

Program Locations

Emergency Shelter
652 W. 17th Street
Erie, PA 16502
(814) 453-5937

Columbus Apartments
655 W. 16th Street
Erie, PA 16502
(814) 455-4369

The Jane Earll Family Apartments
652 W. 17th Street
Erie, PA 16502
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Lodge on Sass
202 W. 9th Street
Erie, PA 16501
(814) 452-3600



Our main administrative offices are located at
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The mission of Community Shelter Services, Inc. is to preserve the dignity and support the development of individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing temporary, transitional and permanent options for shelter, as well as supportive services, referrals, advocacy and community education.



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Helping Erie's Homeless
Since 1973**

*Serving men, women,
children and families*

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Emergency Residence

Community Shelter Services, CSS, has provided emergency shelter, meals and referrals to homeless families and individuals since 1973.

Homeless persons with social, emotional and physical limitations receive emergency housing, referral services and meals.

The agency attempts to build the skills needed to improve a clients' potential for independent housing and gainful employment, thus reducing their dependence on charitable systems. Improved parenting skills will foster a more stable, functional family lifestyle that promotes the academic and social success necessary for lifelong success for today's generation of homeless children.



The Jane Earll Family Apartments



This is an extended shelter stay program for families who are unable to secure independent housing at the end of their shelter stay. Families may stay in these units for an indefinite period of time or until they are able to secure housing within the community. Each unit has two to three bedrooms, private living rooms and shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. Initially, this housing is free of charge, however, once a family has been established they are required to pay 30% of their income for rent.

Lodge on Sass & Columbus Apartments

The Single Room Occupancy (SRO) components provide a total of 90 units of safe, decent, affordable and supportive housing for single adults at the Lodge on Sass, as well as Columbus Apartments. Residents have the benefit of a fully furnished, Section 8 subsidized room with basic household necessities within an environment that preserves their personal privacy.

Although residents are responsible for their own meals, a weekly "family style" meal is provided to promote socialization and to help stretch their food resources.

Persons seeking to live in SRO housing are among the most seriously incapable of managing their lives beyond meeting their most basic needs. The agency continues to seek funds to increase our compliment of staffing in order to more efficiently equip ourselves to serve this very challenging special needs population.

