

We all need and deserve safe, secure housing in order to thrive. What can you do if you don't have a stable physical home space right now?

-Call or log in to the JKCF Student Assistance Program. The Personal Assistant service can do some research for you on housing options and other community services in your area. Brief free legal or financial consultation is also available. See <http://www.jkcf.org/student-assistance-program/> for more information and contact instructions.

-Talk to your school. Offices for housing/residence life, financial aid, the dean, campus ministry, community resources, and student affairs (including multicultural, international, LGBTQ, transfer, veteran, and first-generation student affairs) may be able to help with emergency funding or housing and longer-term solutions. Finding the right person to answer your questions can take persistence, and that can be frustrating, but please do keep trying.

-Check out Cykeia Lee and Sara Goldrick-Rab's website "Navigating College: The Resource Guide for Homeless and Low Income Students": <https://www.moneygeek.com/education/resources/homeless-and-low-income-student-resources/>. The site provides explanations of on- and off-campus housing options, links to directories of youth and adult shelters, and other suggestions for students with short- or long-term housing needs.

-Contact a response center for domestic/interpersonal violence or sexual assault if these issues are part of the difficulty in your home situation. You can receive a variety of support services and referrals. See if your school has such a center (or at least a designated contact person) or if there is one in your community. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (<http://www.ncadv.org/learn-more/resources>) and the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (<https://www.rainn.org/get-help>) both provide extensive information about how to get help wherever you are.

-Contact an LGBTQ resource organization. The Trevor Project operates a crisis line (phone, text, IM) and provides links on its website for help with numerous issues of wellbeing, including homelessness: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/pages/support-center>. The Ali Forney Center provides a wide range of housing and social services 24/7 for youth in New York City and maintains a list on its website of supportive organizations in other areas of the country: <http://www.aliforneycenter.org/get-help/resources-by-state/>.

-See if there is a SingleStop site (<http://singlestopusa.org/our-work/>) in your area. This organization seeks to consolidate help with health, food, finances, legal issues, housing, and other concerns in one easily accessible place for community members. Partnerships have been established with several community colleges to set up sites on campus.

-And of course, reach out to communities like JKCF Scholars and alumni. You are not alone. Your peers are often willing to help; they just need to know that help is needed.