

Tacoma Rescue Mission

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Adams Street Family Shelter



What We Offer

*A safe place for you and your family to sleep each night
Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
Facilities for showering and laundry
Case management for housing, employment, and Coordinated Entry
Youth Services for preschool-12th grade students*

Eligibility

The Adams Street Family Shelter serves families, defined as households with at least one adult and one child under the age of 18. Single men and women may find shelter at our downtown shelters.

This shelter maintains a drug and alcohol-free environment for all our guests; all incoming guests ages 18 and over will be subject to drug test on entrance to the shelter and are expected to remain drug and alcohol-free. Potential guests who test positive for THC will still be allowed to enter the shelter but must test negative after 30 days of entry.

This shelter maintains a safe environment for the vulnerable populations we serve. Potential guests must pass a state background check to stay at the Adams Street Family Shelter. *Individuals who have been charged with sexual crimes or crimes against children are ineligible for service here. Individuals who have violent crimes will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Shelter Manager.*

Each guest must abide by all the shelter's guidelines. These include:

- Weekly meetings with a case manager
- 10PM nightly curfew unless for employment or medical emergencies
- Policies regarding food, including:
 - Factory sealed & shelf-stable food only
 - Consume food immediately after packages have been opened
 - Consume food in the designated areas (in rooms or in the dining area)
- Follow CDC recommendations preventing the spread of COVID-19, including:
 - Use of face coverings while on shelter
 - 6 feet social distancing between families
 - Observed ban on social gatherings of any size on shelter property
- Mandatory COVID-19 testing every three weeks for all guests of 18 years and older



Staying at the Adams Street Family Shelter



At the Adams Street Family Shelter, guests first stay with us on our cot program. Families in our cot program sleep in our Great Room on sleeping pads provided by the Rescue Mission. If families do not have bedding of their own, shelter staff can provide sheets, blankets, and pillows for them to use on request. Families may store their belongings in shared storage closets that remain locked during the day.

Each night, families will bring their pads, bedding, and other necessary items from their closets to the Great Room. Families will return their items to the closet each morning by 8:00AM but may access their storage throughout the day with staff assistance.

Families on cots may move into rooms as they become available based on family size and the order in which they entered the shelter. If no cot families are eligible for an open room, new families may be moved directly into a room. All guests at the Adams Street Family Shelter receive the same services regardless of room or cot placement. Services include:

- *A safe place for you and your family to sleep each night.* Families may also stay in the shelter during the day when not engaging in housing and employment search activities.
- *Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.* Meals are provided to all guests free-of-charge.
- *Facilities for showering and laundry.* The shelter keeps a variety of hygiene items on hand and are available upon request.
- *Case management for housing, employment, and Coordinated Entry.* Each family is assigned a case manager who will work with them on an individualized plan out of homelessness.
- *Youth Services for preschool-12th grade students.* While at the shelter, families can receive support enrolling their children in school and accessing additional educational resources.