals, smoking reduction/cessation, short term counseling and referral, initial obstetric appointments ideally in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, discussion regarding breast-feeding, safety, child support among other Issues.

This home-visiting program offers licensed nursing visits at no cost to high risk pregnant women over the age of 19 years regardless of the number of pregnancies. We have staff members who are culturally

sensitive and speak Spanish and Portuguese. We offer prenatal classes 2 times a year for Spanish-speaking patients.

Our program works in collaboration with the obstetricians and midwives at Health Care for Women.

Gynecology Clinic

This specialty clinic is conducted in collaboration with the gynecologists at Health Care for Women. This clinic is held 1 to 2 times a month. Appointments are limited to women who are receiving their primary care at the GNBCHC and have no insurance. The primary physician or nurse practitioner makes referrals to the clinic.

Dental Health

The Dental Center was opened in March 2003. **The Center** provides preventive, restorative, and emergency dental care. The clinical staff now includes three Dentists, one Certified Dental Assistant, and two Dental Assistants. The Dental staff is trilingual, speaking Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

Tobacco Cessation Program

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center offers a Tobacco Treatment Program. Quit aid options include Nicoderm CQ Patch, Zyban (Wellbutrin SR), and behavioral counseling. Patients are required to attend weekly treatment sessions for eight to ten weeks.

The use of behavioral counseling alone may require longer treatment. Medication will not be provided until after the initial visit. Most insurances are accepted. If patients' Providers are located outside of the Health Center, referrals may be required. Uninsured patients are also accepted.



Kennedy Donovan Center Inc.

389 County Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: 508-997-1570

Website: www.kdc.org

About the Kennedy Donovan Center (KDC):

Kennedy-Donovan Center offers a wide range of services and options to infants, children, adults and families with developmental disabilities and other unique challenges. Some of the services offered in New Bedford include the following:

Early Intervention:

A program for young children (birth to age 36 months) with developmental delays or at risk of delays, and their families. Family-centered educational, therapeutic and supportive services are provided at home and in community-based settings and centers.

Family Support Services/Respite Care:

Designed to assist family member's children and adults with developmental disabilities to maximize their level of independence through support, education, advocacy, respite and flexible services.

Healthy Families

A home visiting, prevention-focused program for first-time parents, age 20 and under. Services can be provided during pregnancy and until the child is 3

Developmental Day

A full-time, 12 month, Chapter 766 day school program, Kennedy-Donovan Center School, provides education, therapy and support for children (3 through 22 years) with multiple developmental disabilities. An After School Program is also offered.

Adult Family Care

Residential and personal care support are provided within a family setting to individuals with disabilities and elderly individuals who are at risk of institutional placement.

Therapeutic Foster Care

A community-based, foster care program providing comprehensive foster care placement, monitoring and support services to children who have mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and who require substitute care in a structured and supportive family environment.



Saint Anne's Hospital Growth and Nutrition Clinic

795 Middle Street
Fall River, Massachusetts

Phone: 508-235-5285

About the Growth and Nutrition Clinic:

Offers a multidisciplinary team approach to children from birth to six years who are nutritionally compromised or are failing to thrive. Clinic team members include a consultant physician from New England Medical Center specialized in pediatric feeding and eating disorders, a nutritionist, social worker, and a registered nurse. Services are provided to children with problems such as:

- A fall off in growth
- A history of weight loss
- Failure to thrive

- Food texture aversion
- Parental nutritional misconceptions
- Social feeding issues
- Behavioral feeding issues
- Tube fed children
- Oral Motor Dysfunction
- Sever gastro esophageal reflux



The Salvation Army Medical Transportation Program

619 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA 02741

Phone: 508-997-6561

About the Salvation Army Transportation Program:

The Salvation Army provides medical transportation to individuals who are required to travel to Boston area hospitals and medical facilities for related medical appointments and or treatments.

The Salvation Army's transportation coordinator consults with each patient and modifies arrivals/ departure time to meet the clients/patients needs, ensuring no person is left without transportation. At time routes, entrances and exits, pick-up times are modified to meet the demands of new traffic patterns, closed roads and renovations.



New Bedford Family Planning

651 Orchard Street
New Bedford, MA 02744

Phone: 508-984-5333 (same # for TTY)

About New Bedford Family Planning:

The Family Planning Program promotes and provides comprehensive family planning services, which include clinic-based services and may include community education and outreach. These services are targeted to low-income women, men, and adolescents. Family planning services aid individuals and families in making choices regarding the spacing and number of their children. Family planning is an integral component of the Department of Public Health's efforts to prevent unintended pregnancies and STDs including HIV/AIDS, reduce infant mortality and morbidity, and improve the health of women and

men of all ages.

Clinic-based Family Planning Services include the following medical services:

- complete gynecological and breast exams
- cervical cancer screening
- diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases
- emergency contraception
- birth control
- pregnancy testing
- follow-up and referral for identified medical problems
- preconception care
- HIV counseling and testing, on-site at some agencies and by referral at others

Family Planning clinic-based services also provide individual client education and counseling on the following topics:

- reproductive anatomy and physiology
- all contraceptive methods
- HIV/AIDS
- sexually transmitted diseases
- reproductive decisions
- infertility
- other related health concerns

Community Education and Outreach assists individuals to make healthy decisions regarding sexual behavior by promoting knowledge, awareness and skills regarding sexual health, and promotes access to and awareness of comprehensive family planning services. Specific activities vary with each program and include:

- classes on reproductive health, sexuality, and STD and HIV prevention
- training and resources for teachers, health care providers and other professionals, and parents
- participation in community and media events
- participation in community coalitions
- collaboration with other organizations serving high-risk populations



Project Care, Seven Hills Behavioral Health

589 South First Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: 508-966-3147

This program provides case management, information, advocacy and referral to persons living with HIV. They provide services in the following areas:

- Housing
- Food
- Transportation
- Financial
- Medical/Dental
- Legal
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse

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Housing Resources

Housing Assistance Program, Community Care Services

1700 President Avenue
Fall River, MA 02720
Phone: 508-674-1616
Fax: 508-677-6758
Email: hap@com-care.org

About the Housing Assistance Program (HAP):

Community Care Services' Housing Assistance Program (HAP) helps families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to locate safe, permanent housing and/or maintain tenancy in their current unit.

Our goal is to educate and empower families to play an active role in their housing search. We strive to help families recognize the events that led to their housing crisis and assist them in creating positive changes in their lives.

The Housing Assistance Program is funded through the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Services Provided by HAP:

- Housing search assistance
- Landlord, tenant mediation
- Advocacy for families at housing court
- Transportation (for housing search related appointments)
- Budgeting
- Assistance resolving CORI, credit and legal issues
- Appropriate referrals to other service providers
- Follow-up and post placement stabilization services

Eligibility and Referral:

To receive assistance through HAP, families must meet certain eligibility requirements as defined by DTA. Families who are in need of assistance with housing search or prevention services should contact their local DTA office, and request services from HAP. The DTA office will determine the families' eligibility and forward referrals for eligible families to HAP.



Project Home, Seven Hills Behavioral Health

589 South First Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-996-3147 x 109
Fax: 508-990-1465

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 2097
New Bedford MA, 02741

About Project Home:

Project home is a supported, family housing program. It is for people who are homeless, have legal custody of at least one child, and who have at least one member who is **HIV+** or has **AIDS**. Client must be clean and sober, and able to verify this, for at least 90 days. Candidates must income qualify and be willing and able to work within the program's structure. We provide intensive focus on relapse prevention, improvement of parenting skills, money management skills, interpersonal relationship skills, health and safety issues, and guardianship planning. We provide court and school intervention. Every member of the family receives services.

As part of the program, participants receive an apartment to live in, where they pay thirty three percent of the combined household income for an occupancy fee. Utilities are included. Apartments are scattered throughout New Bedford. They are not marked in anyway to indicate that it is a program apartment.

There is a waiting list, and it is unpredictable as to when openings become available, because it depends on when families graduate from the program obtain their Section 8 certificate or otherwise move on.

Housing and Homeowner Supports, Catholic Social Services

238 Bonney Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-7337
Fax: 508-984-1667

About Housing and Homeowner Supports:

Catholic Social Services provides a variety of housing, opportunities, primarily for women and children who cannot live alone or afford adequate housing. Residences include long-term apartments for women over 18, an emergency shelter for homeless women and children and a transitional residence for women released from the Barnstable House of Correction.

Through Community Action for Better Housing (CABH), CSS acquires formerly abandoned properties, which it rehabilitates and sells at below-market prices to first time, low/moderate income homebuyers. We offer first time homebuyer classes.

Housing advocacy and search is available for people who are looking to find an apartment.

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Resources for Furniture

Community Resources of Wareham

Phone: 508-295-0080

Call for an appointment, no transportation provided. Furniture given out on Saturdays only.

PAACA / Agnes Bean Community Center

360 Coggeshall Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-806-3645

Appointments given on Saturday mornings. Matching of needs to resources. No transportation provided.



The Salvation Army

619 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-997-6561

People can receive a voucher to the thrift store for furniture. No transportation provided. Appointments are needed, valid ID and proof of income and residence required, referrals preferred.



PACE

166 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02742
508-999-9920x333

Free kitchen items, limited other household items, resource and referral. Appointment needed.



Full Blessings Church

299 Dartmouth Street
New Bedford, MA
508-991-5019

Free Kitchen and household items. Very low cost furniture. No transportation provided.

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Miscellaneous Basic Needs Resources

Shaw Fund for Mariners' Children

P.O. Box 11
Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508-763-5553

About the Shaw Fund for Mariners Children:

The purpose of the Shaw Fund for Mariners' Children is to aid residents of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire who are:

- Children of Mariners
- Wives and Widows of Mariners
- Incapacitated Mariner

The Fund provides short-term financial assistance. Information about other community resources is made available to applicants. Each request is considered individually. Contacts are kept confidential.

To Apply please call the New Bedford Office



City of New Bedford, Office of Cultural Affairs

133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: 508-979-1516
Fax: 508-991-6148

About the Office of Cultural Affairs:

The Office of Cultural Affairs provides services that foster the educational, social, and economic stability of the City's multicultural community. The Office serves as a clearinghouse for the needs of constituents by being their direct link to the Mayor's Office and all City departments.

Information & Referrals are Provided for:

- Access to Health Care
- Benefits Counseling

- City Departments
- Community Organizations
- Direct Service Providers
- Education
- Employment
- Food Stamps
- Housing
- Legal Assistance
- Transitional Assistance

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Educational and Vocational Resources

Nativity Prep

66 Spring Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: (508) 994-3800
Fax: (508) 994-3434
Email: principal@nativitynb.org
Web Site: <http://www.nativitynb.org/index.htm>

About Nativity Prep:

Nativity Preparatory School is an independent, tuition-free middle school for boys from low-income families in the New Bedford area. The school provides a challenging and supportive learning environment, where motivated students of all faiths are offered an intellectual, cultural, physical and moral education. The goal is to graduate young men who are academically prepared for further education, inspired to lead their lives with humility, and dedicated to serving others



Educational and Vocational Resources

Seven Hills Behavioral Health/Center for Human Services

10 Welby Road
New Bedford, MA 02745
Phone: (508) 995-3026
Website: http://www.sevenhills.org/bh_es.html

About Seven Hills Educational Services:

The Educational Opportunity Center and Talent Search are programs of the Seven Hills Behavioral Health and provide services help students overcome economic, social and cultural barriers to higher education.

Talent Search

Talent Search is funded to provide students at Keith Junior High and New Bedford High Schools with the following services:

- Academic advising and assistance in secondary school and college course selection
- Assistance with completing college admission and financial aid applications;
- Assistance with preparing for college entrance examinations;
- Personal and career counseling;
- Tutorial services;
- College field trips, cultural events, academic programs, and other sites or activities not usually available to disadvantaged youth;
- Workshops and counseling for parents of students served;
- At NBHS, a credit-granting course that students develop study skills, academic and career plans.

Educational Opportunity Center

While the Educational Opportunity Center services generally focus on low-income adults (19 and above) who are first generation college students seeking a post-secondary education, our services are available to all members of the community. Educational Opportunity Center

educational advisors can provide professional assistance tailored to an individual's needs and circumstances. All our services are free and our staff is multi-lingual.

Services

- Educational advising for adults and youths*
- Career assessment and planning
- Assistance completing financial aid and admissions applications
- Liaison with colleges and universities
- Outreach presentations and general information sessions for community groups and organizations
- Loan default advocacy

Seven Hills Educational Services Continued

GEAR UP

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

The GEAR UP program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides services at high-poverty middle and high schools. GEAR UP grantees serve a cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school. GEAR UP funds can also be used to provide college scholarships to low-income students. This program is available at the Normandin Middle School and the New Bedford High School

Web Site: <http://www.gearup.mass.edu/>

Educational Enhancement Centers

Educational Enhancement Centers are located at Satellite Village & Duncan Dottin Place. These centers provide tutoring and educational services in an after-school drop-in setting.

Upward Bound

Group 1, Room 013
UMass Dartmouth
285 Old Westport Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747
Phone: (508) 999-8713

About Upward Bound:

The Upward Bound Program is a college preparatory program for disadvantaged high school students attending New Bedford High School, Westport High, and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. The purpose of the Program is to increase the numbers of low income and potential first generation college students in the target area who will be prepared to go on to higher education. The program is designed to generate the academic skills and motivation necessary for gaining admission to and succeeding in post-secondary education. This mission is achieved by providing instruction, tutoring, counseling, and academic and career advisement, and a host of other services to the participants in the Program.

During the academic year students meet weekly for tutoring either in the Upward Bound course offered at their school or at one of several tutorial sites. Counseling and advisement are provided to all students to ensure that they are progressing academically and receiving all support services needed. Regular staff contact with students affords an opportunity to help stimulate the student's level of motivation and appreciation for academic excellence. Once each month students come together for a "Saturday Session" during which they might participate in activities such as field trips, workshops, presentations, cultural enrichment activities, or college visits. The Program also offers a six-week summer residential component housed on the UMass Dartmouth campus. Students attend classes in English, Math, Science, Computers, and foreign language to prepare them for the upcoming year in high school. Tutoring and other academic support services are provided. Seniors and some juniors are also offered a tuition free college course for which credit may be transferred to the college or university at they matriculate upon graduation from high school.



Educational and Vocational Resources

GNBC3 (Greater New Bedford Community Computer Centers)

Mon-Wed 10:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Community Economic Development Center

181 Hillman Street Bldg. 9

New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: (508) 979-4684

Website: <http://www.cedc-sm.org/>

Saturday Mornings

Union Baptist Church

109 Court Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: (508) 992-8844

About GNBC3:

The Greater New Bedford Community Computer Centers (GNBC3) aims to empower, educate, and erode inequalities in access to computer-based communications and information for multi-lingual, multi-cultural and multi-generational people and groups who lack, or have limited access to computer technology. All are welcome to become members of the GNBC3. Membership benefits include use of the equipments on a regular, scheduled basis and free admittance to any special training sessions scheduled by GNBC3 staff.

Head start to College

BCC - New Bedford Campus

188 Union Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

Phone: (508)984-8226

Fax: (508) 730-3264

Website: <http://www.bristolcommunitycollege.edu/newbedford>

About Head start to College:

Head Start to College is a dynamic program for students in the greater New Bedford area who have been out of college for a while, think college is beyond reach, or feel stuck in a job with little future.

The Head Start program helps students transition into college by providing a strong academic and personal support system. The free College Success Seminars offered through this program teach students about college life, time management, note taking, reading strategies, career exploration, and much more. If you possess a GED we encourage you to consider Head Start.

Applying is easy. One phone call can start you on the pathway to a new future. Call a Head Start advisor at (508) 984-8226 today

CS2 -Communities and Schools for Career Success

455 County Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: (508) 997-4511x 2469

About CS2:

Communities and Schools for Career Success is a broad-based initiative. Its mission is to involve entire communities in developing and carrying out plans to help students progress successfully from middle school through high school and beyond. CS2 operates in New Bedford and six other Massachusetts communities.

Buttonwood Park Zoo Volunteer Program

425 Hawthorn Street
New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: (508) 991-4556 x10

About the Buttonwood Park Zoo Volunteer Program:

Animal Caretaker Assistant Program (ACAP)

Animal Caretaker Assistants work with animal caretakers in their areas assisting in the daily cleaning and disinfecting, diet preparation and distribution, day to day animal enrichment activities, data collection and exhibit maintenance. ACAP positions are available in North America East, North America West, Aquatics, Domestic, Elephants and the Animal Care Facility.

Qualifications to become an ACAP volunteer include a serious interest in all animals and their behavior, habitats, husbandry, enrichment and conservation. Volunteers must be safety conscious and demonstrate good communication skills, dedication and commitment.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

The Buttonwood Park Zoological Society seeks dedicated and energetic individuals to volunteer their time to advance the mission of the Zoo. The main areas the BPZS needs assistance with are as follows:

- Office help
- Events
- Membership sales
- Promotional flyers distribution
- Fund raising

The BPZS's volunteer program is founded on principles of community service, professionalism, and responsibility. Volunteers are trained, given clear guidance on their responsibilities, and are provided all necessary support. Volunteering for the BPZS is a challenging, fun, and rewarding experience.

If you are interested in learning more about the BPZS Volunteer Program, please call (508) 991-4556 x10

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