



Housing Resources

General Housing Search

Eden I & R 2-1-1 Information and Referral Service

<http://www.edenir.org>

211 is a free, non-emergency, confidential, 3-digit phone number and service that provides easy access to health and human services and housing listings. 211 operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with multi-lingual capabilities.

211 can provide information about resources for such things as shelter, housing, food programs, physical and mental health resources, drug and alcohol programs, employment support and a range of other services.

Call “2-1-1” or (888) 886-9660.

Senior Housing Guide and Information/Assistance

http://www.alamedasocialservices.org/public/services/elders_and_disabled_adults/aaa.cfm

On an annual basis, the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) produces an affordable senior housing guide. This guide can be obtained at the website above. AAA provides other information and referral services for seniors at the phone number listed below.

Call (800) 510-2020

California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing

http://www.cclid.ca.gov/docs/cclid_search/cclid_search.aspx

Search for licensed residential facilities – “board and cares” on this website. The website does NOT provide information on vacancies and does not identify licensed facilities that target people with mental illness.

City of Berkeley Emergency Shelter Hotline

The City of Berkeley maintains a centralized emergency shelter hotline 7 days per week.

Call (866) 960-2132.

Affordable Housing Developers

ABODE Services (Allied Housing)	(510) 657-7409	http://www.abodeservices.org
Affordable Housing Associates	(510) 649-8500	http://www.ahainc.org
Allen Temple Housing & Economic Development Corp.	(510) 567-1490	http://www.djassta.net
Allied Housing	(510) 979-2003	http://www.alliedhousing.org
Alameda Development Corporation	(510)523-4460	Website under <i>construction</i>
Bridge Housing	(415) 989-1111	http://bridgehousing.com
Christian Church Homes (senior housing only)	(510) 632-6712	http://www.cchnc.org
Citizen's Housing Corporation	(415) 986-7285	www.citizenshousing.org
Community Development Corporation of Oakland	(510) 238-3452	http://www.cdcoakland.org
EAH Housing	(415) 258-1800	www.eahhousing.org
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation	(510) 287-5353	www.ebaldc.org
East Bay Housing Organizations	(510) 663-3830	http://www.ebho.org
Eden Housing	(510) 582-1460	www.edenhousing.org
Habitat for Humanity – East Bay	(510) 251-6304	http://habitateb.org
Housing and Community Development City of Oakland - CEDA	(510) 238.3015	http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/hcd/loansgrants/index.html
Housing Consortium of the East Bay	(510) 832-1315	http://www.hceb.org
Jubilee Restoration	(510) 540-8111	http://www.jubileerestore.org
Lutheran Social Services	(510) 825-1060	http://www.lssnorcal.org
Mercy Housing	(415) 355-7100	http://www.mercyhousing.org
Mid-Peninsula Housing (has projects in Fremont)	(650) 356 2900	www.midpen-housing.org
Northern California Land Trust	(510) 548-7878	http://www.nclt.org
Resources for Community Development	(510) 841-4410	www.rcdev.org

San Antonio Community Development Corporation	(510) 536-1715	http://www.sacdc.org
Satellite Housing	(510) 647-0700	www.satellitehousing.org
The Unity Council	(510) 535-6941	www.unitycouncil.org

Housing Authorities

Alameda County Housing Authority	(510) 538-8876	www.haca.net
City of Alameda Housing Authority	(510) 747-4300	www.alamedahsg.org
Berkeley Housing Authority	(510) 981-5470	www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/BHA/
Contra Costa County Housing Authority	(925) 957-7000	www.contracostahousing.org
Dublin Housing Authority	(925) 833-6650	www.ci.dublin.ca.us/DepartmentSubLevel2.cfm?PL=gov&SL=brd&dsplyID=406
Livermore Housing Authority	(925) 447-3600	www.livermorehousingauthority.com
Oakland Housing Authority	(510) 874-1500	www.oakha.org
Richmond Housing Authority	(510) 621-1300	www.ci.richmond.ca.us/rha

Housing Search Websites

Craig's List	www.sfbay.craigslist.com
SLPM Property Management	www.slp.com
Bay Rentals (\$98 fee to use service)	www.bayrentals.com
Community Realty Property Management	www.crpmrealty.com
ForRent.com	www.forrent.com
The Lapham Company	www.laphamcompany.com
Move.com	www.move.com
Fast Rental (\$10 fee to use service)	www.fastrental.com
Affordable Search	www.affordablesearch.com
Affordable Housing Online	www.affordablehousingonline.com

Payment Of Back Rent And Security Deposit Assistance

For help paying past due rent or a deposit for a new unit, call the Alameda County Information and Referral line by dialing 211 from any phone within Alameda County. There are various agencies who offer financial assistance and each has a different mechanism for accessing funds. The 211 operator can let callers know which agencies currently have funds available and how to access them.

The Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services housing office operates a loan fund that can assist clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who have a household member with a serious mental health issue pay past due rent or move in deposits. They can be reached at (510) 777-2112.

Some social service agencies offer rental and deposit assistance for their clients as well. If you work with a case manager, therapist, social worker or other health care provider, you should ask the person who you work with about any funds that may be available.

Utility Payments

REACH (Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help)

REACH is a one-time energy-assistance program sponsored by PG&E and administered through the Salvation Army from 170 offices in northern and central California. Those who have experienced an uncontrollable or unforeseen hardship may receive an energy credit up to \$200, credit amount based on the past due amount of the bill. REACH assistance may be available once within an 18 month period, but exceptions can be made for seniors, the physically challenged and the terminally ill.

Call 1 (800) 933-9677 for information about how to access these funds.

Furnishings and Other Household Items

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

- ❖ Oakland, 9235 San Leandro Street, Oakland. (510) 636-4252
- ❖ Alameda, 2315 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda. (510) 865-1109
- ❖ Fremont, 3777 DeCoto Road, Fremont. (510) 792-3711
- ❖ Livermore, 1817 W. 2nd Street, Livermore. (925) 455-1104

Clausen House Thrift Shop

4834 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609, phone # 510-653-6812

Goodwill Thrift Store

- Berkeley: 2058 University Ave., (510) 649-1287
- Oakland: 2925 E. 14th St., (510) 534-3037
- Oakland: 6624 San Pablo Avenue, (510) 428-4911
- Oakland: 1220 Broadway Ave., (510) 834-6123
- San Leandro: 14410 Washington Avenue, (510) 614-9658
- San Leandro: 14750 E. 14th Street, (510) 352-6966
- Hayward: 889-83 West 'A' Street, (510) 785-3967
- Livermore: 1374 Railroad Ave., (925) 373-7990

Salvation Army Thrift Store

- San Leandro: 2179 E 14th St, (510) 895-0602
- Oakland 601 Webster St, (510) 451-4514
- Berkeley, 1824 University Ave, (510) 704-8199

Craigslist: If you have access to a computer, going to www.craigslist.org can be a good way to get inexpensive items from other people who are selling them. Buyers usually will have to go to the seller's house to pick up the item and pay in cash.

Legal Assistance & Fair Housing Discrimination

Eviction Defense Center

1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 726

Oakland, CA 94612

(510) 452-4541

Provides assistance responding to evictions

East Bay Community Law Center

2921 Adeline St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

510-548-4040

The Low Income Eviction Project (LIEP) provides free legal help to low-income tenants in Alameda County who have received an unlawful detainer summons and complaint (eviction papers).

Bay Area Legal Aid

Legal advice line: (510) 250-5270

Provide legal assistance in the following areas:

- *Public, subsidized (including Section 8 and other HUD subsidized projects) and private housing*
- *Fair housing and housing discrimination*
- *Housing conditions*
- *Rent control*
- *Eviction defense*
- *Lock-outs and utility shut-offs*
- *Residential hotels*

ECHO Fair Housing

Hayward Office: 510-581-9380

Livermore Office: 925-449-7340

Oakland Office: 510-836-4826

Alameda: 510-496-0496 or 1-888-922-ECHO

Conducts site investigations and enforcement in response to reports of housing discrimination complaints. Provides information to tenants and landlords in Southern Alameda County on their housing rights and responsibilities. Additionally, ECHO has trained mediators to assist in resolving housing disputes through conciliation and mediation.

Centro Legal De La Raza

(510) 437-1554

Helps people fight unlawful evictions, rent increases and uninhabitable living conditions.

Housing Rights Inc.

1966 San Pablo Ave.

Berkeley, Ca.

510-548-8776

Provides assistance when a tenant has a conflict with a landlord (or landlord's representative) and Fair Housing Investigation.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel

1320 Webster Street

Oakland, CA 94607

510-451-5353

Clients must be HIV positive or have AIDS to access services. Provides free and low-cost legal assistance and education on civil matters including housing to persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Project Sentinel (City of Fremont residents only)

39155 Liberty St. Ste. D440

Fremont, CA 94538

Phone (510) 574-2270

Project Sentinel is a non-profit agency providing services to help people resolve housing problems. The agency assists home seekers as well as housing providers through counseling, complaint investigation, mediation, conciliation and education.

SEEDS Community Resolution Center

1968 San Pablo Ave.

Berkeley, CA 94702

Tel: 510-548-2377

SEEDS Community Resolution Center (SEEDS) is a nonprofit community-based organization that provides mediation services to tenants and landlords. SEEDS does not provide legal advice.

Alameda County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services

(510) 302-2222

The Alameda County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Corporation (VLSC) provides free legal assistance to low-income and poor people in Alameda County with certain non-criminal legal issues.

Rent Review Advisory Commission (City of Alameda residents only)

(510) 749-5800

The Rent Review Advisory Committee (RRAC) hears complaints of rent increases and makes recommendations to tenant and, owners in the City of Alameda.

Housing Policy and Other Resources**California Department of Mental Health – Mental Health Services Act – Housing**

http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop_63/MHSA/Housing/default.asp

Housing California

<http://www.housingca.org>

EveryOne Home

<http://www.everyonehome.org>

Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)

<http://www.csh.org>

SAMHSA National Resource and Training Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness

<http://www.nrchmi.samhsa.gov>

Housing and Urban Development Homeless Programs

<http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm>