

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



Fall River Family Center

Situated in the historic Lower Highlands neighborhood, Fall River Family Center is not only convenient to the library and bus terminal, but also to Charlton Hospital.



Taunton Family Center

Taunton Family Center is situated in a residential area, within walking distance of downtown Taunton, supermarkets, library, Morton Hospital, and the post office.

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.

Harbour House Family Center



**713 Shawmut Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02746**

**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 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, addressing domestic violence, education, and introducing healthy lifestyle subjects
- Work with families to develop short and long-term goals

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More on Harbour House Family Center...

Harbour House Family Center opened in 2001. Located in a New Bedford residential neighborhood, it is situated on the bus line. Child care services are offered at an on-site child development center.

This congregate emergency shelter for homeless families has the capacity to accommodate 16 families. The family center serves EA-eligible families, with a focus on heads of household 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 referred families, regardless of race, nationality, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

Funding statement:

MA Dept. of Housing & Community Development,
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)- City of New Bedford; fund-raisers, and local community support



Donations

Harbour House 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 Price Rite and Walmart. Small household items are also gratefully accepted. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Fresh Garden Produce Grown at Harbour House

Every summer, Harbor House grows vegetables for families, including lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash, and zucchini.

