



Clothing & Essentials Resources in Boston

1. ABCD – Clothing & Essentials Program

🌐 ABCD neighborhood centers provide free clothing, infant essentials, and basic furnishings.

☎ Call: 617-348-6000Y

2. Cradles to Crayons (Greater Boston)

🌐 Provides free children's clothing, shoes, and school essentials via partner agencies.

☎ Call: 617-779-4700

3. Circle of Hope (Needham / MetroWest)

🌐 Distributes clothing, hygiene supplies, and seasonal essentials to families and shelters.

☎ Call: 781-449-3700

4. St. Francis House (Downtown Boston)

🌐 Although primarily an adult shelter, they provide clothing through their day center.

☎ Call: 617-542-4211 (press to connect to Clothing Program)

5. Salvation Army – South End Corps

🌐 Offers emergency clothing vouchers as part of broader crisis services.

☎ Call: 617-536-5260

6. Solutions at Work (Cambridge & Surrounding Areas)

🌐 Provides free clothing, books, and essentials to low-income individuals/families.

☎ Call: 617-576-0039 ext. 1

7. Catie's Closet (In-School Clothing Closets across MA)

🌐 School-based free clothing closets for students in crisis, accessible via school referrals.

☎ Reach out through your school's social worker or counselor

8. Boston Public Health Commission – New Family Essentials

🌐 Provides diapers, formula, car seats, clothing, and basic furnishings for new parents.

☎ Call: 617-635-2850 (Early Childhood Dept.)



Recursos de Ropa y Artículos Esenciales en Boston, MA

1. Emergency Assistance (EA) Family Shelter Program

: Massachusetts' state program for families with children under 21 who are experiencing homelessness.

How to apply:

☎ Call: 1-866-584-0653 (24/7 Homeless Coordinator Line)

🌐 [Apply online](#)

2. HomeBASE Program

Offers up to \$20,000 in financial assistance to help families avoid entering shelter or exit faster.

☎ Call: Metro Housing Boston at 617-425-6700

3. FamilyAid Boston

Provides emergency shelter, housing search assistance, case management, and stabilization services for Boston families.

☎ Call: 617-542-7286

🌐 familyaidboston.org

4. Catholic Charities – Family Shelters

Includes Nazareth Family Shelter and St. Ambrose Shelter, both offering emergency housing and supportive services.

☎ Call: 617-464-8500 (Catholic Charities main line)

🌐 ccab.org

5. St. Mary's Center for Women and Children (East Boston Family Shelter)

Offers shelter, transitional housing, and trauma-informed services for mothers and children.

☎ Call: 617-436-8600

🌐 stmaryscenterma.org

6. Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)

Provides emergency housing referrals, utility assistance, and neighborhood-based support.

☎ Call: 617-348-6000

🌐 bostonabcd.org

7. Boston Housing Authority (BHA)

Provides access to public housing and Section 8 rental vouchers for eligible families.

☎ Call: 617-988-4000

🌐 bostonhousing.org

8. Lend A Hand Society

What it is: Provides emergency financial assistance (e.g., rent, utilities) through referrals from partner agencies.

☎ Call: 617-338-5300

🌐 lendahandsociety.org

9. City of Boston Shelter & Housing Services

Offers updated local shelter listings, housing help, and day center access.

☎ Call: Boston 311 or 617-635-4500

🌐 boston.gov/housing