

Region: 1

Counties Covered: Porter, LaPorte, Starke, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski counties

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Contingency Plan:

Porter County:

- Winter shelter being added in Porter County by Living Hope Church and slated to be open January 1 - February 29, 8:00 pm - 7:00 am. A handout with the rules/expectations for guests and the nightly schedule can be found at tinyurl.com/2024wcrules.
- Valparaiso YMCA is a warming center when temperatures drop below freezing. Open 5am-10pm Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm on Saturdays, 11am-6pm on Sundays.
- Porter County Public Library, Valparaiso Branch is a warming Center open Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm, Fridays 9am-6pm, Saturdays 9am-5pm, and Sundays 9am-5pm.
- Chesterton Town Hall located at 726 Broadway is a 24/7 warming center during inclement weather advisories, phone number is (219) 926-1641.
- NWI-CA Valparaiso Resource Center is open Mondays-Fridays 10am-4pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Located at the blue door at 2001 Calumet Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383. Phone number for the center is 219-510-0074.

Laporte County:

- Laporte County PADS shelter will be open to serve individuals in Laporte county. Shelter sites are open from 5:30 pm to 7:00 am. Guests are let in in around 5:30 – 6:00 pm to help set up the site. Cut-off time is 8:30 pm. However, if the guest works past that time, they just need to call/arrange ahead of time with the shelter. The phone number for the shelter is (219) 276-7582.
- Michigan City's City Hall will be open as a warming center during the day.
- Michigan City Police Department lobby is open 24 hours
- Laporte County Complex is open 24 hours
- Center Township Trustee Office is a warming center during business hours, 1700 Lincolnway, Suite 6, La Porte.

Region: 1a

Counties Covered: Lake

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Contingency Plan:

East Chicago:

- The parameters for opening a warming shelter in the City of East Chicago is a wind chill below zero degrees for 2 consecutive days. It will be located at the Martin Luther King Center, 4802 Melville Avenue from 11am-7pm. Anyone is allowed inside, and openings will always be announced on East Chicago's official Facebook page [East Chicago Community | Facebook](#).

Gary:

- The Health Department is rehabbing a facility at 4101 Washington (the old fire station), Gary IN 46408 to use for a warming/cooling/emergency center and it should be completed by the end of December. The hours for the facility will be 5pm-8am. The Warming Center will be activated when the temperature reaches 30 degrees and below. If transportation is required, constituents may board any City Bus/Van and give the driver code 32.

Hammond

- Jean Sheperd Community Center at 3031 J.F. Mahoney Drive will be open during business hours Monday-Friday from 7am-9pm as a warming center for anyone.

Highland

- The Lincoln Center will be open M-F from 5am-10pm, and Saturday-Sunday from 7am-6pm, at 2450 Lincoln St. The warming center can be used by anyone during these hours, but programs are only offered to Munster and Highland residents.

Hobart

- Warming centers are created on a needs-only basis and any information about them will always be posted on both Hobart City's Facebook page [City of Hobart | Hobart TAS | Facebook](#) and at Hobart's official website [Hobart, IN - Official Website | Official Website \(cityofhobart.org\)](#). Locations may vary.

Lake Station

- Lake Station Fire Station at 1876 Fairview Avenue will be open ONLY for severe weather warnings during normal business hours.

Region 2

Counties Covered: Elkhart, Marshall, Fulton, Kosciusko counties

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Contingency Plan:

We have reached out individually and as a group to service providers throughout the region. We included information about services in Kosciusko, Marshall, and Fulton Counties if we were relatively confident that the services were correct and continuing to function.

For specific information on services please contact the provider or CE lead/Regional Chair for Region 2.

Below are the services being offered to people experiencing homelessness or those at risk for homelessness. We have separated them by category.

FOOD

Community Partner	Location	Hours	Contact
Guidance Ministries	216 N 2 nd St Elkhart, IN	Monday-Friday	574-296-7192
Faith Mission	801 Benham Ave Elkhart, IN	Sunday – Saturday	574-293-3406
Fellowship Missions	1520 E Winona Ave Warsaw, IN	Sunday-Saturday	574-268-9555
Our Father’s Pantry	2212 E Winona Ave Warsaw, IN	Mon, Thurs, Fri 2 – 5 p.m.	
The Window	223 South Main St Goshen, IN	M 1 – 3:30 p.m. T 9 – 10:30 a.m. R 9 – 10:30 a.m. R 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. F 1 – 3:00 p	574-533-9680
Susanna’s Kitchen	831 W Marion St Elkhart, IN	Mon-Fri 11 – 12:00 p.m.	574-294-1951
Neighborhood Center	201 N Plum St Plymouth, IN	Mon 1 – 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays 10 – 12; 5 – 7 p.m. Fridays 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	
Bread of Life	6770 N Michigan St Plymouth, IN	Mon 5 – 7 p.m. Wed/Fri 1 – 3 p.m.	574-936-1006

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Community Partner	Location	Shelter Type	Criteria	Contact
Guidance Ministries	216 N 2 nd St Elkhart, IN	Day Shelter	Year Round	574-296-7192
Faith Mission	801 Benham Ave Elkhart, IN	Emergency Shelter	Year Round	574-293-3406
Fellowship Missions	1520 E Winona Ave Warsaw, IN	Emergency Shelter	November 1 – March 31	574-268-9555
First Light Mission	801 W Wilkinson St Goshen, IN	Emergency Shelter	Year Round	574-534-2300

WARMING CENTERS

Community Partner	Location	Criteria for Opening	Official who makes the determination
Fellowship Missions	1520 E Winona Ave Warsaw, IN	Below Freezing	Fellowship Missions
Alternative Space in Kosciusko County	Warsaw, IN	Extreme Temperature	City/Fellowship Missions
Goshen Public Library	601 S 5 th St Goshen, IN	Extreme Temperature	City of Goshen
Goshen Salvation Army	1013 N Main St Goshen, IN	Extreme Temperature	City of Goshen
Transportation Assistance	Goshen Police Department- will transport to warming or Faith Mission/First Light Mission	Extreme Temperatures	Goshen Police Department
Webster Center	110 Webster Ave Plymouth, IN	Extreme Temperatures	City Officials

Some transportation is available to and from low barrier and shelters in Goshen and Elkhart. These services are arranged on case-by-case basis depending on need, available public transportation, and involvement with services such as Oaklawn mental health and/or Peer Support Professionals. Goshen PD officers are willing to assist with transportation on a case-by-case basis in Elkhart County.

Shelter administrators are working with Oaklawn Psychiatric Center to get all guests assessed and placed on the Coordinated Entry list for Region 2.

Region 3

The City of Fort Wayne Winter Contingency/Emergency Shelter Plan

December 1, 2023 through March 30, 2024

The Rescue Mission offers a Warming Shelter at 404 E Washington Blvd which is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 7 days a week.

Just Neighbors - families who need shelter, call 260.458.9772. Once full, families will be directed to check in at The Rescue Mission between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM to request emergency overnight services.

St. Joseph Missions Women's Shelter - single unaccompanied women who need shelter, call 260.426.7358 if you are in need of shelter. *Once full, women will be directed to check in at The Rescue Mission between 4:30pm - 6:30pm

*Part-time seasonal staff will be deployed amongst Just Neighbors, St. Joseph Missions Women's Shelter, and The Rescue Mission in order to provide additional bed nights during the Winter Contingency/Emergency Shelter Plan for unsheltered individuals.

The Rescue Mission located at 404 E. Washington Blvd. is offering Emergency Weather Bed Nights when the temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit to men and women who need overnight shelter. Individuals must be at least 18 years of age to receive an Emergency Weather Bed Night. Individuals must be sober when they arrive and not have any active warrants.

If an individual believes they are ineligible for services at The Rescue Mission, they are encouraged to call 260-426-7357 ext. 156 between 2 PM and 3 PM to inquire about their status and explore other short-term options.

Region 4

This Winter Contingency Plan was created to coordinate the homelessness resources in Region 4 to most effectively serve persons without a home during seasonal inclement weather. This document is meant to serve as a guide to better direct persons in need of these services.

OVERNIGHT SHELTER

Single adult individuals continue to be served by Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) and the LUM Emergency Shelter, which provides short-term, overnight shelter, meals, and showers for up to 48 adults each night of the year. Guests may obtain a pass for the overnight shelter when they leave in the morning or from 7-11a M-F in-person at the LUM Office, 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, IN 47901. Guests are served at the overnight shelter every day from 9p to 7a.

Families with children are served by Family Promise of Greater Lafayette, which is accessible by contacting the Coordinated Entry agency LTHC Homeless Services at 815 North 12th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904. 765-423-4880

LTHC Homeless Services is also able to provide a limited number of overnight crisis beds for persons enrolled in their program, subject to availability.

The Winter Warming Station is scheduled to be open at midnight November 15, 2023 to April 15, 2024 at the LUM Office, 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, IN 47901. The station is open every day from 9p to 7a and is designed for persons who did not sign up in advance or are not eligible for the LUM Emergency Shelter. The goal of the station is to provide a basic, safe place to warm up. Meals and showers are not provided, but the location is secure and staffed.

DAY SHELTER

LTHC Engagement Center provides day shelter for singles and families that are homeless, including three meals, showers, lockers, case management, employment assistance and other services. The day center is open every day 7a to 6:30p. Those staying at LUM and LTHC shelters are allowed to use the day room as a safe space from 6:30p to 8:30p, but the day-time resources are not available. When temperatures reach 10 degrees, all guests are allowed to access the safe space until 8:30p.

Additional warm locations for persons without a home include:

- NAMI / The Living Room / The Landing
- Recovery Cafe at the Bauer Community Center, 2300 Ferry Street, Lafayette, IN 47905, welcomes persons self-identified as in recovery (any type) Tue, Thur, Sat 10a-2p, and Wed 6-9p. A meal is provided, and peer support specialists are on-site. The membership bar is very low, and admission and meal are free. 764-609-0826

- West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W Columbia St, West Lafayette, IN 47906, does not have limitations on persons using their facility or materials. There is a time limit on the computer lab.
- Tippecanoe County Public Library, 627 South St, Lafayette, IN 47901, has a 2-hour limit on the use of the facility due to COVID-19, as well as a time limit on the computer lab. The library system has several branches for persons with transportation.

PERSONS NOT ENGAGED IN SERVICES

PATH Valley Oaks Health continues to engage with persons not connected to services in outdoor locations, those living in places not meant for human habitation, or otherwise banned from mainstream resources. 765-428-2300 ext 3

Harm Reduction Outreach Team

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 765-423-1118

ADDICTION PEER SUPPORT: Quick Response Team 765-490-0831

MHA CRISIS LINE: 1-800-273-TALK or 988

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

At this point, there are no additional shelter options for persons self-quarantining due to COVID-19. These situations are handled on a case-by-case basis through the Tippecanoe County Health Department 765-423-9193. Individual shelters have internal contingency plans at this time.

Approved 12/15/2022 by HPIN

Region 5

Region 5 Planning Council on Homelessness

Winter Contingency Planning

Howard County:

- ❖ In Howard County, there are no White Flag Shelters established for severe cold weather conditions. However, several local service providers offer Warming Center hours for unsheltered homeless in the County to utilize. In addition, a Street Outreach team (Helping Our Homies) connects with and provides needed supplies to unsheltered homeless.
- ❖ Who initiates planning efforts for severe weather conditions? The Director of Howard County Department of Emergency Management coordinates with local shelters, police and county law enforcement, and county government offices, including the Parks Department and the Health Department, when temperatures are or are projected to be very low (there is no certain temperature degree that initiates the process). The Director relies on information from the National Weather Center. Unincorporated towns in the county are also notified by Director. Assistance may be needed by not only the unsheltered homeless but citizens who have lost electricity.
- ❖ What places have warming center hours?
 - Kokomo Rescue Mission (Will initiate certain extended hours or offer overnight shelter if needed. No screenings and barriers removed unless problems arise)
 - Coordinated Assistance Ministries, Inc. (Will initiate certain extended hours. No screenings and barriers removed unless problems arise)
 - Senior Center located at the Girl Scout building (Warming center hours are typically until 6 pm). Local government is looking into installing a camera so the center can be unmanned and would be monitored by the Parks Department and/or police).
 - Turning Point System of Care has a 24/7 drop in center and will allow unsheltered homeless to stay there during severe cold.
 - The FSA Domestic Violence shelter will also accept homeless during extreme cold if there are beds available.
- ❖ How are unsheltered homeless unwilling to go into shelter assisted? Helping Our Homies provides street outreach in Howard County. They provide needed supplies such as tents, blankets, food, and hygiene items to those in need. When needed, they may be able to assist with a hotel stay.
- ❖ Staffing concerns: Shelters report adequate staffing during warming center hours.

- ❖ Supplies needed: If shelters or other community partners providing warming center hours report needing additional supplies such as food, cots, blankets, PPE equipment, etc., the Director of Emergency Management works to coordinate supplying the needs. The County has storage for items.
- ❖ Transportation strategies: City Trolley system runs until 6 pm M-F. Other options may be Howard County Connect or the police.
- ❖ How are Warming Center hours advertised? Director of Emergency Management prepares official media release. Information is shared via social media, radio, and emails, including the Region 5 Planning Council on Homelessness email network. Also, information is posted on the City website.
- ❖ Key contacts for Howard County Government, Shelters, and Warming Centers:
 - Janice Hart / Howard County Department of Emergency Management / 765-431-7914
 - David Trine / Operations Coordinator for City of Kokomo / 765-456-7472
 - Kevin Smith / Executive Director of Kokomo Rescue Mission / 765-456-3838
 - Dennine Smith / Executive Director of CAM, Inc. / 765-434-0687
 - Matt Oliver / Chief Executive Officer for Turning Point / C: (812)219-9263
 - Naketa Catchings / Director of Helping Our Homies / 765-480-8363
 - Tracy Martino / Executive Director of Family Service Association / 765-457-9313

Miami County:

- ❖ Several agencies open their doors during extreme weather conditions. They are all open during regular business hours; no after-hours or night warming stations.

Tipton County:

- ❖ No formal winter contingency plan at this time.

Wabash County:

- ❖ No formal winter contingency plan at this time.

Cass County:

- ❖ No formal winter contingency plan at this time. Plans are in motion for the Salvation Army in Logansport to provide assistance during extreme weather conditions.

Region 7



Homeless Council of the Wabash Valley

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Winter Contingency Plans:

Putnam County

- No formal winter plans in place. The hospital, airport, and Beyond Homeless Day Shelter are used as warming stations.
- Per the EMA Director there is a weather ordinance used as a declaration process of municipal and county roads.
- If the county goes “red” then the EMA teams will activate the shelters at various locations across the county.
- Will engage Red Cross in extreme weather conditions

Vigo County

- No formal contingency plans
- White Flag Program
 - Phone tree systems alerts Chairs for key partners to reach out to soup kitchens, transit station, veterans services, media, social media, Vigo County Library, police/sheriff departments and local churches
 - Pathways Drop In Center will open when temperature drops to zero or wind chill feels like zero.
 - Red Cross will assist with meals
 - Volunteers are trained and utilized to ensure adequate oversight

Sullivan County

- No plan

Clay County

- No plan

Parke County

- No plan

Vermillion County

- No plan

Region 11

Bartholomew County

The Community Engagement Center is now open 7 days a week from 8am to 4pm. If wind chills are expected to be 15F or colder, we will extend our hours as needed. Also, our address has changed to 1075 2nd Street, suite D, Columbus IN 47201 and our new phone number is 812-314-3475. Thanks!

Brighter Days will have winter contingency starting next Tuesday, November 21st, through 3/21/24. Operations will be open to all BC residents regardless of program participation. The one exception is the handful of folks who are banned for serious rule violations. After March 21st, we still will do winter contingency if wind chills are expected to be 15 degrees or colder. Hours of operation remain the same – 6p to 8A!

Jackson County

TBA.

Johnson County

Individuals in need can contact 211 for updated information as needed.

Shelby County

Opens warming stations if wind chill gets below 0. Updated information is distributed through the local radio station WSVX, Giant FM, Shelby news papers and Shelby County EMA Facebook page

Decatur County

Individuals in need can contact 211 for updated information as needed.

Region 13

Winter Contingency Plan

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Clark/Floyd County

Facilities:

White Flag Shelter
Culbertson Baptist Church
4007 Grant Line Rd
New Albany, IN 47150

Doors open 7:00PM-10PM
Operating Hours: 7:00PM-7:00AM

Max Capacity 70

Agency:

Homeless Coalition of
Southern Indiana

Contact:

Debra Stacy
dstacy@soinhomeless.org
Brandi Pirtle
bpirtle@soinhomeless.org

Shelter Updates:

www.soinhomeless.org – White Flag
Facebook Page: Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana – Daily update post
Shelter status update sign ups portal.soinhomeless.org
Hotline: 812-913-5368

Staffing:

Site Captain: 1
6PM-12A then On Call

Volunteers: 0-6
6PM-10PM

Staff: 2-3
10PM-6AM

Volunteers: 1-3
5AM-8AM

Transportation:

TARC provides transportation to and from the shelter. Guests can board the TARC bus after 6pm and will leave the shelter to board the next available bus after 7a.

Back up transportation plan.

HCSI will partner with outreach partners to have pick up locations and times around the New Albany/Jeffersonville Area. Those locations will be published on social media and distributed to our coalition partners to help push out information.

PPE:

Staff are provided PPE to protect against bloodborne pathogens as well as masks. Guests are provided masks when requested or if they are showing signs of illness.

Roles and Responsibilities of Critical Partners:

CoC lead: Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana

Public Health: Floyd County Health Department, LifeSpring Health Systems

Emergency Management: Floyd County EMA

Winter Shelters: White Flag Shelter at Culbertson Baptist Church.

Emergency shelters: Catalyst Rescue Mission

Daytime support: New Albany/Floyd County Public Library, Jeffersonville Township Public Library

Outreach: Nomad Church Collective, Love Unlimited, Exit 0, UpLift Them, LifeSpring PATH, VA Outreach

Scott County

Facilities:

Staffing:

Transportation:

PPE:

Roles and Responsibilities of Critical Partners:

Washington County

Facilities:

YMCA – Warming Station during operating hours as well as showers, restroom facilities, and charging station for devices. Hours are Monday-Thursday 5am-8pm; Friday 5am-7pm; Saturday and Sunday 1pm-5pm

Staffing:

Transportation:

PPE:

Roles and Responsibilities of Critical Partners:

Jefferson County

Facilities:

Warming Shelter
The Salvation Army – Madison
331 E. Main Street
Madison, IN 47250

Doors open 7:30PM-10PM unless otherwise coordinated or escorted by police.
Operating Hours: 7:00PM-7:00AM
Subject to availability of volunteers to open/run shelter.

Max Capacity: 20-25

Agency: The Salvation Army - Madison

Contact:

Andrea Wooten
Andrea.wooten@usc.salvationarmy.org
812-265-2157

Shelter Updates:

Facebook Page: Salvation Army Madison
Updates on shelter status posted daily on the Facebook page

Staffing:

Volunteer lead

Transportation:

None currently

PPE:

Masks are available by request. Hand sanitizer at the entry door. Quarantine guards for those experiencing symptoms of illness.

Roles and Responsibilities of Critical Partners:

MOU with the City of Madison

Madison Police Department

Community Volunteers

Harrison County

Facilities:

Staffing:

Transportation:

PPE:

Roles and Responsibilities of Critical Partners:

Crawford County

Facilities:

Staffing:

Transportation:

PPE:

Roles and Responsibilities of Critical Partners:

Orange County

Facilities:

Staffing:

Transportation:

PPE:

Roles and Responsibilities of Critical Partners: