



the Short List

An abridged list of agencies, organizations and groups that serve people at risk of losing their housing and the unhoused community in the city of Ventura.

EVERYONE NEEDS HOUSING.

*Educational Forum of the Faith
Subcommittee of the Ventura Social
Services Taskforce*

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Disclaimer: This is not a complete list of all the agencies that provide housing and services to the unhoused and those at risk of homelessness. There are a number of churches and civic groups that also provide services, which we likely missed. If your agency, group or organization has been omitted, please forgive us. You are welcome to send your information to: **PARTNERSFORCHANGEVENTURA@GMAIL.COM and we will add it to this Quick Reference List and our Resource Guide found at [HTTP://VSSSTF.ORG/RESOURCES.HTM](http://vsstf.org/resources.htm)*

AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE HOUSING AND/OR HOUSING SERVICES

- Cabrillo Economic Development
- The City Center Transitional Living
- Community Action Of Ventura County/ Temporary Shelter
- Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura
- Many Mansions
- The ARCH Shelter, Mercy House
- Peoples' Self-Help Housing
- The Homelessness Prevention Fund
- The Salvation Army
- Tender Life Maternity Home
- Turning Point Foundation – Safe Haven Shelter And River Haven Transitional Housing
- Ventura County Area Agency On Ageing (Homeshare Program):
- Ventura County Human Services Agency – Homeless Services
- Ventura County Human Services Agency - Veterans' Services
- Ventura County Rescue Mission/ Lighthouse For Women & Children:

AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PEOPLE:

- Buddy Nation:
- CLUE-VC: (Clergy and Laity Unit-ed for Economic Justice)
- Coalition For Family Harmony
- Family to Family
- Gold Coast Veterans Foundation
- Goodwill Industries Of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties Train-ing & Work Opportunities
- Independent Living Re-source Center, Inc
- Interface Family Services
- National Alliance On Mental Illness
- National Health Foundation – Pathway Recuperative Care
- One Stop Outreach Program
- Pacific Clinics – TAY Tunnel
- Step Up Ventura
- Ventura County Behavioral Health – R.I.S.E. and Assist Programs
- Ventura County Health Care Agen-cy – Whole Person Care Program
- Ventura County Office Of Education-Homeless Education Program (HEP)

ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTNER WITH AGENCIES TO HELP UNHOUSED PEOPLE:

- City of Ventura
- Continuum of Care Alli-ance of Ventura County
- Downtown Ventura Partners
- Ventura Fire Department
- Ventura Police Department
- Ventura Social Services Task Force

Agencies that Provide Housing and/or Housing Services:

CABRILLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Provides housing for low-to-moderate income residents and families, including farmworkers, seniors, veterans and individuals with special needs. With a mission of providing comprehensive housing services and community economic development activities, Cabrillo facilitates self-sufficiency for individuals and families who are most lacking in opportunity.

Visit: WWW.CABRILLOEDC.ORG

THE CITY CENTER TRANSITIONAL LIVING:

The City Center Transitional Living is a converted motel with 27 rooms used for transitional living. We house homeless children and their parents. All residents are required to acquire and maintain full-time employment, obtain reliable transportation and eventually cease to receive any government funding. We truly offer a hand up...not just a handout... through extensive case management as well as spiritual mentoring programs.

Visit: WWW.THECITYCENTER.ORG

COMMUNITY ACTION OF VENTURA COUNTY/ TEMPORARY SHELTER:

Community Action of Ventura County, Inc. has dedicated employees, community board members and volunteers who are involved in providing services in the areas of housing, food, employment, homelessness and youth. Community Ac-

tion actively participates in coalitions, commissions and other public forums dedicated to ensuring a safety net of basic services is accessible throughout Ventura County. Programs offered include: Energy Efficient Home Repairs, Food Assistance, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Los Compadres/ Successful Living for teens and young adults, Permanent Supportive Housing, Transition Center

Visit: WWW.C-VC.ORG.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA:

The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura is to provide and develop quality affordable housing for eligible low-income residents of Ventura County and to establish strong partnerships necessary for our customers to achieve personal goals related to: literacy and education; health and wellness; job-training and employment leading to personal growth and economic self-sufficiency.

Visit: WWW.HACITYVENTURA.ORG

MANY MANSIONS: Many Mansions develops and provides quality affordable housing and life-enriching services for low-income individuals and families in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, with special focus on those who are very low-income, formerly homeless, seniors, veterans, or disabled. We own and manage over 500 units

of affordable housing, serve approximately 1,200 adults and 300 children, provide on-site services and programs that include job training, case management, homework tutoring, a teen club, and much more.

Visit: WWW.MANYMANSIONS.ORG

THE ARCH SHELTER, MERCY HOUSE:

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Providing a path to affordable housing is just one step in the process of building a stable life after a struggle with housing. Oftentimes, those who find a home with Mercy Housing have lived under incredibly difficult circumstances that continue to impact their lives even after they finally find a place to call home. To help residents live healthy, secure and dignified lives, we've developed a full spectrum of services that foster continued growth and empowerment for our residents, their families and their communities including health education, after-school support, financial literacy classes and more. Mercy House is the provider for the Transitional Housing Center at Knoll Road.

Visit: [HTTPS://WWW.MERCYHOUSE.NET](https://WWW.MERCYHOUSE.NET)

PEOPLES' SELF-HELP HOUSING:

At PSHH, achieving success means to constantly search for and find new and creative solutions to address the ever-growing need for more affordable housing and supportive services. We are a national award-winning non-profit organization that creates affordable housing and self-sufficiency programs on California's Central Coast - San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Visit: WWW.PSHHC.ORG

THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUND:

The VHPF is a project of the Ventura Social Services Task Force Homeless Prevention Subcommittee. The fund's purpose is to assist families and individuals on the verge of becoming homeless due to the impact of a one-time but consequential event such as an accident or illness. Ventura residents are eligible for VHPF assistance.

Visit: [HTTP://VHPF.NET/](http://VHPF.NET/)

THE SALVATION ARMY:

The Salvation Army offers a number of services to our homeless population, including a 12-bed Emergency Shelter Program at our Oak Street location; Street-Outreach to homeless people with a presence at the One-Stop; Rapid Re-Housing Assistance that helps with move-in cost such as first month rent and deposit; Rental Assistance provided to citizens of Ventura that need a one-time financial assist with paying their rent; and the Safe Sleep program in collaboration with 2 local churches for those living in their vehicles in Ventura - a 30-day safe-parking program.

Visit: WWW.VENTURA.SALVATIONARMY.ORG

TENDER LIFE MATERNITY HOME:

Tender Life Maternity Home is managed and operated by the River Community Church. This is a place for pregnant homeless women and their babies. We provide our residents with case management as well as around-the-clock on-site management. Spiritual mentoring, professional therapy and life-coaching is provided for all our mothers.

Visit: WWW.THERIVERCOMMUNITY.ORG

TURNING POINT FOUNDATION

Safe Haven Shelter And River Haven Transitional Housing: Turn-

ing Point Foundation is a local non-profit deeply committed to building a healthier community by offering compassionate and proactive treatment for adults struggling with mental illness, many of them homeless and/or veterans. Our Place Safe Haven is a 10-bed shelter that provides a safe place to live where basic needs are met and the most vulnerable receive mental health treatment, assistance in finding a stable source of income, and help obtaining transitional housing with a goal of permanent housing. River Haven is a self-governing community of formerly-homeless people, housed in Tuff Sheds. River Haven has been helping homeless people change their lives since 2006. Residents are helped through case management to find permanent housing, secure a source of income, job training, medical attention, and drug/alcohol and mental health services.

Visit: WWW.TURNINGPOINTFOUNDATION.ORG

VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGEING

(Homeshare Program) HomeShare

is a housing program that matches people looking for housing with people that have extra space and are looking for a roommate. The process includes an application, an interview, inspection of the provider's property, background checks and follow-up. Home sharing is an alternative way of meeting housing needs

that benefits renters and homeowners alike. Reasons people share include: companionship, help with chores and light housekeeping, or financial assistance with taxes, utilities and maintenance.

Visit: WWW.VCAAAA.ORG/

[OUR-SERVICES/HOUSING/](http://WWW.VCAAAA.ORG/OUR-SERVICES/HOUSING/)

VENTURA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – *Homeless*

Services: Provides Rapid Re-Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and other related rental assistance to those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Homeless Services connects individuals and families seeking help to a network of agencies that provide health care, mental health services, drug and alcohol abuse treatment, temporary housing, and other benefits, and seeks to help clients' secure permanent housing.

Visit: [WWW.VENTURA.ORG/HU-](http://WWW.VENTURA.ORG/HUMAN-SERVICES-AGENCY/SERVICES-FOR-HOMELESS-PEOPLE/)

[MAN-SERVICES-AGENCY/SERVICES-FOR-HOMELESS-PEOPLE/](http://WWW.VENTURA.ORG/HUMAN-SERVICES-AGENCY/SERVICES-FOR-HOMELESS-PEOPLE/)

VENTURA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - *Veterans'*

Services: The Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program is designed to aid veterans and their families who are facing homelessness or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The Ventura County Veterans team, Homeless Services Team and other stakeholders are working to end homelessness for veterans. Every veteran, dependent, and survivor is encouraged to contact our office to receive a full assessment of their entitlements.

Visit: WWW.VENTURA.ORG/HUMAN-SERVICES-AGENCY/VETERAN-SERVICES/

VENTURA COUNTY RESCUE MISSION/LIGHTHOUSE FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN: *The Ventura County Rescue Mission*

6 serves the poor and homeless, offering hope to thousands of hurting people. It is the longest standing year-round shelter for homeless men in Ventura County. In 1998, the mission completed a 125-bed facility to house its emergency shelter and residential substance abuse recovery program.

The Lighthouse for Women and Children, serving homeless single women

and women with children, established its Life Recovery Program in 1998, offering a transitional living program that included a program for recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. In December of 2003, the Lighthouse established a year-round emergency shelter. Today, with a capacity of 112 beds, the Lighthouse offers a full range of care specifically tailored to the needs of homeless women and children by offering shelter, intervention, substance abuse recovery, case management, education, life skills development, vocational training, employment, and transitional housing.

Visit: WWW.VCRESCUEMISSION.ORG

Agencies that Provide Services for Unhoused People

BUDDY NATION: Helps homeless people keep their pets by providing food, veterinary services, spay/neutering, vaccinations, micro-chipping and licenses. We collaborate with social service agencies to help find housing for pets and their human companions and also provide a human-touch for people struggling with the horrors of homelessness through niceties like a monthly homeless ladies’ tea party.

Visit: WWW.BUDDYNATIONANGELS.ORG

CLUE-VC: (*Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice*) We are a vital participant and faith community mobilizer in efforts to achieve economic

justice. Today, we recognize that some of the most marginalized, vulnerable and disadvantaged people within Ventura County are our farm workers and immigrant families. Through training congregants and bringing the workers’ voices to city coalitions and decision makers, we advocate for humane and just living and working conditions for Ventura County families.

Visit: WWW.CLUEVC.ORG

COALITION FOR FAMILY HARMONY: Our mission is to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; to educate the community regarding violence

against women, children, and men, and to prevent the cycle of violence.

Visit: WWW.THECOALITION.ORG

FAMILY TO FAMILY: Family to Family is a shining example of the community in action. We are a non-profit, non-sectarian all-volunteer program serving the needy since 1983. We depend solely on gifts of food, time and monetary contributions from individuals, churches and organizations. Family to Family is dedicated to serving hot, nourishing meals to those in need.

Visit: WWW.VCFAMILYTOFAMILY.ORG

FOOD SHARE: FOOD Share has grown from serving a few hundred hungry people a month over 40 years ago, to feeding over 74,500 people per month (as of December 2016)! Today, staff and volunteers distribute more than 12 million pounds of food annually from its distribution site; more than 180 partner agencies, which include neighborhood and church food distributors and soup kitchens, as well as hunger assistance programs. A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, FOOD Share is a member of the Feeding America Network, the nation's largest hunger-relief organization. Pantry List:

Visit: WWW.FOODSHARE.COM/

[FIND-HELP/#FINDAPANTRY](https://www.facebook.com/foodshare/)

GOLD COAST VETERANS FOUNDATION Gold Coast Veterans Foundation provides comprehensive and integrated services for homeless and at-risk veterans in Ventura County. GCVF's unique

Mobile Veteran Outreach is a 24/7 emergency intervention that engages, rescues, and repairs the lives of the hardest to reach, most difficult, service-resistant veterans... the cases other agencies have "written off" as unable to save. Once stabilized, homeless veterans receive 1-on-1 assistance in benefits navigation, counseling, family reunification, employment services, and comprehensive housing assistance. All services are free of charge.

Visit: WWW.GCVF.ORG (805) 482-6550

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES *Of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties Training & Work Opportunities:* Goodwill provides a variety of training and employment tools to offer maximum opportunity for program participants to reach their full potential. These individualized services include: Occupational skills training; career centers that assist with job searches, resumes, interview skills; rehabilitation programs, job readiness/soft skills/work adjustment; on-the-job training; intensive placement services sessions; supported employment; e-learning. WWW.GWVSB.ORG

INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTER, INC.: The Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) is a private non-profit organization providing disability advocacy and independence increasing or maintaining services to Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. We provide this support to individuals with all disabilities, all ages, and all income levels. Following the Independent Living Philosophy, our services

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are team-based; our consumers must be active participants in achieving their goals.

Visit: WWW.ILRC-TRICO.ORG

INTERFACE FAMILY SERVICES:

Interface works collaboratively with many other service providers. We are the only agency with a presence in all existing, formalized “under one roof” facilities across Ventura County. With collaboration, Interface best provides family support, domestic violence intervention, outreach and youth activities, as well as prevention and counseling within economically challenged communities.

Visit: WWW.ICFS.ORG

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS:

NAMI is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Through gifts and contributions, we offer education programs; we advocate to shape national public policy for people with mental illness and their families; we listen – our toll-free NAMI HelpLine allows us to respond to hundreds of thousands of requests each year; we lead in public awareness events and activities including Mental Illness Awareness Week and NAMI walks. WWW.NAMI.ORG

NATIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION – Pathway

Recuperative Care: We are a not-for-profit program that offers healthcare providers a safe place to discharge homeless patients when they no longer require

hospitalization but still need to heal from an illness or injury. Our facilities allow individuals to continue their recovery and receive treatment for minor illnesses while case-managers facilitate access to primary care, behavioral health services and other supportive social services such as transportation, food and housing.

Visit: WWW.NATIONALHEALTHFOUNDATION.ORG

ONE STOP OUTREACH PROGRAM:

Healthcare for the Homeless through Ventura County Health Care Agency. This program provides intake and referral for eligible unsheltered homeless persons to assist in the progression towards a healthier more stable living condition, with the ultimate goal of permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Includes referrals to permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons with disabilities; addresses clients’ basic survival needs; offers counseling and referral to local, state, and federal programs and private sector agencies for further services; facilitates medical care, medicine, and emergency needs; provides transportation or expenses for obtaining qualification documents or identification for public assistance programs; offers ongoing case management/mentoring to maintain stability, and more.

Visit: WWW.VCHCA.ORG

PACIFIC CLINICS – TAY TUNNEL:

The Transitional Age Youth Wellness and Recovery Center, or TAY Tunnel, is a community-based drop-in center focused

on the unique needs of the TAY (aged 18-25) population who are recovering from mental illness and often substance abuse issues, and are also at risk of homelessness, substance abuse, incarceration and increasing severity of mental health issues. The program is a portal for service access by offering support commonly utilized by young adults with a serious mental illness without the pressure of enrolling in services.

Visit: WWW.PACIFICCLINICS.ORG

STEP UP VENTURA Step Up Ventura provides attachment-based, trauma-informed supportive services to children ages zero to five years who have been affected by or are at risk of homelessness. Children attend full-time therapeutic childcare and/or preschool so their parents can obtain full-time employment and work towards stable housing. One-on-one support is given to each child to assure growth towards developmental milestones and kindergarten readiness. Parents receive parent coaching and guidance on meeting their child's developmental and emotional needs. For information please go to:

Visit: WWW.STEPUVENTURA.ORG or contact Marry Kerrigan (director) at PROGRAM@STEPUPVENTURA.ORG

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH *The Rapid Integrated Support & Engagement (RISE) program* can help if someone has, or appears to have mental health problems and is unable or unwilling to access assessment and treatment. Any-

one can make a referral to RISE by phone (805) 981-9268, fax (805) 981-4233, or email: RISEPROGRAM@VENTURA.ORG .

Assist is Ventura County Behavioral Health's Assisted Outpatient Program. Assist provides needed treatment to individuals with serious mental illness who have difficulty living safely in the community and who have declined mental health care and/or have struggled to engage in mental health treatment in the past. Services include psychiatric care and medication management, access to primary health care, substance abuse counseling, benefits and resource coordination and linkage, supportive housing, vocational rehabilitation and peer and family member education and support. WWW.VCHCA.ORG/AGENCY-DIVISIONS/BEHAVIORAL-HEALTH and WWW.VCHCA.ORG/ASSIST-ASSISTED-OUTPATIENT-TREATMENT-LAURA-S-LAW

VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY *Whole Person Care Program*: Employs a new class of community health and service personnel to build relationships with patients and work with them to build skills and reduce barriers to care. The program also sends nurses, mental health and alcohol & drug counselors directly into the community to help connect enrolled patients with the services they need. WWW.VCHCA.ORG and WHOLEPERSONCARE@VENTURA.ORG (email)

VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION- *Homeless Education Program (HEP)*: The mission of the Ventura County Office of Education

Homeless Education Program (HEP) is to help children and youth experiencing homelessness improve their academic skills and to reduce the educational barriers they face. Through collaboration with the local district McKinney-Vento liaisons we strive to ensure that student supports

are equitable throughout the county.

Visit: [HTTPS://WWW.VCOE.ORG/SPECIAL-POPULATIONS/HOMELESS-EDUCATION-PROGRAM](https://www.vcoe.org/special-populations/homeless-education-program)

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Organizations that Partner with Agencies to Help Unhoused People:

CITY OF VENTURA: The City of Ventura collaborates with local agencies and the County to provide programs, shelter, and transitional living to Ventura’s unhoused community. This includes supporting the ARCH Shelter, River Haven, Safe Sleep and Outreach. The Housing, Outreach, Pro-active Engagement and Solutions (HOPE & Solutions) Council Subcommittee meets monthly to discuss efforts, facilitate programs, and create new solutions.

Visit: WWW.CITYOFVENTURA.CA.GOV/HOPE

CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLIANCE OF VENTURA COUNTY:

The Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance is a collaborative group dedicated to ending homelessness in our community. We work with local service providers to coordinate and connect people to homeless assistance programs, including emergency shelter, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing.

Visit: WWW.VENTURACOC.ORG

DOWNTOWN VENTURA PARTNERS:

Our Park Ambassador Program provides daily outreach to help connect vulnerable individuals with medical care, social services and ensure public spaces are clean and welcoming for all. The Family Reconnection Program provides transportation and coordination for needy individuals who end up on our streets for whatever reason, to reconnect with relatives or a support network.

Visit: WWW.DOWNTOWNVENTURA.ORG

VENTURA FIRE DEPARTMENT

All Ventura Fire Department personnel respond on a daily basis to assess the issues brought on by homelessness. The department is ALS certified (Advanced Life Support) having medical providers and work closely with Ventura Police, County Mental Health, social services, etc.

Visit: WWW.CITYOFVENTURA.CA.GOV/177/FIRE-DEPARTMENT

VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Ventura Police Department is engaged

in what's called restorative policing, or street outreach. This means that officers are working with chronic offenders, by conducting enforcement, uniting them with family or friends if they desire or getting individuals the appropriate medical attention that they need to get off the streets. Embedded within the unit is a mental health technician who assists in evaluating individuals and connecting them to resources for long term solutions. The Patrol Task Force works closely with the Safe and Clean Team to address concerns in Ventura.

Visit: WWW.CITYOFVENTURA.CA.GOV/S16/POLICE-DEPARTMENT

VENTURA SOCIAL SERVICES

TASK FORCE: VSSTF is a coalition of representatives from public and private organizations and individuals working together to address issues of homelessness seeking to end homelessness in the city of Ventura to functional zero. This group is interactive, shares and gathers information and advo-

cates for legislation, services and housing.

Visit: [HTTP://VSSTF.ORG/](http://VSSTF.ORG/)

VSSTF subcommittees and projects include:

The Faith Subcommittee which seeks to gather the larger faith community to care for our homeless neighbors.

The Ventura Homeless Prevention Fund (see above) is a project of the VSSTF

The Education and Advocacy Subcommittee implements "an education campaign to make the community aware of homelessness issues.

Homes for All advocates within the political, civic and social services arena to improve housing opportunities for people with moderate, low and extremely low incomes



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