# Emergency Housing Assistance Program Services

24-Hour Hotline Emergency Housing Shelter Temporary Off-Site Lodging Rental Assistance Information and Referrals Supportive Services

Services are available to eligible households regardless of race, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.



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For more information contact OFO at:

607.433.8335 or 800.986.5463

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



## **Emergency Housing**

### **Opportunity House**

Opportunity House is a 24-hour staffed shelter that offers temporary housing to homeless individuals and families from Otsego County. Eligible households may stay at Opportunity House up to 90-days while they look for new, permanent housing.

### **Opportunity House offers:**

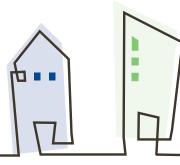
- Private and semi-private bedrooms and bathrooms
- Shared kitchen and laundry facilities
- 24-hour security and staffing
- Transportation assistance
- Computer access for job and housing searches
- Referrals to supportive services

### To stay at Opportunity House you must:

- Have been a resident of Otsego County for the last 30 consecutive days
- Apply for emergency housing assistance with the Otsego County Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Present photo identification
- Provide proof of eviction (e.g. letter or notice)
- Comply with any DSS requirements
- Other eligibility requirements may apply

### **Off-Site Lodging**

Temporary, overnight lodging at area motels may be available on a case-by-case basis for homeless households who have not yet applied with the Otsego County Department of Social Services (DSS) for emergency housing assistance. Off-site lodging is dependent upon availability.



## **Rental Assistance**

Rental assistance provides financial support to households who are behind on rental payments and are at risk of being evicted. The goal of this program is to prevent homelessness.

#### What we offer:

- · Assistance with back rent payments
- Short-term rental subsidies

Not all households will receive or are eligible for all the financial assistance listed above.

#### To receive rental assistance you must:

- Have been a resident of Otsego County for the last 30 consecutive days
- Have applied for housing assistance with the Otsego County Department of Social Services (DSS) and have either been denied or need more assistance than what is available.
- Have household income that falls within program limits
- Other eligibility requirements may apply

### **Eviction Prevention**

• You must be named on the lease/the lease holder and be behind on rent and at risk of eviction **Housing Support Services** 

Opportunities for Otsego provides support services to at-risk households so that they may maintain permanent housing. Housing Navigators link households to community resources and support individuals in keeping safe, stable housing. Additional support may be available to ensure the retention of housing.

### What we offer:

- Assistance in speaking with landlords
- Goal planning based on a household's needs and strengths
- Information and referrals to community resources
- Budget counseling
- Referrals to legal services

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Rental assistance will only be provided for housing that meets program affordability guidelines and HUD standards.

