



Detroit Health Department and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Housing Barriers

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Collecting Vital Documents



Birth Certificates (Appointment with Wayne County Clerk)

<https://www.waynecounty.com/articles/wayne-county-clerk-obtains-city-of-detroit-birth-and.aspx>

Detroit ID card/Drivers License Restoration

<https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-health-department/programs-and-services/detroit-id>
<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/license-id/Road-to-Restoration>

Social Security Card

<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>

Crossroads of Michigan (Provides Payment Assistance) By appointment only

Main office (2424 W. Grand Blvd. at 15th Street) 313-831-2000 or East office (21230 Moross at Chester) 313-822-5200.

<https://crossroadsofmichigan.org/get-help/>





Obtaining a Mailing Address

A P.O. Box - If you know the area you'll live in, a post office box is probably the best way to get letters and packages while you're between addresses.

A friend or family member's house or service agency - If you know someone local, consider forwarding your mail to their house so you can pick it up once you're settled.

General Delivery - With this option, the Post Office will hold your mail for 30 days, and you'll pick it up in person with a photo I.D. In cities with multiple postal locations, you'll have to visit the Post Office designated as the General Delivery location to pick it up.

Speak with the postmaster or call 1 (800) 275-8777 for more info.



Retrieving and Understanding Credit Reports

Wayne Metro has free educational programs including housing stability services. <https://www.waynemetro.org/housing/>

Free credit report apps – Credit Karma, Experian and Annual Credit Report

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>



Collecting Income, Assets and Budgeting

Social Security Administration – Set up online profile to obtain proof of income and may be used to obtain identification
https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI2f7168HI9wIVR2xvBB2E1gt8EAAYASAAEgL4lvD_BwE

Undocumented Income - Obtain notarized letter from employer providing verification of income

MiBridges - Set up online profile online to obtain proof of benefits
https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en_US



Collecting Income, Assets and Budgeting cont'd

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) provides proof of housing status

<https://www.handetroit.org/hmis-participating-agencies>

Free Tax Preparation Services – Accounting Aid Society

<https://accountingaidsociety.org/>

Free Financial Counseling – City of Detroit

<https://detroitmi.gov/departments/department-neighborhoods/financial-empowerment-center-fec>



Identifying Affordable Housing

If you are homeless, please contact CAM 313-305-0311

Apply for Project Based Voucher (PBV)

<https://www.dhcmi.org/Page.aspx?level=2&id=86>



Enroll in Section 8 Alert List - alert you via email regarding public housing commission Section 8 waiting list openings and how to apply.

<https://communityhousingnetwork.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=573403343bbe9b6753d767daf&id=21f1564f5a>



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Online Housing Websites

Affordablehousing.com

Hotpads.com

Rent.com

Apartments.com

HOPWA/HAPI Waitlist

<https://app.smartsheet.com/sheets/84HW4HQ4x5wHJFvXg45c8XvR3pGxgqR9X7V6cGW1>

Identify vacant units while driving/riding through neighborhoods enroute to employment, health care facility or support agency.



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Questions?