

groups, distribution of furniture, clothing and children's supplies to mothers in need, initial response services, information and referral

Brockton Healthy Families (508) 894-8543

130 Liberty Street, Brockton

If you are a mom under 20 years old and pregnant or caring for your first child under age 12 months, you can get help and information about caring for your child from a Healthy Family Home Visitor.

Food

Food Stamp Hotline 1-800-645-8333

Call the hotline to find out if you meet the income eligibility requirements. Help Line (see last page) can help you fill out an application for this.

Women, Infants & Children (508) 588-8241

795 Pleasant St., Brockton, MA

WIC participants receive checks for nutritious foods, such as milk, cheese, fruit juices, cereals, peanut butter, dried beans and eggs, along with coupons, redeemable at Farmers' Markets for fresh fruits and vegetables. The immunization status of infants and children is tracked and referrals are made to keep children up to date

Fuel Assistance

Self Help, (508) 588-5440

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Also has weatherization program. Apply by phone.

Citizens Energy Corporation 1-877-563-4645

One-time delivery of up to 175 gallons of fuel oil at 1/2 price. Call Self-Help, (508) 588-5440, to arrange delivery

Health Insurance

MassHealth 1-888-665-9993

What is MassHealth?

MassHealth pays for health care for people living in Massachusetts with low and medium incomes.

What does MassHealth offer?

MassHealth covers health-care services by paying for part or all of a MassHealth member's health insurance, or paying MassHealth providers for medical services given to members. In some cases, it helps pay for long-term-care services in the community or in an institution.

Who is eligible?

MassHealth can cover people of any age if they meet the eligibility rules. MassHealth looks at family size and income to decide eligibility. Disabled adults and children with higher incomes may qualify.

All children who cannot get MassHealth are eligible for coverage from Children's Medical Security Plan.

Children's Medical Security Plan (800) 909-2677

Any child age 18 or younger who lives in Massachusetts and is uninsured for primary or preventive health care can be enrolled in CMSP. The amount a family contributes for a monthly premium is based on family size and household income.

Family of four earning

\$28,284 or below	No monthly charge
\$28,285-37,704	\$10.50 per child per month (family maximum \$31.50)
\$37,705-75,408	\$45.32 per child per month
\$75,409 or above	\$52.50 per child per month

Housing/Rental Help

David Louisson Child Center (508) 584-4315

137 Newbury Street, Brockton

The Louisson Child Center is a family shelter that consists of three large houses. Families are given a place to stay, and assistance in finding a new place to stay.

South Shore Housing (781) 422-4200

Kingston, MA

Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)

The RAFT program helps families who are homeless or in danger of losing their housing with temporary assistance of up to \$1500.00 per year. Funds may be used for security deposits, first/last month's rent, utility & rental arrearages or a monthly

stipend. In Brockton area, apply at the Help Line (508) 584-4357.

Legal Help

SE Mass Legal Assistance Corp (SMLAC) (508) 586-2110

231 Main Street, Suite 201, Brockton

Service area includes: Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Hanover, Rockland, West Bridgewater, Whitman

Pregnancy

Birthright of Taunton (508) 822-2921

78 Broadway, Taunton, MA

For any woman who is pregnant and needs assistance, info or support to carry her baby to term.

Friends of the Unborn (617) 786-7903

38 Edgemere Road, Quincy, MA

A Christian Crisis Pregnancy Center and sheltering-home for pregnant, homeless young women. Friends of the Unborn runs a home which provides a loving atmosphere while the staff offers compassionate assistance and guidance to the guests.

Telephone Service

Lifeline Service 1-800-870-9999

If you receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, Food Stamps or Fuel Assistance you are eligible to receive a reduction in the basic monthly rate for telephone service.

Veterans

If you are a veteran or the widow of a veteran, you may be able to obtain assistance from the VA. Call the numbers below to ask about benefits.

Brockton Veteran's Center 1041 Pearl St., 580-2730

Brockton VA Hospital 940 Belmont St., 583-4500

If you need immediate assistance with food, a place to stay for the night, or clothing, these local agencies can help.

Housing/Shelter

Main Spring House
54 North Main St.
Brockton(508) 587-5441
dinner & overnight sleeping accommodations

Strictly Sober(508) 588-3366
(Brockton Recover Center)
201 North Main St., Brockton
Meals, shelter, AA meetings, counseling.

Lunch

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen
80 Pleasant St.
Brockton(508) 586-7751
Monday through Saturday, 12 noon until 1:30 pm

Emergency Food

Salvation Army
216 Centre Street
Brockton(508) 583-1896
canned & dry goods for cooking

Emergency Clothing & Food

The Charity Guild, Inc.
501 Main St.
Brockton(508) 583-6680

Furniture and Christmas help

My Brother's Keeper, Easton, MA
Furniture(508) 238-4416
Christmas help(508) 238-2562

Free loans of Medical equipment / Food Stamp Outreach / General help referral

Help Line
47 W. Elm St.
Brockton(508) 584-4357

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If you need food, help with bills, referral to other sources of help, information or just a friendly person to talk to, please give us a call at the number below.

If you are unsure who to call, you may call the Central office of the Society in Boston at (617) 325-0124 and they will help direct you to a local conference.

If you are a Catholic who would like to explore membership in the Society, as an active member or an associate, please leave a message at number of your local conference. You will be contacted with information about the Society.



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Where to Find Help



If you live in the Brockton area, you can find help for a variety of problems: employment, health insurance, problem pregnancies, phone service and more. Use this brochure to find the agencies in our area that can help.

Employment

CareerWorks (508) 513-3400
34 School St., Brockton
CareerWorks can help you to find work with help wanted listings for part-time and full-time jobs; assistance creating a resume; and finding training programs to help you begin a new career. They also help you file for unemployment insurance benefits.

Family Services

Catholic Charities of Brockton (508) 587-0815
686 North Main St., Brockton
Services at this site include: Food pantry, friendly visiting programs to elderly, parenting support