



## Is this program right for me?

Have you experienced homelessness due to a change of circumstances or conditions in your life, such as the loss of a job, family member, or changes in your health? Have you been evicted or at-risk of eviction due to lack of financial resources, leaving you unable to pay rent on time? Have you struggled to maintain your housing and ended up living with friends or family, in shelters, or on the streets?

Do you have a substance use and/or mental health disorder which affects your ability to secure or retain housing?

If these are some of the challenges that you are facing today, are you willing to make some changes and receive help?

Let the First Step Inn help you.

First Step Inn  
134 Durfee Street  
Fall River, MA 02720  
508-679-8001



### Leader in Behavioral Health and Homeless Services

#### Fall River Men's Residential Rehabilitation Service (RRS) Program

466 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-617-4436

#### Transition House

542 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-674-2788 x 118

#### Fall River Women's RRS Program

522 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-674-2788 x 101

#### New Bedford Women's RRS Program

979 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-984-1880

#### Outpatient Clinic

279 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-679-0033

#### William B. Webster Graduate Program

506 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-674-2788 women x 101, men x 202

#### New Bedford Graduate Program

977 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-984-1880

#### Next Step Home

506 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-674-2788 x 113

#### First Step Inn Shelter

134 Durfee St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-679-8001

#### Stone Residence

177 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-675-4159

#### Welcome Home

5 Dover St., Ste 207, New Bedford, MA 02740  
508-984-7514

#### Home First

506 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720  
508-674-2788 x 117

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## First Step Inn

An Emergency and Transitional Shelter

Serving Homeless Individuals in  
Fall River, Massachusetts



## What can I expect if I participate in the program?

The First Step Inn provides safe shelter and daily nutritious meals to homeless persons in the City of Fall River. Case management services offered at the First Step Inn connect guests to housing, employment, mainstream resources, primary and behavioral healthcare, and an array of other services.

Guests are assisted with locating and securing permanent housing and have access to wrap-around supports to ensure continued stability.

These comprehensive supportive services are offered in a safe, comfortable environment and enable guests to successfully transition into the community and experience housing stability and an improved quality of life.

*My tent burnt down in a fire. I was trying to keep warm. I lost everything and ended up at the First Step Inn. I don't have to worry about being hungry and warm right now and will be working with a case manager. ~ Mary*

## Who is eligible?

Eligible guests must be 18 years of age or older, homeless or chronically homeless in Fall River, MA, and medically and psychologically stable. Guests must be willing to authorize a CORI check, as well as submit to a safety search upon admission. A picture ID is required.

## How do I apply?

All referrals, including those from social service agencies, homeless providers, addiction centers, and self-referrals, must go through Fall River's Coordinated Entry System, "The CALL", which can be reached by calling 1-800-HOMELESS. If criteria are met, an individual seeking assistance must be pre-screened before receiving services. The screening hours are between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The First Step Inn receives Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding through the MA Department of Housing and Community Development and the City of Fall River as well as proceeds from the annual Get Steppin' Walk fundraiser.

## What services are offered?

- Food and nutritional assistance
- Safe and secure sleeping environment
- Comprehensive case management
- Housing placement assistance
- Psycho-educational groups
- Assistance with applications for mainstream resources
- Crisis intervention
- Various on-site meetings such as AA, NA etc.
- Residential substance abuse treatment access
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment access
- Coordination of emergency and long-term psychiatric care
- Referrals to community-based collateral services, educational development, medical care, domestic violence support, and other forms of assistance
- Discharge and aftercare planning