EightCAP, Inc.

Residential Rental Directory



Gratiot County 2019

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EightCAP, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Online version available at

www.8cap.org



Are you facing eviction? Are you homeless?

Call EightCAP, Inc.'s Housing & Homeless Hotline at

1-866-754-9315 x 3335

You may be eligible for housing services through EightCAP, Inc. Housing Grants.

You will be asked to leave a message. Please speak slowly and clearly, leaving your name, phone number, the county which you currently reside, & a brief message about why you are calling. Your call will be returned as soon as possible, within 2 business days. Please leave only one message.

Calls are returned during EightCAP, Inc.'s normal business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, with exception of holidays.

For additional Community Resources (such as food, clothing, utility assistance, etc.) please visit www.8cap.org and click on the Community Resource Directory for your county.

<u>HOMELESS</u> is defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (otherwise known as HUD) as demonstrating a lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence meaning the household:

- 1. Has a primary night-time residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or,
- 2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, and hotel/motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs, this does not include transitional housing).

INTRODUCTION

In this directory you will find valuable information for rental housing in your community. Names and phone numbers of local landlords and property managers who provide rental housing (such as apartments, mobile homes, duplexes, houses, etc.) and basic rental guidelines on those properties. At the time of this printing all information in the directory was accurate, but it can change at any time. We try to keep all contact information changes up-to-date, on our website at www.eightcap.org as we become aware of them.

EightCAP, Inc. HOUSING PROGRAMS – EightCAP, Inc. Housing Programs assist low-income households with rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter, (hotel/motel vouchers) and limited utility payment assistance:

Through the Supportive Services for Veterans Families, services may include; rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter stays, moving costs, emergency housing services, transportation assistance, and limited car repair assistance. These services are available to low-income households, who have served at least one-day active duty and were discharged under any other circumstances than dishonorable.

The Rapid Rehousing Programs are available to literally homeless households, with or without children. This program may pay for up to 18 months of rental assistance and security deposit. It is an intensive case management program where clients work to address present barriers, develop skills to retain housing, and become self-sufficient.

EightCAP, Inc., as the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) in the county, registers and places homeless households on the Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist with a Homeless Preference Code. This rental assistance voucher program is administered by Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSDHA) in conjunction with Community Management Associates, Inc. (CMA).

FAIR MARKET RENT (as of 10/01/2018)

County	OBR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	5BR	6BR	7BR	8BR	SRO	MH
Gratiot	450	529	700	877	946	1087	1229	1371	1513	337	280
Ionia	577	581	768	1004	1082	1244	1406	1568	1731	432	307
Isabella	536	594	729	994	1212	1393	1575	1757	1939	402	291
Montcalm	592	596	758	1013	1230	1414	1599	1783	1968	444	303

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Rental Search Telephone Guide – Calling About a Rental Unit REVIEW THIS GUIDE BEFORE YOU START MAKING CALLS

Directions: This worksheet is designed to help you determine whether a unit would be appropriate for you and, if applicable, your family. The questions about screening are important because many landlords charge an application fee to screen for criminal history, credit history, and rental history. If you know in advance the "tolerance level" of the landlord (that is, whether the landlord will rent to people in your situation), you can decide if it would be worth paying the fee and applying for the apartment or house.

TIPS TO HELP YOU WITH THE CALL

- If possible, call from a quiet place so you can hear the landlord. It is also better if the landlord does not hear a lot of noise (like people yelling) in the background.
- Make sure to review the list of questions on the next page and write your answers down so you are prepared when you call the landlord. Be prepared, if asked about past issues with evictions or criminal records, to answer questions about your circumstances, explaining what changes you have made/are making to prevent similar problems again.
- Know when you can move.
- Write down the name of the person you talked to, their phone number, and the date you made the call in case you need to call back and ask more questions or to reschedule an appointment.
- Since you may have to contact several landlords to find housing, use the "Housing Search Tracking Worksheet"
 (below) to help you remember when you have scheduled an appointment to look at the unit, where you have
 submitted applications, and when and whom you need to follow up with about the unit.

<u>TELEPHONE SCRIPT</u>
"Hello, my name is I'm looking for a (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) bedroom apartment/house for (this month, next month, two
months from now). Do you have any available units?
If the landlord <u>does not</u> have any available units: "Do you have any other properties with a vacancy?"
If the landlord <u>does</u> have a vacancy, ask the following questions and be sure to write down the answers. If the landlord
has two or more units, write down the answers for each unit.

Housing Search Tracking Worksheet				
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	
Apartment address				
Date and time of appointment				
Did you fill out an application? If yes, when will the landlord be contacting you with a decision?	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	
Did you get the apartment? If yes, when is the move-in date? If no, what was the reason provided?	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	□ Yes □ No	

	Questions About the Unit					
	Uni	it 1	Un	it 2	Uni	it 3
What is the address/location of the property?						
What date is the unit available?						
Do you charge an application fee? If he/she says yes: How much?	☐ Yes	□ No	□Yes	□ No	☐ Yes	□ No
What is the monthly rent?						
How much is the security deposit?						
What utilities would I pay?						
Do you know approximately how much utilities for that unit cost each month?						
How many people are allowed to live in the unit?						
What is the minimum lease you require (how many months)?						
Do you require me to have a certain income to rent the unit? If he/she says yes: How much?	□ Yes	□ No	□ Yes	□ No	□ Yes	□ No
Are there laundry facilities on-site? If he/she says no: Is there a laundromat nearby?	□ Yes	□ No	□ Yes	□ No	□ Yes	□ No
If you have Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher: Do you accept Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers?	□ Yes	□ No	□ Yes	□No	□ Yes	□No
If you've had credit problems, a criminal history or evictions:						
Do you work with people who have had credit problems, criminal history or evictions in the past?	□ Yes	□ No	□ Yes	□ No	□ Yes	□ No
If you have pet(s):						
What is your pet policy?						

pens again. You may want to write some notes about your circumstances below to make sure you are pared to answer the landlord's questions.			
Here are things that might sho	w a landlord how you are improving your life:		
loyed formonths/years	\square taking classes on budgeting your money		
g to school (or job training)	□ completed treatment and sober		
king with a credit counselor	□ working with a social worker		
ing off money you owe Iblished a savings account	 □ ended a bad relationship □ taking classes about being a better ten 		
landlord is willing to work with you:			
Is it possible to set up a time to see the a	·		
Can you give me directions from [where	you are living/staying]?		
	ed to call you back?		
May I have your name again, in case I ne	. •		
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RESPONSIBLE TENANT GUIDE

READ YOUR LEASE

A lease is a binding legal agreement. Read your lease word by word and understand it. If you have any questions, ask the landlord.

> DO NOT CHANGE THE RULES

Follow the rules listed in the lease. Do not change these rules unless you get <u>written</u> permission from the landlord. Make sure to keep a copy if written permission is obtained.

MAINTAIN PROPERTY IN GOOD ORDER

Keep the property in good order and inform the landlord when repairs are needed, allowing him/her or others access to your unit.

SUBMIT ALL MAINTENANCE REQUESTS IN WRITING

Put all maintenance requests in writing and submit to the landlord. Make sure to keep a copy for yourself.

> ALLOW THE LANDLORD TO DO ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE

If accidental damage happens, report it to the landlord immediately.

INFORM THE LANDLORD OF CHANGES

Inform the landlord if there are any changes of who is living at the property.

LANDLORD APPROVAL IS NEEDED BEFORE GETTING PETS

DO NOT RENT OUT (SUB-LEASE)

Do not rent out or sub-lease any part of the property without the landlord's permission.

> DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE DONE TO YOU

Be a respectful tenant and neighbor.

BE AWARE OF NOISE LEVELS

Creating noise that is too loud to talk over will probably disturb others.

> STAY AWAY FROM ACTIVITIES THAT HARM THE PROPERTY, CAUSE NUISANCE, OR BREAK THE LAW

RESPECT YOUR HOME

Keep your home clean and sanitary. This includes cleaning up dishes in a timely manner and taking out trash on a regular basis. If you have pets, pick up after them.

ALWAYS KEEP FOOD PROPERLY STORED TO AVOID ATTRACTING INSECTS AND RODENTS

➣ "NO SMOKING" RESIDENCE

if you reside in a "no smoking" residence and you have been provided the rules related to no smoking, you will need to follow those rules or you will be breaking your lease agreement.

> PAY YOUR RENT ON TIME

Many leases have a "grace period" of a few days before a late fee is charged onto the monthly rent. After the grace period, late fees will be added to your monthly rent. Paying your rent on time not only saves you money but helps you maintain a trustworthy relationship with your landlord.

GIVE PROPER NOTICE WHEN ENDING YOUR LEASE AGREEMENT AND CLEAN THE RENTAL UNIT

Check your lease for the required amount of notice needed by landlord. Leave the unit in the same, if not better condition than it was in when you moved in.

INVENTORY CHECKLIST*

COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION INVENTORY CHECKLIST FORM

"YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST NOTING THE CONDITION OF THE RENTAL PROPERTY AND RETURN IT TO THE LANDLORD WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER OBTAINING POSSESSION OF THE RENTAL UNIT. YOU ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE A COPY OF THE LAST TERMINATION INVENTORY CHECKLIST WHICH SHOWS WHAT CLAIMS WERE CHARGEABLE TO THE LAST PRIOR TENANTS."

	BEGINNING CONDITION	ENDING CONDITION
LIVING ROOM		
DOOR (INCLUDING LOCKS): WINDOWS: CARPET OR FLOOR: WALLS: CEILING: LIGHTS & SWITCHES: OTHER:		
DINING ROOM		
WINDOWS: CARPET OR FLOOR: WALLS: CEILING: LIGHTS & SWITCHES: OTHER:		
HALLWAY		
FLOOR:		
WALLS: CEILING:		
OTHER:		
KITCHEN		
WINDOWS:		
FLOOR:		
WALLS:		
CEILING: LIGHTS & SWITCHES:		
STOVE:		
REFRIGERATOR:		
SINK:		
CABINETS & COUNTER: OTHER:		
BEDROOM		
DOOR:		
WINDOWS: CARPET OR FLOOR:		
WALLS:		
CEILING:		
LIGHTS & SWITCHES:		
CLOSET: OTHER:		

^{*} Remember! Be specific. Describe any conditions in detailed terms rather than saying "fine" or "acceptable."

. A Practical Guide for Tenants and Landlords

LANDLORD'S ADDRESS

DATE

PHONE NUMBER (LANDLORD)

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^{***}Use additional pages as necessary for added rooms and notes***

Local Cities by County & Zip Codes

Gratiot County

Alma 48801 Ashley 48806 48807* Bannister Breckenridge 48615 Elm Hall 48830 Elwell 48832 Ithaca 48847 48856* Middleton North Star 48862 48871* Perrinton Pompeii 48874 48877* Riverdale St. Louis 48880 Sumner 48889 Wheeler 48662*

Isabella County

Blanchard	49310*
Mt. Pleasant (PO Box's)	48804
Mt. Pleasant	48858
Mt. Pleasant (CMU)	48859
Rosebush	48878*
Shepherd	48883*
Weidman (Lake Isabella)	48893
Winn	48896

Other Local Cities/Counties

<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>ZIP</u>
Barryton	Mecosta	49305*
Cedar Springs	Kent	49319
Clare	Clare	48617*
Farwell	Clare	48622*
Kent City	Kent	49330*
Lake	Clare	48632*
Mecosta	Mecosta	49332*
Merrill	Saginaw	48637*
Morley	Mecosta	49336*
Newaygo	Newaygo	49337*
Remus	Mecosta	49340*
Rockford	Kent	49341
Sand Lake	Kent	49343*
Sunfield	Eaton	48890*

Montcalm

County

Carson City 48811* Cedar Lake 48812 Coral 49322 Crystal 48818 Edmore 48829 **Fenwick** 48834 Gowen 49326* Greenville 48838* **Howard City** 49329* Lakeview 48850 McBride 48852 Pierson 49339 Sheridan 48884 Sidney 48885 Six Lakes 48886 Stanton 48888 Trufant 49347* Vestaburg 48891*

Ionia County

Belding	48809*
Clarksville	48815*
Hubbardston	48845*
Ionia	48846
Lake Odessa	48849*
Lyons	48851*
Matherton	48845*
Muir	48860
Orleans	48865
Palo	48870*
Pewamo	48873*
Portland	48875*
Saranac	48881*
Smyrna	48887*

* Addresses for this city may be in more than one county

Housing Vouchers/Rental Assistance Information

<u>HCV Project Based Voucher (PBV)/Public Housing -</u> Overseen and funded federally through HUD, administered locally by PHA's, this program provides affordable apartments & houses for low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

- ♦ Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- ♦ Most assisted individuals/families will pay no more than 30% of their income towards rent.
- ◆ Public Housing Authorities (PHA's) can choose to require residents to pay a minimum rent of \$50 even if it is more than 30% of their income, and tenants can opt to pay a flat rent based on local Fair Market Reant (FMR) regardless of their income.
- ♦ The rental voucher or reduced rental rate is only valid at that particular housing unit.
- ♦ To apply, contact your area PHA (see directory for contact information of local PHA's).

PBV waiting lists MAY remain open and county residency is not a requirement. You cannot apply online to a project-based voucher waiting list, only a Lead Agency assigned to the property can determine your initial eligibility for placement.

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)/Section 8 Program - Administered state-wide through MSHDA and locally by Public Housing Agencies (PHA's). MSHDA receives federal funds from HUD to administer the voucher program. The number of vouchers vary per county and per agency. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses, and apartments.

- ♦ Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- ♦ A Household who is issued a voucher is responsible for finding suitable housing, where the owner agrees to rent under the program.
- ♦ Units do not have to be located in subsidized housing projects.
- ♦ The housing unit chose must meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspection and rental limits set forth by HUD.
- ♦ Monthly rent is based upon income, 30%, with minimum rent being \$50.
- ♦ Can only apply to open waiting lists and must be able to prove residency at the time of pull.

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To apply for the HCV wait list in your county, go to www.michigan.gov/mshda and click on

click Check to see if your county is listed as open. If so, you can apply. Follow the instructions to do so. If it is not open, you will have to check back periodically and apply when it does open up. If you have already applied to a MSHDA waiting list and have a change of address, phone number, income, or family size, you must log in to Applicant Portal to update your information. If you are "literally homeless" (see HUD definition on page 1 of this directory) please contact the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) in your area (EightCAP is the HARA for Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Montcalm Counties) Only a State approved homeless agency can qualify an applicant for the homeless preference.

Housing Vouchers/Rental Assistance Information (continued)

Privately Owned Subsidized Housing

Overseen and funded federally through HUD and helps apartment owners offer reduced rent to low-income households.

- Apply directly to the apartment complex.
- ♦ Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- ♦ The assisted individual/family will pay 30% of their income towards rent, with a minimum rent determined by the apartment complex.
- See the listings in this directory (income-based, tax credit/LIHTC, subsidized) for more information.

HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)

Combines HCV rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at VA medical center and community based outreach clinics.

- ◆ Families select and rent units that meet program housing-quality standards. The PHA contracts with the owner to make payments directly to them on behalf of the individual/family.
- ♦ The assisted individual/family will pay no more than 40% of their income towards rent. You can not apply for this program on-line; you must contact your local VA or call the Section 8 office at 517-373-9344 for more information.
- ◆ The VASH program operates similarly to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, but is **only** available to <u>homeless Veterans</u>. Household income must fall within allowable limits set forth by HUD.
- ♦ This waiting list is open indefinietley.

VA Medical Centers Assigned to MSHDA

DETROIT

www.detroit.va.gov John D. Dingall VA Medical Center 4646 John R Street, Detroit, MI 48201 313-576-1000

SAGINAW

www.saginaw.va.gov Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center 1500 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI 48602 989-497-2500

IRON MOUNTAIN

www.ironmountain.va.gov Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center 325 East H Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 906-774-3300

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES (PHA)

Alma Housing Commission

(989) 463-4200

400 E Warwick Dr, Alma, MI 48801

www.ci.alma.mi.us

- ◆ Low-Income Public Housing in Alma (1-4 bedroom units)
- ♦ HCV(Housing Voucher)/Section 8 Program for all of Gratiot County
- ♦ Income restrictions apply, based on income, tax credits
- ♦ Elderly, disabled, individual & family housing available
- ♦ Applications available by mail, email or in person
- ♦ Contact the Alma Housing Commission for more information

St. Louis Housing Commission

(989) 681-5100

308 S Delaware St, St. Louis, MI 48880

www.stlouismi.com

- ♦ Low-Income Public Housing in St. Louis (1-3 bedroom units)
- ♦ HCV(Housing Voucher)/Section 8 Program for all of Gratiot County
- Income restrictions apply, based on income, tax credits
- ♦ Elderly, disabled, individual & family housing available
- ♦ Applications available by mail, email or in person
- Contact the St. Louis Housing Commission for more information

APARTMENTS

<u>Alma</u>

Alma Apartments (989) 463-5829

240 Windsor St, A-1, Alma, MI 48801

www.primepmmi.com

- ♦ Individual & family housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ No pets allowed
- ◆ Application fee-\$20/adult
- ♦ Credit & background screenings-No drug charges and no domestic violence charges accepted
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Public transportation available

Countryside (I, II, III, IV) Apartments

(989) 466-5971

1346 Charles Ave, Alma, MI 48801

www.gldmanagement.com

- ♦ Individual & family housing
- ♦ 1-3 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions
- ♦ No application fee
- Credit & background screenings-No drug charges and no domestic violence charges accepted
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Public transportation available

Heather Lane Apartments/Townhomes

(616) 835-3471

1589 Mary Ct, Alma, MI 48801

- ♦ Individual & family housing
- ♦ 2-3 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions
- ♦ No application fee
- ♦ No credit screening or background screening No CSC charges accepted
- ♦ No handicap accessibilty
- ♦ Public transportation available
- ♦ Call or text

Alma (continued)

Pine River Apartments (989) 285-1184

502 N River Ave, Alma, MI 48801

www.pineriverapartments.com

- ♦ Individual & family housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions & deposit
- ♦ Application fee-\$20/adult
- ♦ Credit & background screenings No domestic violence charges accepted
- ♦ No handicap accessibilty
- ♦ Public transportation available

Pine Villa (989) 463-5666

425 Warwick Dr, Alma, MI 48801

www.mrdapartments.com

- ◆ Income based individual, family, elderly (62+) & disabled housing
- ♦ 1-3 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (on select units)
- Pets allowed for elderly with deposit/No pets allowed for Individual/family housing
- ♦ No application fee
- Credit & background screenings some criminal history accepted
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Public transportation available

Pine Winds I & II Apartments

(989) 463-2586

1050 Bridge St, Alma, MI 48801

www.mrdapartments.com

- ♦ Income based individual & family housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (on select units)
- ♦ Service pets only
- ♦ Application fee-\$13/adult
- Credit & background screenings some criminal history accepted
- ♦ Public transportation available

Alma (continued)

Scottish Pines Senior Apartments

(989) 466-5126

1575 Pine Ave, Alma, MI 48801

www.pkhousing.com

- ♦ Income based elderly (62+) & disabled housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions & deposit
- ♦ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Public transportation available

Breckenridge

Pinestead Place (989) 842-5805

224 Pine St, Breckenridge, MI 48615

www.kmgprestige.com

- ♦ Income based elderly (62+) & disabled housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ No Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions & deposit
- Credit & background screenings some criminal history accepted
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ No public transportation available

Ithaca

Ithaca Apartments (310) 266-1868

531 N Pine River St, Ithaca, MI 48847

- Individual & family housing
- ♦ 2 bedrooms
- ♦ No Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed
- Application fee-\$30/adult (due at time of screening/background check)
- Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Limited public transportation available

Ithaca (continued)

Ithaca I Apartments (989) 875-7006

532 St. Johns St, Ithaca, MI 48847

www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- ♦ 2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- ♦ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- Limited public transportation available

Park Colony Apartments

(989) 875-3873

935 E Arcada, Ithaca, MI 48847

www.kmgprestige.com

- ♦ Income based elderly (62+) or disabled housing
- ♦ 1 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions
- ♦ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Limited public transportation available

Pine River Meadows

(989) 285-2811

509 S Pine River St, Ithaca, MI 48847

www.mthmgt.com

- ♦ Income based elderly (62+) or disabled housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ◆ Application fee-\$25/adult or married couple
- ♦ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Limited public transportation available

Ithaca (continued)

Union Square Apartments

(989) 828-7555

425 N Union St, Ithaca, MI 48847

www.kmgprestige.com

- Income based individual & family housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions & deposit
- Application fee
- ♦ Credit & background screenings some criminal history accepted
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Limited public transportation available

Perrinton

Perrinton Apartments (517) 526-1291

404 S Robinson St, Perrinton, MI 48871

- ♦ Individual & family housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions
- ♦ No application fee
- ♦ Credit & background screening No felonies accepted
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Limited public transportation available

St. Louis

Cambridge Woods (989) 681-0104

203 Hidden oaks Dr, St Louis, MI 48880

www.medallionmgmt.com

- Family housing
- ♦ 2-3 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions-Cats only
- ◆ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Handicap accessible
- ♦ Public transportation available

St. Louis (continued)

Greenland Place (989) 466-5971

129 Michigan Ave, St. Louis, MI 48880

www.gldmanagement.com

- ♦ Income based senior (55+) housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Pets allowed
- ♦ Public transportation available

River View Place (989) 466-5971

401 N Mill St, St. Louis, MI 48880

www.gldmanagement.com

- ♦ Income based senior (55+) housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Public transportation available

Shepley Apartments (989) 463-2586

711 Fairway Dr, St. Louis, MI 48880

www.mrdapartments.com

- ♦ Income based family housing
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (on select units)
- ♦ Service pets only
- Application fee
- Credit & background screenings some criminal history accepted
- ◆ Public transportation available

MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES

Breckenridge Mobile Home Park

(989) 842-3393

452 Elm St, Lot#6, Breckenridge, MI 48615

- ♦ Lot rentals, Possible Lease to Own homes
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher accepted on qualified units
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions/fees
- ♦ Application fee \$20/adult
- ◆ Credit & background screenings Some felonies accepted, NO CSC charges.
- ◆ Public transportation available

Evergreen Village (989) 681-2953

21 Evergreen Dr, St. Louis, MI 48880

www.evergreenvillagemhc.com

- ♦ Lot rentals & mobile home rentals
- ♦ \$35 application/screening fee
- ◆ Public transportation available

Meadow Lane Estates (989) 875-4700

401 S St. Johns St, Ithaca, MI 48847

www.meadowlaneestates.com

- ♦ Lot rentals & mobile home rentals
- Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions/fees
- ♦ No application fee
- ♦ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Public transportation available

Meadow Mobile Home park of Alma

(989) 463-5187

411 S Grover Ave, Alma, MI 48801

- ♦ 2-3 bedroom mobile home rentals may be available
- ♦ No Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher accepted
- Pets allowed with restrictions/fees
- ♦ App fee \$25/adult
- Credit & background screenings
- Public transportation available

Nesen's Countryside Inc

(989) 681-5505

600 Cheeseman, St. Louis, MI 48880

- ♦ Must own trailer, Lot rentals ONLY
- ♦ Pets allowed
- ♦ No application
- ♦ Public transportation available

MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES (continued)

Scotsdale Estates (989) 463-3212

3382 Alma Dr, Alma, MI 48801

www.scotsdaleestates.com

- ♦ Must own trailer, Lot rentals ONLY
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions/fees
- ♦ Application fee \$30/adult
- ♦ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Public transportation available

Merlino's Timber Country Mobile Home Park

(989) 833-8088

10401 Monroe Rd, Elwell, MI 48832

- ♦ Must own trailer, Lot rentals ONLY
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions/fees
- ♦ Credit & background screenings
- ♦ Public transportation available

www.facebook.com/TimberCountryMHP

PRIVATE LANDLORDS/PROPERTY MANAGERS

101 West Downie LLC (434) 973-0662

Alma, MI

- Income based apartments in Alma
- ♦ 1-2 bedrooms
- ♦ No Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- No pets allowed
- ◆ Public transportation available

Bloss Rentals (989) 235-6779

Ithaca, MI 48847

- ♦ Apartments in Ithaca
- ♦ 2 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher accepted
- ♦ Vision & Hearing impaired accessible
- ♦ Limited public transportation available

Gemini Capital Management LLC (Ryan Smith)

(989) 708-6850

325 Enterprise Dr, Breckenridge, MI 48615

www.geminicapitalmgt.com

- Apartments & houses throughout Mid-Michigan
- ♦ 1-3 bedrooms
- ♦ No Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers accepted
- ♦ Pets may be allowed depending on rental location
- ◆ Application fee-\$45/couple (application)
- ♦ Credit & background screenings-Only minor infractions (i.e. traffic violations) accepted
- ♦ Public transportation may be available depending on rental location

McCracken Properties (989) 463-6148

514 Wright Ave, Alma, MI 48801

www.mccrackenproperties.biz

- ◆ Apartments, townhomes, residential/multi-family homes in Alma, Ithaca & St. Louis. Includes Wright Ave Apartments, River's Edge Apartments, and Mary Court Townhomes.
- ♦ 1-4 bedrooms
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher accepted
- ♦ Pets allowed with restrictions-Cats only
- ♦ Application fee-\$20/adult
- Credit & background screenings-felonies accepted
- Public transportation available at most locations

PRIVATE LANDLORDS/PROPERTY MANAGERS (continued)

New Horizons Property Management (Realty)

(989) 463-4633

302 N State St, Alma, MI 48801

www.centralmichiganhomes.us

- ♦ Apartments, duplexes, & houses in Alma
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher accepted
- ◆ Public transportation available

Rex Webb (989) 682-9069

Breckenridge, MI 48615

- ♦ Apartments
- ♦ Pets allowed-small dogs
- ♦ No public transportation available

STELECORP (Contact Lesil Miller)

(989) 681-2660

1984 W Monroe Rd, St. Louis, MI 48880

- ♦ Apartments and houses in Gratiot County
- ♦ Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher accepted
- ♦ Public transportation available

EMERGENCY SHELTER INFORMATION

Type of Shelter: M=Men W=Women C=Children F=Families DV=Domestic Violence

Shelter Name & City (Alphabetical by city)	Type of Shelter	<u>Phone Number</u>
		(000) 000 000
Good Samaritan Rescue Mission		(989) 893-5973
713 9 th St, Bay City, MI 48708	M/W/C	
New Dawn Shelter		(989) 709-6089
137 Commerce Ct, Gladwin, MI 48624	M/W/C	
Have Mercy		(616) 225-8055
117 W Cass St, Greenville, MI 48838	M/W/C/F	
RAVE (Relief After Violent Encounter)		(800) 720-7233
PO Box 93, Ionia, MI 48846	DV	
Isabella County Restoration House Day Shelter		(989) 854-0183
1114 W High St, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	M/W/C	
Isabella County Restoration House Rotating Shelter - Season	nal	(989) 854-0183
1114 W High St, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	M/W/C	
R·I·S·E (Recovery-Independence-Safety-Empowerment)		(844) 349-6177
PO Box 743, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858	DV	
Gratiot County Hope House		(989) 948-0404
1001 W Washington Ave, St. Louis, MI 48880	M/W/C	

For further shelter information

Dial 2-1-1

or go to www.mi211.org

or TEXT your zip code to 898211

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR HOUSING NEEDS

Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties

2-1-1 Referral & Resource Line

2-1-1

www.mi211.org

- ♦ Resource Specialists available 24/7 via phone, text, or web
- ♦ For Gratiot & Isabella Counties dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-636-4211 or visit www.211nemichigan.org. For Ionia & Montcalm Counties dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-887-1107 or visit www.hwmuw.org/211.
- ♦ From any County text your zip code to 898211.

Belding Emergency Fund

(616) 794-1900

Belding, MI 48809

- Assistance for housing (rentals) or utility emergencies-No emergency shelter
- Belding School District residents only
- Applications available at Belding City Hall (closed on Fridays)
- ♦ Must have DHHS decision notice and copy of the utility bill

Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation (GEHC)

(989) 466-0709

PO Box 611, Alma, MI 48801

www.gratiotemergencyhousingcorporation.com

- Gratiot County residents only, must call to apply
- ♦ No emergency shelter

Have Mercy

John H Goodrow Fund

(616) 225-8055

117 W Cass St, Greenville, MI 48838

www.havemercymi.org

- ♦ Serves Ionia, Montcalm, and northern Kent County residents only
- Emergency housing services/Interim housing

PO Box 800, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804

(989) 772-2918

♦ Emergency aid may be available for transportation, shelter, clothing, medicine, gasoline, personal care, utilities, or other forms of assistance.

- ♦ Isabella County residents only.
- ♦ Contact Listening Ear to apply (phone number listed above).

Michigan Department Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

(855) 275-6424

333 S Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48909

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

www.johnhgoodrowfund.weebly.com

- ♦ Visit www.michigan.gov/mibridges to apply or got to one of the offices below.
- ◆ Gratiot County: 201 Commerce Dr, Ithaca, MI 48847, (989) 875-5181
- ♦ Ionia County: 920 E Lincoln Ave, Ionia, MI 48846, (616) 527-5200
- ♦ Isabella County: 1919 Parkland Dr, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, (989) 772-8400
- ♦ *Montcalm County:* 609 N State St, Stanton, MI 48858, (989) 831-8400

<u>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR HOUSING NEEDS – Legal Help</u>

Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties

Elder Law of Michigan (866) 400-9164

Lansing, MI

www.elderlawofmi.org

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Free legal advice and information over the phone for senior citizens and people with disabilities. For housing issues, call the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors and specify that you have a Landlord-Tenant related problem, housing in foreclosure, etc.

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (Gratiot & Isabella Counties)

(800) 322-4512

320 S Washington, Third Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607

www.lsem-mi.org

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; evenings 2nd & 4th Mondays each month 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. A non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance and advice in civil matters to eligible low-income persons, such as housing, DHHS, and SSA denials, consumer, family law, bankruptcy, garnishment and more. Representation is not guaranteed. Divorce kits and clinics are also available.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan (Ionia & Montcalm Counties)

(616) 774-0672

25 Division S., Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

www.lawestmi.org

Legal Aid of Western Michigan (LAWM) is a nonprofit law firm providing free legal advice and representation to low income individuals in a broad range of areas including consumer cases, family matters, housing problems, government benefits, and more. The Counsel and Advocacy Law Line (CALL) is a telephone hotline providing free advice and brief services to low income people and seniors. CALL is available Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The person answering the phone will be an attorney licensed in Michigan, who is able to respond to many questions and offer assistance in simple legal matters over the phone. Additional information regarding how to access services at Legal Aid—including our new online application—is available on our website.

<u>HOUSING</u> – Our primary goals are preventing homelessness, maintaining housing stability and access, and improving housing safety and quality. Cases accepted include:

- Eviction defense
- Representing clients facing loss of a federal housing subsidy or denied access to a federal housing subsidy
- Challenging mortgage foreclosures and predatory mortgage lending and servicing practices
- Challenging land contract forfeitures and option contracts
- Mobile home park litigation
- Tax forfeiture defense
- Challenging unfair housing practices

Michigan Legal Help

www.michiganlegalhelp.org

Free help, referrals, and accurate legal information on a variety of matters. Housing issues include: Leases, Landlord/Tenant matters, mobile homes, eviction, security deposits, and subsidized housing.



SER (State Emergency Relief): Home, Utilities & Burial

Immediate help may be available if you are facing conditions of extreme hardship or emergencies threatening your health and safety. State Emergency Relief and the Weatherization Assistance Program combine financial assistance and contracts with a network of nonprofit organizations to help low-income households. Emergency support is designed to maintain low-income households that are normally able to make ends meet but occasionally need help when unexpected emergency situations arise. Emergency support is not an appropriate solution to ongoing or chronic financial difficulties. For ongoing reductions to your energy expenses, be sure to check out the Weatherization Assistance Program.

Relocation Assistance

If you need help with rent, rent arrearage, security deposits or moving expenses, and one of the following circumstances exists for your household, you may be eligible for relocation assistance.

- Homeless, living in a shelter, a car, or on the street.
- Living temporarily with other persons following a fire or natural disaster that occurred not more than 60 days before the date the group files an application for emergency relief.
- Living with other persons to escape a domestic violence situation.
- A court summons or judgment was issued which will result in the family group becoming homeless.
- Your family group needs adequate housing to avoid a foster care placement or before a child(ren) can return home from foster care.
- A MDHHS employee determines the family must be relocated from unsafe housing or for the protection of the children.
- The group receives final written notice to vacate condemned housing from a local public agency authorized to issue such an order.

Relocation housing must be affordable (total housing costs cannot exceed 75 percent of the group's net income). Applicant(s) must have good cause for non-payment of their shelter obligation during the last six months, regardless of the reason they are in need.

Issuance Maximums for Relocation Services

Household	Relocation Services Maximum
One	\$410
Two	\$520
Three	\$620
Four	\$740
Five	\$870
Six or More	\$1,040





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HUD EQUAL ACCESS RULE FACT SHEET





BACKGROUND

HUD's final rule on Equal Access in accordance with an individual's gender in Community Planning and Development Program's was published on September 21, 2016. Its purpose is to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and families from discrimination in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs and to set an example to the private market.

Note: This rule is not a law, or an amendment to the federal Fair Housing Act, which protects against discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status (whether or not you have children). It is simply a new regulation applied to HUD-funded housing and housing providers.



DEFINITIONS

Sexual Orientation: Refers to whether a person identifies as homosexual, heterosexual, or bisexual.

Perceived Gender Identity: Refers to the gender with which a person is perceived to identify based on that person's appearance, behavior, expression, or gender-related characteristics, sex assigned at birth, or identification in documents. This includes types of gender expression not stereotypically associated with the sex a person was assigned at birth.



THE RULE:

EQUAL ACCESS PROVISION

The rule establishes a new Equal Access Provision

- Housing that is financed, insured, or assisted by HUD must be made available without regard to actual or perceived sexual
 orientation, gender identity, or marital status.
- Types of HUD funding the rule covers: HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) Programs, including the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA), Shelter Plus Care (S+C), Supportive Housing Program and any other HUD-assisted programs. Private housing providers with no FHA loan are not subject.



FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION LOANS

The rule adds sexual orientation and gender identity to the existing FHA equal access provision

 Prohibits lenders from determining eligibility for FHA-insured loans on actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity.



DEFINITION OF FAMILY

The rule clarifies the definition of "family" and "household" to include LGBT inclusive language

- "Family" now includes persons regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.
- · This is crucial because the definition of family determines who is eligible to participate in a HUD program.
- Applies to certain programs only: Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), Section 8, Public Housing, FHA, Community
 Development Block Grants, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), 202/811 (elderly and disabled assisted
 housing).



PROHIBITION OF INQUIRIES

The rule prohibits inquiries about sexual orientation and gender identity

- Prohibits owners and operators of HUD-funded housing, or HUD insured housing (FHA loans), from inquiring about an
 applicant or occupant's sexual orientation or gender identity, or denying an applicant housing on that basis.
- Any mortgage lender that provides FHA loans must follow this provision, even if an individual is seeking a non-FHA loan.

This form is currently available for information purposes. Use of this form is not required until OMB approval is obtained. This form is subject to change.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development OMB Approval No. XXXX-XXXX Expires XX/XX/XXXX

Notice on Equal Access Regardless of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, or Marital Status for HUD's Community Planning and Development Programs

This [shelter/building/housing/facility] receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department's (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) and MUST comply with the following REQUIREMENTS:

- Determine your eligibility for housing regardless of your sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, and must not discriminate against you because you do not conform to gender or sex stereotypes (i.e., because of your gender identity);
- Grant you equal access to CPD programs or facilities consistent with your gender identity, and provide your family with equal access;
- MUST NOT ask you to provide anatomical information or documentary (like your ID), physical, or medical evidence of your gender identity; and
- Take non-discriminatory steps when necessary and appropriate to address privacy concerns raised by any residents or occupants, including you.

If you think this program has violated any of these requirements, including any denial of services or benefits, contact your <u>local HUD office</u> for assistance with alleged violations of HUD program regulations. Local offices can be found at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program offices/field policy mgt/localoffices

If you believe you have experienced housing discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or sex, including discrimination because of gender identity, contact 1-800-669-9777 or file a written complaint with HUD at: www.hud.gov "file a discrimination complaint". Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech impairments may file a complaint via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To better understand HUD's requirements, the following definitions apply:

- <u>Sexual orientation</u> means one's emotional or physical attraction to the same and/or opposite sex (e.g. homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality).
- <u>Gender identity</u> means the gender with which a person identifies, regardless of the sex assigned to that person at birth and regardless of the person's perceived gender identity.
- <u>Perceived gender identity</u> means the gender with which a person is perceived to identify based on that person's appearance, behavior, expression, other gender related characteristics, or sex assigned to the individual at birth or identified in documents.

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