

INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER'S

Shelter & Housing Guide

By & for the trans
and gender diverse
community
in Seattle



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About Ingersoll Gender Center

Ingersoll Gender Center is an organization by, and for transgender and gender diverse people that provides mutual support through peer-led support groups, advocacy in navigating resources, community organizing, and education – all in the pursuit of our collective self-determination.

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Phone: (206) 849-7859

Location: 911 E Pike St, Suite #221
Seattle, WA 98122

Website: <https://ingersollgendercenter.org>

About this Guide

Ingersoll's Economic Justice Fellowship is a program with the overall goal of advancing economic justice for trans and gender diverse communities. Fellows created this guide of housing-based and other holistic resources for our trans and gender diverse communities.

We, as a group of trans and gender diverse folks putting this guide together, recognize that many of these resources are not long term solutions. Many of them are unsafe, inaccessible, and have been harmful to our communities in both the past and present. Knowing that, we also know that our communities are resilient, that our communities have and will continue to leverage these resources the best we can to live the lives we deserve to live. We have done our best to vet the resources included in this guide, and look forward to a world in which all trans and gender diverse folks are housed, safe, and able to make decisions around their needs in ways that centers their self-determination.

Section One: Your Rights

Your Rights in Washington State

The Washington Law Against Discrimination (WLAD) and King County prohibits discrimination based on gender expression or identity, particularly in (but not limited to) places of public accommodation, housing, employment, education, and credit and insurance transactions.

You can find out more about your rights through several organizations such as the National Center for Transgender Equality, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Washington State Human Rights Commission (HRC), and the Seattle Office for Civil Rights.

Further, you can also find out about shelter regulations and guidelines through the National Center for Transgender Equality and Seattle Office of Civil Rights.

How to File a Complaint

When filing a formal complaint, file as soon as possible. Be prepared for an investigator to follow up with you to ask about the timeline of events, the locations, any parties involved or people who might have information related to your complaint, and any relevant documents. If further legal action is needed, the government will take action at no cost to you.

Where to File Complaints

CITY OF SEATTLE OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

WEB <http://bit.ly/SeaCOR> **PHONE** (206) 263-2446

KING COUNTY OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

WEB <http://bit.ly/KCCiv> **PHONE** (206) 263-2446

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WEB <http://bit.ly/WSHRC> **PHONE** 1 (800) 233-3247

Where to Get Help

If you or someone you know has experienced discrimination due to sex, gender, or gender identity/expression, legal advocates can help you to take legal action. The following are a few you can reach out to:

INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER

EMAIL info@ingersollgendercenter.org

WEB <http://bit.ly/inggender> **PHONE** (206) 849-7859

Can offer support with discrimination, harassment, or violence in shelter system; can support with safety planning, relocating, or filing complaints

KING COUNTY BAR COUNCIL

(not necessarily a queer/trans lawyer)

WEB <http://bit.ly/kcbaa> **PHONE** (206) 267-7010

LAVENDER RIGHTS PROJECT

EMAIL info@lavenderrightsproject.org

WEB <http://bit.ly/LavRight> **PHONE** (206) 639-7955

Free 30-minute consultation

NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE

EMAIL nfha@nationalfairhousing.org

WEB <http://bit.ly/NFHAA>

PHONE (202) 898-1661 **TTY** (202) 898-1670

SEATTLE REGIONAL OFFICE

EMAIL WA_Webmanager@hud.gov

PHONE (206) 220-5101

TTY (206) 220-5254

TOLL-FREE (877) 741-3281

WEB <http://bit.ly/hudwa>

Directory of state and local fair housing enforcement agencies: <http://bit.ly/Hudagency>

Helpful Resources

HUD PROGRAM REGULATIONS

<http://bit.ly/HUDreg>

NCTE KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

<http://bit.ly/NCTEFH>

SEATTLE SHELTERS' FAIR HOUSING GUIDE

<http://bit.ly/seashelterfair>

How to Access a Shelter

Questions to Ask Staff

These questions are meant to be a starting point. It's up to you if you want to ask all or any of them of the shelter you're trying to stay at. Bear in mind that there are legal protections for trans people in shelters, but that does not guarantee discrimination will not occur. If you don't want to ask these questions yourself, one strategy is to ask a friend, case manager, or Ingersoll Gender Center staff member to assist or ask with you.

- What ID documents are asked for?
- How long am I allowed to stay there for?
- How are the beds and bathrooms set up?
- Are there hours when guests can't be there?
- Are there places to securely store items?
- How are the spaces monitored in general?
- What anti-oppression work does your shelter do?
- What happens if a person is harassed?
- How do you, as a shelter staff member, know this is a safe space for me as a trans person?
- Is your shelter faith-based and, if so, how does that affect me as a trans person?

How to Advocate for Yourself in Shelters

Always ask for shelter policies and guidelines.

Shelters have varying policies and procedures regarding enrollment, age, belongings, gender, substance possessions or use, rules, services, anti-oppression, and much more.

These policies can also be tools in avoiding, addressing, and de-escalating conflict, as well as advocating for yourself among other guests and shelter staff.

Keep good records and communicate in writing when possible.

Having names and contact information of people you're working with, as well as dates of contact, can make addressing conflicts and concerns a smoother process for yourself, case managers, and shelter staff members.

If shelter staff is not cooperating in addressing your concerns, reach out to other agencies. Several recommended agencies for consulting, representing, and even investigating are listed on the previous pages of this guide.

Section Two:

Drop-in Centers & Shelters

Drop-in Centers

YOUTHCARE: ORION CENTER

AGES 18-22 **PHONE** (206) 622-5555; 8:30am-5:00pm

ADDRESS 1828 Yale Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98121
(Green building on the corner of Denny and Stewart)

WEB <http://bit.ly/youthcaresea>

SERVICES Hot showers, laundry, drop-in services
Breakfast: Monday-Friday, 8:30-9am
Lunch: Monday-Friday, 12:30-1pm
Dinner: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, 6-6:30pm

PSKS HYPE DROP-IN CENTER

AGES 18-24 **PHONE** (206) 726-8500

HOURS Monday-Friday, 12-2pm

ADDRESS 1609 19th Ave #100, Seattle, WA

WEB <http://www.psk.org/>

ICON GUIDE:



computers
available



showers
available



laundry



pet
friendly



on-site
meals



HIV+



case/social
worker
services

Emergency Shelters & Immediate Housing

In King County, a system called Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) is used by shelters and providers. Most shelters will require you to complete the Coordinated Entry for All process, which includes a triage tool/questionnaire that asks questions about your health and living situation. The steps in accessing CEA are: 1) Call 211 or meet at a Regional Access Point, 2) Receive a referral based on the triage tool/questionnaire, 3) Connect to Housing Resources.

YOUTHCARE: SAFE PLACE

AGES 12-17 **HOTLINE** Call 1 (800) 422-TEEN and say, "I need a safe place."

HOTLINE Text "SAFE" and your location to 44357
Reply with "2chat" to talk to a counselor immediately.

DESC: THE MORRISON (MAIN SHELTER)

ADDRESS 517 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA

WEB <http://bit.ly/DESCmain>

DESC: QUEEN ANNE SHELTER

(men-identified people only)

AGES 18+ **PHONE** (206) 283-9567

ADDRESS 157 Roy Street, Seattle, WA

WEB <http://bit.ly/DESCsea>

DESC: NAVIGATION CENTER

WEB <http://bit.ly/DESCnav> **PHONE** (206) 322-1763

ADDRESS 606 12th Avenue South, Seattle, WA

Allows partners, pets, and possessions

DESC: KERNER-SCOTT HOUSE

(women-identified people only)

WEB <http://bit.ly/DESCCKCH> **PHONE** (206) 621-7027

ADDRESS 510 Minor Avenue North, Seattle, WA, 98109

LIHI Tiny Homes & Encampments

These tiny houses and camp sites are organized by members of the encampments. Applications and overnight emergency accommodations are accepted on a case by case basis. Contact the encampment directly for availability and information.

BALLARD ENCAMPMENT

PHONE 206-390-9292

ADDRESS 2826 NW Market Street, Seattle

INTERBAY ENCAMPMENT

PHONE 206-356-4484

ADDRESS 3234 17th Avenue W, Seattle

OTHELLO VILLAGE

PHONE 425-615-0800

ADDRESS 7544 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S, Seattle

TINY HOUSE VILLAGE

PHONE 206-601-099

ADDRESS 1419 22nd Avenue, Seattle

Youth Shelters

FRIENDS OF YOUTH

AGES 18-24 **PHONE** (425) 449-3868
ADDRESS 16225 NE 87th Street, Suite A-1, Redmond, WA
SHELTER SIGN-UP Line up at 8:30pm
SHELTER HOURS 8:45pm-8am
HELP ON THE STREET (425) 298-4846 or Shelter Hotline (206) 236-KIDS (5437)
PHONE FOR AGES 7-17 (206) 236-KIDS (5437)
WEB <http://www.friendsofyouth.org/>

NEXUS: ARCADIA HOUSE YOUTH CENTER

AGES 18-24 **PHONE** (253) 740-7189
ADDRESS 915 H St SE, Auburn, WA, 98002
SHELTER SIGN-UP Line up at 9:45pm
SHELTER HOURS 10pm-8am

NEW HORIZONS

AGES 18-24 **PHONE** (206) 374-0866
ADDRESS 2709 3rd Avenue, Seattle
SHELTER SIGN-UP The day of, attend drop-in (Sunday, 6-9pm, Monday-Thursday, 7-9pm) or call office
SHELTER HOURS Sunday-Thursday, 9:30pm-7:30am; Friday-Saturday, 9pm-7:30am
WEB <https://nhmin.org/>
DROP-IN Sunday 6-9pm, Monday-Thursday, 7-9pm
BREAKFAST Monday-Friday, 8-8:45am
ADDITIONAL SERVICES Case management, employment training, drop-in, gender-neutral sleeping areas

ICON GUIDE:



computers available



showers available



laundry



pet friendly



on-site meals



HIV+



case/social worker services

PSKS

AGES 18-24

PHONE (206) 726-8500

ADDRESS 1609 19th Ave #100, Seattle, WA

OVERNIGHT SHELTER Nightly, 9:15pm-8:30am

WEB <http://www.psk.org/>

ROOTS YOUNG ADULT SHELTER

AGES 18-25

PHONE (206) 632-1635

ADDRESS 1415 NE 43rd St, Seattle, WA

SHELTER SIGN-UP Each day, call or arrive between 8-8:30pm

DURATION OF STAY 9pm to 8am

WEB <https://nhmin.org/>

DROP-IN Sunday 6-9pm, Monday-Thursday, 7-9pm

FRIDAY FEAST meals open to all in community, every Friday, 5:30pm-7:00pm

ADDITIONAL SERVICES Case management, drop-in (Mondays, 2-6pm), hygienic services

YOUTHCARE: ORION CENTER

AGES 18-24 **PHONE** (206) 622-5555; 8:30am-5:00pm

ADDRESS 1828 Yale Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98121

(Green building on the corner of Denny and Stewart)

WEB <http://www.youthcare.org/>

BREAKFAST Monday-Friday, 8:30-9am

LUNCH Monday-Friday, 12:30-1pm

DINNER Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6-6:30pm

SERVICES Hot showers, laundry, drop-in services

Emergency Shelters, By Referral Only

COMPASS HOUSING: BLAINE CENTER

(men only, trans-inclusive)

AGES 18+ **PHONE** (206) 474-1660

ADDRESS First Church, 150 Denny Way, Seattle, WA, 98109

SHELTER SIGN-UP referrals from partner organizations and Client Services Office only.

SHELTER HOURS Sunday-Saturday (24-hour access for registered participants)

CLIENT SERVICES Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
(206) 474-1000 (closed holidays)
77 S Washington St, Seattle, WA, 98104

COMPASS HOUSING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

AGES 18+ Allows pets.

ADDRESS 715 Spring St, Seattle, WA, 98104

SHELTER HOURS 24-hour access for registered participants

COMPASS HOUSING: JAN & PETER'S PLACE

(women only, trans-inclusive)

AGES 18+ **PHONE** (206) 474-1670

ADDRESS 302 N 78th St Seattle, WA, 98103

SHELTER SIGN-UP referrals from Women's Referral Center only

SHELTER HOURS 6pm-7:30am

WOMEN'S REFERRAL CENTER

(206) 441-3210 Sunday-Saturday, 6-9pm
2030 3rd Ave, Belltown, Seattle, WA

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Transitional Housing

NEW HORIZONS

AGES 18-24

PHONE (206) 374-0866

ADDRESS 2709 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98125

SHELTER SIGN-UP The day of, attend drop-in (Sunday, 6-9pm, Monday-Thursday, 7-9pm) or call office

SHELTER HOURS Sunday-Thursday, 9:30pm-7:30am;
Friday-Saturday, 9:00pm-7:30am

WEB <https://nhmin.org/>

BREAKFAST Monday-Friday, 8-8:45am

DROP-IN Sunday, 6-9pm, Monday-Thursday, 7-9pm

SERVICES Case management, employment training, gender-neutral sleeping areas

ELIZABETH GREGORY HOUSE

(women only, trans-inclusive)

PHONE (206) 729-0262

WEB <https://www.eghseattle.org>

ADDRESS 1604 NE 50th St, Seattle, WA

DROP-IN Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

ALOHA INN

PHONE (206) 283-6070 **WEB** <http://www.alohainn.org/>

APPLICATION Call for current application location. Each Wednesday, 10am-12pm, Thursday 5pm-7pm.

COST \$10 per week for first two weeks, and \$25 weekly thereafter. Rent is \$5 per week for those eligible for Aged Blind and Disabled support (ABD).

REQUIREMENTS 15+ hours community work every week (the kitchen, grounds, front desk, security, housekeeping, etc).

YOUTHCARE: ISIS AT RAVENNA



AGES 18-22

PHONE (206) 729-0262

WEB <http://youthcare.org/our-programs/shelter-and-housing/transitional-housing/isis-ravenna-house>

RESTRICTIONS By referral only, housing the LGBTQIA+ community

Permanent Supportive Housing

PIONEER SQUARE MEN'S PROGRAM



AGES 18+

PHONE (206) 474-1840

WEB <http://bit.ly/pionmen>

SERVICES clean & sober housing, case management, for men, links to veterans programming

COMMUNITY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



AGES 18+

PHONE (206) 474-1800

WEB <http://bit.ly/comptrans>

SERVICES temporary housing for adults

CASCADE WOMEN'S PROGRAM



PHONE (206) 474-1820

NYER URNESS HOUSE (INDIVIDUALS)



PHONE (206) 474-1380

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Domestic Violence Shelters

YWCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

AGES Women 18+ and their minors only

INTAKE SIGN-UP (206) 461-4882

WEB <http://bit.ly/ywcashel>

Services for male survivors available at different locations

NEW BEGINNINGS

PHONE (206) 522-9472

WEB <https://www.newbegin.org/>

FAMILY LIMIT None

DURATION OF STAY 28 days

CATHERINE BOOTH HOUSE

PHONE (206) 324-4943

FAMILY LIMIT Parent plus children under the age of 18

DURATION OF STAY 1 to 90 days depending on individual circumstances

DAWN

PHONE (425) 656-7867 **TOLL-FREE** (877) 465-7234

WEB <http://bit.ly/dawnshel>

LIFE WIRE

AGES Hotline available for all ages, additional services restricted to ages 18+

PHONE (425) 746-1940 **TOLL-FREE** (800) 827-8840

WEB <http://bit.ly/lifewiresea>

Section Three:

Affordable Housing

Navigating Affordable Housing Government & Regional Programs

Eligibility for a housing voucher is determined by local housing authorities based on total annual gross income and family size and is limited to US citizens and specified categories of non-citizens who have eligible immigration status. In general, the household income may not exceed 50% of the median income for the county or city area in which the household chooses to live. The annual median income (AMI) for Seattle is regularly posted on the City's Housing website. In April of 2019, 30% AMI for a 1 person household was \$23,250.

During the application process, the housing authority will collect information on family income, assets, and family composition. The housing authority will verify this information with other local agencies, your employer, your bank, and will use the information to determine program eligibility as well as the amount of the housing assistance payment.

If the housing authority determines that you are eligible, the housing authority will put your name on a waiting list, unless it is able to assist you immediately. Once your name is reached on the waiting list, the PHA will contact you and issue you a housing voucher.

Note: As of this writing (January 2019), waiting lists in the Seattle area are upwards of 2 years.

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

WEB <https://www.seattlehousing.org/housing>
SERVICES Housing, vouchers (currently closed),
collaborative housing

KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

WEB <http://bit.ly/KChous>
SERVICES Section 8 vouchers, subsidized,
moderate, low-income housing

Affordable Housing Providers

ARTSPACE PROJECTS

WEB <http://www.artspace.org>
SERVICES Affordable housing; contact resident managers of buildings for availabilities

BELLWETHER HOUSING

PHONE (206) 623-0506
WEB <http://www.bellwetherhousing.org>
SERVICES Low-income housing

CAPITOL HILL HOUSING

PHONE (206) 329-7303
WEB <http://www.capitolhillhousing.org>
SERVICES Affordable housing

COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE

PHONE (206) 474-1000
WEB <http://www.compasshousingalliance.org>
SERVICES Housing, shelter, and support services

DELTRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

PHONE (206) 923-0917
WEB <http://www.dnda.org>
SERVICES Affordable housing in Delridge neighborhood

EL CENTRO DE LA RAZA

PHONE (206) 957-4634
WEB <http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org>
SERVICES Affordable housing, rental assistance, case management

INTERIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

- PHONE** (206) 623-5132
WEB <http://www.interimcda.org>
SERVICES Direct services and support, affordable housing for low income, Asian and Pacific Islanders, immigrant, and refugee communities

LOW INCOME HOUSING INSTITUTE

- PHONE** (206) 443-9935
WEB <http://www.lihi.org/>
SERVICES Affordable housing, including tiny homes, manages encampments

MERCY HOUSING NORTHWEST

- PHONE** (206) 838-5700
WEB <http://bit.ly/2GGUuPX>
SERVICES Affordable permanent housing

MT BAKER HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- PHONE** (206) 725-4152
WEB <http://www.mtbakerhousing.org>
SERVICES Affordable housing

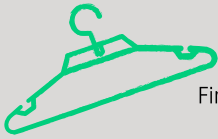
Ingersoll Gender Center is committed to providing

Financial Assistance

for transgender and gender nonconforming
community members experiencing crisis

AMENDING IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Financial assistance for community members who need support
changing their name or amending their identity documents to reflect
their name and gender identity.

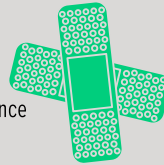


GENDER AFFIRMING CLOTHES

Financial support for community members to buy gender
affirming clothing items while looking for new work or
transitioning on the job.

EMERGENCY HRT SUPPORT

One time financial support if you experience a health insurance
denial or for whatever reason you cannot pay for your HRT.



SUPPORT FOR STABLE HOUSING

Up to \$250.00 per year of financial assistance for community
members to cover expenses related to maintaining stable
housing. Find more information on our website!



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