

Volunteer Opportunities

Birthday Wishes, Horizons for Homeless Children, and School on Wheels of Massachusetts are nonprofit organizations offering services to children and their families experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts while they are living in emergency shelter. They also provide additional support, foster exploration, and help to create fun activities during an often stressful transitional period.



birthdaywishes.org



horizonschildren.org



sowma.org

Additional SEMCOA Family Centers



Taunton Family Center

Taunton Family Center is situated in a residential area, near downtown Taunton, library, post office, and Morton Hospital



Harbour House Family Center

Harbour House Family Center, which opened in 2001, is in a New Bedford residential neighborhood on the bus line. It offers child care services at a child development center.

SEMCOA's mission is to advocate for and provide support to individuals, families, and communities in the areas of substance use, mental illness, domestic violence, homelessness, and parenting.

Fall River Family Center



**257 Cherry Street
Fall River, MA 02720**

**Providing
emergency shelter
to EA-eligible families
experiencing homelessness**



Referral Process

Families apply at the Department of Transitional Assistance to determine eligibility for emergency assistance (EA).

Eligible families are placed in units throughout the state by the Department of Housing & Community Development.

SEMCOA's Family Centers...

- Support families as they journey from homelessness to permanent sustainable housing
- Provide essential wrap-around services
- Educate families about community-based services
- Work with families on their respective needs, including parenting, domestic violence, education, and healthy lifestyle subjects
- Work with families to develop short and long-term goals

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More on Fall River Family Center...

Fall River Family Center is convenient to the library, bus terminal, and also Charlton Hospital. It is situated in the historic downtown/lower Highlands neighborhood. This 25-bed congregate emergency shelter for homeless families has the capacity to house 7 households.

The family center serves EA-eligible families, with a focus on households headed by individuals age 18 and older, domestic violence survivors, and survivors of natural disasters.

The objective is to assist families in finding permanent, sustainable housing. A supportive environment is provided to families, regardless of race, nationality, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

Funding statement:

MA Dept. of Housing & Community Development, FEMA, fund-raisers, and local community support



Donations

Fall River Family Center staff appreciates receiving donations on behalf of families. The center is always looking for new twin sheets, twin blankets, toiletries for adults and children, diapers, and gift cards to stores like PriceRite and CVS.

Adopt-A-Room



For under \$2,500, you can refurbish one of our rooms, which can be dedicated to an individual, business, or in someone's memory. This donation is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

To learn more about our donation program, please call 508-679-2109.