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Help is available for people experiencing homelessness through The Way Home.

The Way Home is the local, coordinated homeless response system in Houston and throughout Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties in Texas. The Way Home is made up of more than 100 partners including homeless service agencies, local governments, public housing authorities, the local Veterans Affairs office, and other nonprofits and community stakeholders. The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County is its lead agency. Learn more at www.thewayhomehouston.org.

If you need referrals for food, clothing, and other services, please call 2-1-1, the 24/7 information and referral service provided by the United Way of Greater Houston.

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THERE ARE THREE PRIMARY WAYS TO GET A COORDINATED ACCESS ASSESSMENT:

I. Visit The Beacon:
(See map and transit information on reverse side)
1212 Prairie St, 77002 | 713-220-9737
beaconhomeless.org/gethelp
Coordinated Access assessments
(first come, first served):
• Tu, W: available to walk-ups. Sign-up starts at 8 a.m.
Housing status checks:
• available through the Coordinated Access office M-F 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

II. Call or email the Coordinated Access Intake Line operated by the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County to schedule an appointment for an assessment:
832-531-6041
M-F 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
ca@homelesshouston.org

Agencies that support the Coordinated Access Intake Line: AIDS Foundation Houston; The Beacon: Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.; The Salvation Army of Greater Houston; SEARCH Homeless Services

III. Participate in a program with one of the service providers of The Way Home, including any listed on the back of this guide:

All the agencies in The Way Home use the same assessment.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
For anyone experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship. The following are all 24/7 free and confidential hotlines.

Houston Area Women’s Center
(713) 528-2121

The Bridge Over Troubled Water
(Pasadena and Baytown only)
(713) 473-2801

Fort Bend County Women’s Center
(281) 342-4357

Bay Area Turning Point
(281) 286-2525
All the organizations listed in this guide are part of The Way Home. Program information on this resource is subject to change.

*Not all cross streets shown.  **Map not to scale.

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Day Center Services:
- Thurs-Mon | 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Intake: 7 a.m. - 12 noon
- Breakfast, lunch, showers, laundry services (for clients enrolled in programs at the Dunn Center and those working towards housing)
- Transit: San Jacinto @ Prairie (Metro Bus 6)
- Texas @ Fannin (Metro Bus 11, 51, 52, 137)
- Preston light rail stop (red line)

Day Center Services:
- Intake: M-F | 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Transit: Star of Hope stop, or Reed Road @ South FWY FS (METRO Bus 11, 87)

Day Center Services:
- Intake: Sun-Sat | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Transit: McGowen @ Crawford (METRO bus 54); Crawford @ McGowen (METRO bus 11)

Day Center Services:
- Intake: M-F | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Transit: McGowen @ Austin (METRO Bus 54)