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Honoring Single Mothers

# Olmsted County Resources

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### [Olmsted County Assistance Programs](#)

Great website listing several housing and utility assistance options. Much of this information is also listed below.

### [Family Promise](#)

<http://familypromiserochester.org/>

### **Mission**

Our mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

## **[Legal Assistance of Olmsted County](#)**

Legal Assistance of Olmsted County (LAOC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides free civil legal services to low income persons. **Mission Statement:** LAOC ensures access to justice by providing meaningful legal representation in civil matters to our low-income neighbors of Olmsted County. **Vision Statement:** Legal Assistance aims to have a positive effect on our entire community by championing:

- Stability for families
- Accountability that leads to better housing
- Relief for victims of domestic violence
- Alleviation of overburdened Courts


[Free Legal Clinic](#)

## **[Housing Assistance Programs in Olmsted County](#)**

[Landlords & Tenants Rights & Responsibilities](#)

### **Housing Choice Vouchers (Formerly Section 8)**

This program is an income based rental assistance program administered by the Olmsted County HRA. Eligible participants receive a voucher to find a private rental unit within Olmsted County, and pay 30% of their adjusted gross income towards rent. The remaining



portion is paid by the HRA directly to the landlord. There is a waiting list, and no applications are being accepted at this time. The program serves about 535 households.

### **Public Housing**

This is an income based housing program owned and operated by the Olmsted County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). There are 110 housing units in the program, all located in Rochester. Households pay 30% of their adjusted gross income towards rent. There is a waiting list and no applications are being accepted at this time.

### **Bridges**

Bridges is an income based rental assistance program for low income adults diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness. Participants are given a certificate/voucher which provides a rental subsidy, and they must find a private rental unit within Olmsted County. Participants are selected from the Coordinated Entry List\*. The program serves about 15 households.

### **Housing Options Program (HOP)**

This is an income based housing program for low income disabled individuals. All clients for this program are referred by Zumbro Valley Health Center. Participants are provided a subsidy of up to \$250 towards a rental unit they find and lease within Olmsted County. The program serves about 30 households. Information about program admission and wait list can be received by calling Zumbro Valley at 507 289-2089.

### **Transitional Rental Assistance Program (T-RAP)**

This is an income based rental assistance program administered by the Olmsted County HRA. This program serves households who are homeless or near homelessness with an income at or below 30% of median income, and provides a subsidy up to \$400 towards rent in a unit the household finds and leases. Participants are selected from the Coordinated Entry List\*. The program serves about 18 households.

### **[United Way of Olmsted County Financial Stability](https://www.uwolmsted.org/financial-stability)**

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#### **The programs United Way is partnering with help:**

- Families sustain employment

- Access to adequate food
- Increase access to affordable housing
- Providing shelter and prevent homelessness
- Improve financial literacy knowledge and skills
- Immediate safety needs
- Equal access to services for vulnerable people

### **Salvation Army - Rochester**

When hard times hit, make the Rochester Salvation Army your first call. No matter what the need – physical, emotional or spiritual – we’re here to help.

From meeting your most basic needs to outlining the path to long-term solutions, we can help you overcome the obstacles you face today and provide hope for tomorrow.

### **Gage East Apartments**

<http://centercityhousing.org/new-developments/empowerment-centergage-east-apartments/>

Gage East Apartments is a 55-unit supportive housing development for homeless youth and families. There are 25 units for youth (ages 16-21) and 30 units for families. The HRA has allocated 30 Housing Choice Vouchers to the family units which will assist households with rent. Participants are selected from the Coordinated Entry List\*. Built into the Gage East Apartments is The Empowerment Center – a collaborative project partnering groups like Family Service Rochester, Lutheran Social Services Link Program, Olmsted County, Rochester Public Schools, Workforce Development, Inc. and the TOTs Program with residents.

### **\*Coordinated Entry List**

Coordinated Entry is a HUD and MN Housing mandate for certain types of funding that utilize HMIS (a homeless management information system). In order to access certain programs that receive funding from HUD or MN Housing, clients must be assessed and placed on the Coordinated Entry list. When openings occur, names are pulled from the Coordinated Entry list by their score for the program opening.

### **Access sites in Olmsted County for Coordinated Entry:**

#### **Families and Single Adults-**

- [Three Rivers](#) CAP: 507 732-7391

- [Housing Assistance](#)
- [Energy Assistance](#) (can call for application or download PDF)
- Salvation Army: 507 288-3663
- Guiding Partners for Solutions: 507 328-6325

### **Veterans-**

MN Assistance Council for Veterans: 507 345-8258

### **Single Adults-**

Zumbro Valley Homeless Service Team: 507 535-5641

### **Unaccompanied Youth (persons under age 25)-**

Lutheran Social Service - LINK: 507 316-8273

### **Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence-**

Women's Shelter: 507 285-1010 or 507 285-1938

### **Families with Children-**

Family Promise Rochester: 507 281-3122

### **Landlord & Tenant Resources**