

LANCASTER COUNTY CODE BLUE RESOURCES 2025-2026

Coordinating with shelter staff before arriving at any location is mandatory. Unplanned drop-offs can be distressing for both staff and individuals needing shelter, especially when the facility cannot accommodate them. *If you notice anything that needs update in this this document, please contact Jhuyard@LCHRA.com.*

COLUMBIA DREAM CENTER SHELTER

Operated By: Columbia Dream Center

Operation Dates: Year-round

Location/Shelter Hours: 360 Locust Street, Columbia; 5 pm-8 am, morning hours extended if Code Blue declared

After Hours: If there is a DV situation, police escort is required to enter after 9:30 pm.

Residency Requirement:

Homeless Columbia residents or those with strong connections to Columbia, others may be accepted on a case-by-case basis

Eligibility: Single men and women, no families,

How To Access Shelter:

Self-referrals, walk-in to Restart Day Center, 360 Locust Street or call 717-449-0492, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-3 pm.

WATER STREET MISSION

Operation Dates: Year-round; Day shelter is open for guests who are currently receiving services with WSM

Location: 210 South Prince Street, Lancaster

Residency Requirement: Not at this time.

Eligibility: Single men and single women by walk-in, Moms with children by appointment.

How To Access Shelter:

Call the Water Street Mission Access Center at 717-358-2030 to inquire about bed availability. Individuals need to complete an intake during regular business hours before receiving services.

CLAY STREET EMERGENCY SHELTER

Operation Dates: Year-round; No Day Shelter.

Location/Hours: 20 E. Clay Street, Lancaster. Line forms 6:30 pm, Check-in 7:30-9 pm, Depart 6:45 am. Times will extend during a Code Blue event.

Residency Requirement: Low-Barrier Shelter

Eligibility: Single men and single women, no families. No pets. There is security and bags will be checked, no weapons are allowed inside. They will need to be turned over to security and they can pick them up in the morning

How To Access Shelter: First Come; First served. If you stay the night before your bed is held until 9 pm. After 9 pm, beds are filled with next person waiting and you lose the nightly "hold". Clients can call 717-869-4169 to reach a staff member 6:30pm-7am.

TENFOLD WINTER SHELTER

Operation Dates: Dec. 1, 2025 – March 1, 2026

Location/ Shelter Hours: 308 E King Street. 7 pm-7 am. (Clients can start lining up at 7 or shortly before)

Eligibility: Adult Only; Single men and single women no families.

There is security and bags will be checked, no firearms are allowed inside. All other weapons will need to be turned over to security and they can pick them up in the morning.

How To Access Shelter:

Walk - up, First Come; First served. Intakes will be done in person during shelter hours. For clients who stay, their bed is held until 8 pm the following night. After 8 pm, held beds are released and filled with the next person waiting. Individuals can call 717-327-5446 with questions

ELIZABETHTOWN EMERGENCY SHELTER

Operated By: Elizabethtown Community Housing & Outreach Services (ECHOS)

Operation Dates: December 8, 2025-April 10, 2026

Location/Shelter Hours: 105 East Washington Street, Elizabethtown, Monday-Sunday, 6:30 pm-8 am. *After 8 pm, police or EMS escort required (Note: screening requirements still must be met); No admittance by escort after 2 am*

Residency Requirement: Serving residents with connections to Elizabethtown, Bainbridge, Rheems, Mount Joy, Marietta, or Maytown communities (i.e. employment in service areas, recent housing in service area, direct support in service area, families with children in Elizabethtown or Donegal School Districts)

Eligibility: Men, Women & Families (children of all ages) as space permits. Accommodation for people with disabilities; Cannot accept Megan's Law offenders.

How To Access Shelter:

Walk-in at the Enrichment Center; or Schedule online. (<https://www.echoslanaster.org/emergency-shelter-programs>) or Call 717-361-0740.

Business hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-4 pm

GOOD SAMARITAN WINTER PROGRAM

Operation Dates: January 1, 2026 - Feb. 28th, 2026

Location/Shelter Hours: Location disclosed to participants only. Monday-Sunday, 7 pm-7 am. Not wheelchair accessible, cannot accept medically fragile individuals, must be able to navigate steps.

Residency Requirement: Ephrata residents only

Eligibility: Single men and single women, no families

How To Access Shelter:

Individuals must meet with Good Samaritan's Outreach Worker to reserve a spot in the winter shelter. *Individuals can call 717-340-0968 to speak with the Outreach Worker.*

Day Centers for people experiencing Homelessness

Anchor Lancaster Breakfast – Weekdays, 8:30–9:45 am, **opens at 6:30 am during Code Blue**, 29 E. Walnut St., Lancaster,

Anchor Lancaster Day Center - Weekdays, 10 am-4 pm, 308 E. King St. Lancaster,

Anchor's Day Center is located at 308 E. King St., in the old Eastern Market building behind Tenfold. Entrance for guests is currently located via Shippen St. per posted signage and staff direction.

Blueprints - 7 days a week, 9 am–5 pm, 317 North Queen St., Lancaster

Lancaster County Food Hub - Mon., Tues., Thurs., 12:30–5 pm, 812 N. Queen Street, Lancaster

Columbia Day Center - Mon. – Thurs., 9 am–2 pm, 360 Locust Street, Columbia **Open for Code Blue 9 am – 5 pm**

ECHOS - Monday-Thursday, 8 am–4 pm, 105 East Washington Street, Elizabethtown, PA