

UNEXPECTED SERVICES OFFERED BY SHELTERS



Shelters provide far more than just a safe place to sleep. Read about four unexpectedly valuable services that shelters provide.



#1 HOUSING ACCESS

- Secure one-year income-based rental apartment leases as part of second-stage housing initiatives
- Find furniture and other household items
- Connect eligible tenants with non-profit organizations that renovate homes for mobility access reasons
- Assist with housing applications, accompany you to housing tours, co op interviews, and lease signings
- Locate moving options
- Foster stability, self-sufficiency, and safety



#2 LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- Connect with legal aid services for legal advice, information, support and referrals
- Help navigating the family and criminal court systems
- Prepare for initial court appearances and lawyers' appointments, including safety planning traveling to and from court



#3 LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

- Language programs for refugees or recent immigrants whose first language is not English or French



#4 SKILLS TRAINING

- Access to education
- Financial literacy and application help
- Professional skills training (writing a resume, job interview prep, job upgrading)
- Life skills training (budgeting, goal-setting, cooking classes, parenting support)
- Job opportunities
- Professional wardrobe options
- Counselling

To find your nearest shelter in Ontario and learn the programs that they offer, check out: <https://sheltersafe.ca/ontario/>

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