

Warming Centers Winter 2025/26

South Bend Warming Centers:

St. Joseph Public Library

304 S. Main Street (corner of Wayne & Main)
M-Th 9am-8pm, F-Sa 9am-5pm, Su 1-5pm
Michigan Street entrance opens at 8am
Information, Resources, Social Worker.

Imani & Unidad

234 Chapin St.
574-288-2887
M-F 9am-5pm.
HIV, Hep C testing, Support Groups, Counseling

Howard Park Event Center

219 S. St. Louis Blvd
M-F: 8am-8pm, Sat: 10am-8pm, Sun: 12-6pm
Seating and restrooms open to public

Kroc Center

900 W. Western.
574-233-9471
Family Resource Center (door W12, far westside)
Pantry hours: Mon, Tue and Fri 9a-12p

Shelters:

Center for the Homeless, 813 S. Michigan 574-282-8700
Residential Shelter for men, women and families.

Weather amnesty Nov. 1- April 30, 8 PM - 8 AM.
Men, women and families. Need ID for background check.
No drugs, paraphernalia, alcohol, weapons, pets or food.

Meal Sites

Broadway Christian Parish UMC

1412 Carroll St 574-289-0333 8-10:00 am,
Monday through Thursday. Breakfast,
toiletries, showers, laundry, phone, mail,
advocacy services, clothing on M and W,
Food pantry 8:30-10:30 T-Th monthly boxes
or day bags on Thursdays

First United Methodist Church, 333 N. Main

Soup Kitchen M,W,F 11:30-12:30 soup,
salad, bread. Food pantry Tuesdays 10-1.
Recovery Cafe M-F 9am-4pm 574-217-7331

Monroe Circle Community Center, 526 W.

Western. Food Pantry every Monday 5-7 p.m.

Portage Township Trustee, 340 Columbia

Food Pantry every Tuesday 1-3 p.m.

Hope Ministries 432 S. Lafayette, north parking lot entrance 11:45-12:30 lunch, 6:30-7:30pm dinner, 7 days a week. Check in all bags. Waiting area may be open in between meals.

St. Margaret's House (women and children day center) 117 N. Lafayette 10am-3pm M-F (574) 234-7795 Support, advocacy, basic needs, community, breakfast and lunch.

Our Lady of the Road, 744 S. Main Street
Breakfast, clothing, showers, laundry. Friday, Saturday 8-11/Sunday 8-10

Intake for Motels4Now, Fridays 8-10:00am 574-222-0417. Low barrier, high access temporary housing. Check in and sign up for the waitlist.



OAKLAWN

COT

City Outreach Team

Contact us

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What is COT?

The City Outreach Team is designed to support the outreach, engagement and delivery of services to people who are unstably housed.

Who is eligible?

People who are homeless, age 18 and older:

- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, inadequate dwellings, tents, abandoned buildings or the street
- People who are unstably housed or people who are in need of housing retention services to maintain their current housing

What to expect

A COT team member will meet with you to:

- Discuss your immediate shelter needs
- Provide resources for cooling centers
- Provide resources for starting Oaklawn services
- Discuss your history of homelessness and illness, review barriers to being housed
- Complete housing assessments or reassessments

Services provided include

- Help with attaining emergency shelter
- Help with housing applications
- Connection to a therapist for mental health and substance use disorder treatment
- Connection to government resources (FSSA, SSA, HIP, Voc Rehab, etc.)
- Connection to other community partners

Housing possibilities

COT does not have housing, but helps with housing applications, which include:

- Permanent supportive housing for the homeless
- Subsidized housing
- Oliver Apartments / FUSE project (St. Joseph County only)
- Private landlords

Emergency Shelters

- Faith Mission (Elkhart)
- Hope Ministries (South Bend)
- Center for the Homeless (South Bend)
- Motels4Now (South Bend)
- First Light Mission (Goshen)

Community partners include

- Soup kitchens
- Food pantries
- Clothing pantries
- Health Navigators
- Homeless shelters
- Domestic violence safe havens
- Addiction treatment facilities

Other important resources:

- National Suicide Prevention and Crisis hotline (24/7): 988
- Oaklawn On-Call (24/7): 574-533-1234
- Elkhart City Homeless Coalition: www.facebook.com/elkhomecoalition

About Oaklawn

Oaklawn is the certified community behavioral health clinic for St. Joseph and Elkhart counties.

Our Mission

With uncommon expertise in mental health and addictions services, Oaklawn joins with individuals, families and our community on the journey toward health and wholeness.

Our Values

As part of a faith-based organization, the people of Oaklawn are committed to: compassion, integrity, human dignity, professional expertise and community partnerships.