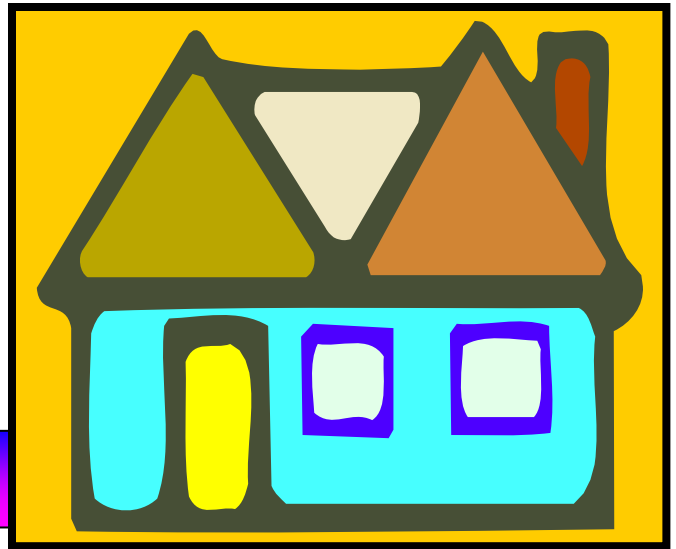


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Introduction

Home is a place that, before anywhere else, must be comfortable and designed to meet our physical, emotional and lifestyle needs. A range of living options are available to persons with spinal cord injuries, including shared living arrangements, individual apartments or condos, or single-family homes. Once you have decided which option is best for you and what is needed to make it a reality, the information in this guide can offer a place to start when creating your own “home, sweet home.”

Finding an affordable and accessible home can be challenging. Housing costs in the State of Michigan have doubled in the last ten years, while incomes have only increased a fraction in the same period of time. If your income is low, it compounds the problem. However, there are a few programs that can be helpful. This section focuses first on making your home accessible, and then on programs to help with locating & paying for rentals. Next we describe some programs to help you become a home owner, followed by a set of agencies and offices that will be generally helpful to you, whether you are seeking help with modification, rental, or home ownership. We conclude with some additional websites of interest.

For People Seeking Accessible Living

Home Modification

If you are modifying a home you own, it would be advisable to take into consideration the cost verses the benefits of modifying. Some houses, due to age and structure, just cannot be modified without major expenditures. Successful barrier-free design is in the details. Design is key. No matter how well the finished job looks, it is a poor solution if it does not work for you!

Beware of contractors with little or no experience with barrier-free design. Many contractors claim to be able to do the job but do not know the details of accessible design. Ask for references from clients for whom they have done barrier-free work. Call the Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulation to see if the company or contractor has had any complaints lodged against them. Ask a lot of questions. When shopping for accessibility improvements shop by reputation, then

price. It is sad but too often true; you get what you pay for.

There are occasional sources that can provide financial assistance for barrier-free modifications or down payments. A call to your local MSU Extension Services Office, your local CIL or your city's housing commission may reveal sources for help with the costs. See the *Agencies/Offices List* own in this section for the locations of CIL and MSU Extension Offices near you.

If you are a renter, getting a property manager to make adjustments to your apartment may be easier than it was in the past, due to the Fair Housing Act and its amendments, as well as the Michigan Barrier-Free and Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act. If you're having trouble getting your complex to make accommodations, a call to your local CIL or to a Fair Housing Centers can help. See the *Agencies/Offices List* further down in this section for the location of a CIL or Fair Housing Center near you.

Home Modification Organizations

The following section is a list of governmental, private and non-profit organizations, offices and agencies that can help you with design features. Of course, this is not a comprehensive list. There may be groups local to your area that can help.

ARCHITECTURAL & TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD (ATBCB)

U.S. Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board,
Suite 1331 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004
800-USA-ABLE
800- 872-2253

The ATBCB is an independent federal regulatory agency. It ensures that certain facilities designed, constructed, altered or leased with federal funds since September 1969, comply with accessibility standards issued under the Architectural Barriers Act

of 1968 (public law 90-480).

The ATBCB is responsible for investigating complaints about accessibility in federally funded facilities. If in noncompliance an order from the ATBCB is final and binding.

The ATBCB also provides technical assistance and information on the removal of architectural, transportation, communication and attitudinal barriers. The agency maintains extensive files of bibliographies, products and other accessibility issues. In addition, the board publishes a newsletter as well as other brochures, pamphlets and articles on a wide variety of accessibility topics.

**MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND
ECONOMIC
GROWTH:** Bureau of
Construction Codes,
Barrier-Free Design
Division
P.O. Box 30254
Lansing, MI 489079
517-241-9300

The Barrier Free Design Board is a division of Michigan's Department of Labor. It is the only state agency with the authority to grant exceptions to

Michigan's barrier-free design requirements. The Board is responsible for investigating barrier-free design complaints. If you think a public or commercial building violates Michigan's barrier-free design requirements, you can file a complaint with the Barrier Free Design Board. The Barrier Free Design Board can also provide you with Michigan building specifications as well as answer any questions pertaining to barrier-free construction or lifting devices.

**THE CENTER FOR
UNIVERSAL DESIGN**
www.design.ncsu.edu/cud
North Carolina State
University
P.O. Box 8613
Raleigh, NC 27695-8613
919-515-3082

This is a national research, information, and technical assistance center that evaluates, develops, and promotes accessible and universal design in buildings and related products.

**MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH
LICENSING AND
REGULATION**
www.michigan.gov/dleg
P.O. Box 30004

Lansing, MI 48909
517-373-1820 Office
517 241-9288 Licensing
800-292-9555 Consumer
Complaints

The Department of Licensing and Regulation's purpose is to protect consumers by licensing and regulating over 47 trades and professions-including builders and contractors. If you want to find out whether a particular builder is licensed or has had any complaints filed against him/her, call the department.

The Department of Licensing and Regulation is also the agency to contact if you feel a contractor has not lived up to the terms of your agreement or if you have been the victim of fraud or deceit. The department is responsible for investigating all complaints.

**PARALYZED
VETERANS of
AMERICA**
MacNamara Federal Bldg
Room 1233
477 Michigan Avenue
P.O. Box 120
Detroit, MI 48226-2599
313-471-3996
800-795-3608

Home
Modification
Resources
(books, videos, guides)

**ADAPTABLE
HOUSING: A
TECHNICAL MANUAL
FOR IMPLEMENTING
ADAPTABLE
DWELLING UNIT
SPECIFICATIONS**

www.huduser.org

This was designed and produced for the Department of Housing and Urban Development by Barrier-Free Environments, Inc. It explains adaptable features as specified in the national and federal standards. Available for \$10.00 from: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD USER, P.O. Box 6091 Rockville, MD 20850 800-245-2691 Ask for publication number **HUD-00-4981**

**CONSUMER GUIDE
TO HOME**

ADAPTATIONS is a practical guide to home adaptations for people with physical disabilities and the elderly. Information includes evaluation of individual needs in each area of the home, a

planning worksheet, advice on working with contractors, common construction details and a resource list. This guide is available for \$12.00 from **Adaptive Environment Center**

180-200 Portland Street
Suite 1
Boston, MA 02114
617-482-8099.

**IDEAS FOR MAKING
YOUR HOME**

ACCESSIBLE by Betty Garee

Has over 100 pages (including many pictures and illustrations) full of tips and ideas to help you remodel or build a barrier-free home. Available at www.amazon.com

**SAFETY FOR OLDER
CONSUMERS – HOME
SAFETY CHECKLIST**

can be used to stop and correct safety problems in your home. The pamphlet is easy to use and organized by areas of your home. Free copies are available by writing to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Publication Requests Washington, DC 20207. No orders for publications taken over the phone.

CPSC Document #705

Free download:
www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/705.html

Home
Modification
Cost
Assistance

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR RAMPS, SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT & HOME MODIFICATIONS

**CHILDREN'S SPECIAL
HEALTH CARE
SERVICES**

Michigan has a trust fund administered through Children's Special Health Care Services that provides grants of up to \$800 that can be used to buy portable ramps or pay for ramp construction. To be eligible, your child must be no older than 21, must meet certain medical criteria, and must be actively enrolled as a recipient of Children's Special Health Care Services. If you rent, you must obtain written permission from your landlord.

Contact: Children's Special Health Care Services
800-359-3722

**CHURCHES AND
SYNAGOGUES**

Religious organizations often have a designated

fund to assist people in their communities with special needs. Often, you do not have to be a member of the congregation to be eligible for assistance. Contact: Religious organizations in your community. Check the yellow pages for telephone numbers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Many cities with over 50,000 people and counties with over 200,000 people receive Community Development Block Grants from the federal government. The communities often use these federal dollars to provide grants or loans to low and moderate income people who need to make home repairs. Home modifications to improve accessibility are often funded as well. Eligibility and terms of the grants and loans will vary with each community. To find out whether your community has this kind of program, contact your city's or county's Community Development, Planning or Housing office. You should be able to find their telephone numbers by calling your local city hall or checking the "Government" section of the phone book. Listed below are telephone

numbers for some of the communities that receive block grants and offer loans or grants for making home modifications to improve accessibility.

Bear in mind that, in many cases, there may be long waiting lists for funding, and in some cases, funding may have run out. This, however, should not discourage you from calling and finding out what's available. Also, your CDBL may administer other programs of potential use, including home ownership programs, assistance with utilities, foreclosure prevention and tax helps. Not all offices offer the same programs.

For more information on how to contact your local Government for a Home Improvement Loan using Community Development Block Grants, contact: 517-373-1974 or TTY#: 1-800-382-4568

There are CDBG offices in the following locations:

South East – Metro
Clinton Township
586-286 9325

Dearborn
313-943-2180

Dearborn Heights
313-277-2838

Detroit
313-628-2565

Farmington Hills
248-473-9541

Lincoln Park
313-386-1800 x295

Livonia
734-421-6450

Macomb County
586-469-6964

Oakland County
248-858-5401

Roseville
586-445-5423

Royal Oak
248-246-3280

Southfield
248-354-4843

Taylor
734-374-1352

Warren
586-574-4686

Waterford Township
248-674-3111 x228

Wayne County
313-224-5250

Westland
734-595-0288

South East
Ann Arbor
734-994-2912

Jackson
517-788-4060

South West
Battle Creek
269-966-3320

Benton Harbor
269-927-8421

Holland
616-355-1369

Portage
269-324-9201

Kalamazoo
269-337-8226

Kent County
616-336-4200

Muskegon Heights
231-733-1355

Wyoming
616-530-7258

Mid-Michigan / Thumb
Bay City
989-894-8157

East Lansing
517-337-1731 x228

Lansing
517- 483-4040

Flint
810-766-7212

Port Huron
810-984-9736

Saginaw
989-759-1541

St. Clair Shores
586-445-5200

**COMMUNITY
GROUPS & SERVICE
CLUBS**

Local groups such as Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Jaycees, etc., often fund special projects for people with disabilities.

Contact: Local City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce to get the names and telephone numbers of the groups in your area.

**COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES**

The Department of Community Mental Health administers several waiver services: the Children’s Waiver, the Consumer Loan Fund, and the Family Support Subsidy, all of which may provide funding for ramps or home modifications. To be eligible for the **Children’s Waiver**, you must be less than 18 years old, have a developmental disability, be Medicaid eligible

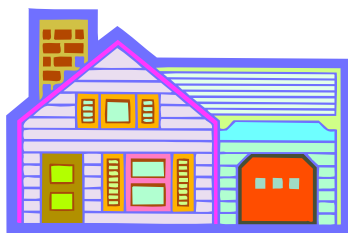
(based on child’s income), be at risk of placement in an intermediate care facility, and need habilitation services. To be eligible for the Habilitation Support Waiver, you must have a developmental disability, be Medicaid eligible, reside in a community-based setting, and be at risk of placement in an intermediate care facility. In addition, 0% interest loans of up to \$2,000 are available through the **Consumer Loan Fund**, and can be paid back over five years. There is also the **Family Support Subsidy**, which can provide monthly cash payments to enable children under 18 with severe developmental disabilities to live at home. These payments can be used for a variety of purposes including ramps, equipment, and home modifications. For each program, the amount of funding an individual can receive is dependent on the total amount of funds available at the time. Contact your local Community Mental Health Service Program. The telephone number can be found under “County Government” in the “Government” section of your White Pages.

**CRIME VICTIMS
COMPENSATION**

www.mivictims.org/services

320 South Walnut
Lansing, MI 48913
(517) 373-7373

A crime victim who suffers personal injury as the direct result of a Michigan crime can apply for financial assistance from the Crime Victims Compensation Board. To be eligible, the person cannot be criminally responsible for the crime, the crime must be reported to the police and the victim must be willing to cooperate in the investigation and prosecution of the defendant. The claim must be filed within one year of the crime. The maximum award for any incident is \$15,000.



**Michigan Department of
Human Services**

www.michigan.gov/dhs

517-373-2035

The Department of Human Services (formerly The Family Independence Agency) provides

financial assistance for ramps, adaptive equipment and home modifications for adults with physical disabilities. This is done through **Physical Disability Services**.

Clients must be at least 18 years of age, have a documented chronic disabling condition, be Medicaid eligible and own their own home (exceptions may be made for individuals who don't own a home but intend to stay in one place for a long time). The lifetime maximum amount of assistance is \$5,000. For more information, contact your local Department of Human Services. It should be listed in the "Government" section of the white pages under "State Government." When you call, ask for the Adult Services Supervisor.

Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov/mi

Director: 517-324-5188

Info: 800-944-8119

The Rural Development Program provides home improvement and repair loans to low income families who live in rural communities. Loans can be used to remove health hazards, fix roofs, provide sanitary water and waste systems and install screens, doors, windows, insulation and other items to make

the home safe. Some loans can be used to make homes accessible. There are 7 state offices in Michigan. The programs vary in every county.

The Foundation Center

www.fdncenter.org

800-424-9836

The Foundation Center is an organization established to provide information on private philanthropic giving. It publishes directories, such as *Foundation Grants to Individuals*, which you can use to identify funding sources in your area and determine whether you qualify for funding. Call the Center to find out what books it publishes and what libraries in your area carry these publications.

Hospitals

Many hospitals have a designated fund to assist their patients who have special needs. Even if your hospital does not provide financial assistance, they may be able to refer you to a local agency or community group that can help you.

Contact: Hospitals in your community. Ask to speak with the Social Work, Community Relations or Administrative Offices.

Insurance

Be sure to check with your medical insurance (including Medicaid and Medicare) agent to see what they cover. Every policy is different. Ask a lot of questions.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Equipment and accommodations that are installed for medical purposes are tax deductible. Clients must have a written statement from their doctor and copies of all receipts. For home improvements, expenses incurred will only be deducted to the extent that they exceed any increase in property value. The entire cost of detachable equipment plus the operating and maintenance costs can be deducted. Contact: Internal Revenue Service 800- 829-1040

Loans

Contact your local bank about home improvement loans.

MI CHOICE WAIVER

www.mi-seniors.net

The MI Choice Waiver program can provide funding for ramps and home modifications. To be eligible, you must be 18 years or older, you must meet the eligibility criteria

for nursing home level of care, and you must be Medicaid eligible. Your local Area Agency on Aging (check the “Business” section of your White Pages) administers the program and can provide additional details on funding availability. A call to the state office, Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan at **517- 886-1029** can also provide you with the name and number of your local AAA.

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth

Rehabilitation Services

www.michigan.gov/mdcd

800-292-5896

Michigan Rehabilitation Services provides financial assistance for ramps, specialized equipment and home modifications if they are required for employment. Decisions regarding funding are made on an individual basis. Contact: MI Protection and Advocacy Service

MICHIGAN ELKS

Major Project

The Michigan Elks’ Handicapped Children’s Program provides funding for ramps and specialized equipment. Recipients must be under the age of 18 and must meet certain income guidelines.

Contact: Michigan Elks Association, Major Project Commission
239 N. Main St.
P.O. Box 620
Lawton, MI 49065-0620
269-624-6618

MSHDA – Michigan Supportive Housing Development Authority

www.michigan.gov/mshda

Program: The Home Mortgage & Property Improvement program

P.O. Box 30044

Lansing, MI 48909

800-327-9158

517-373-8017

MSDA offers 1-10% interest rate loans of up to \$235,000 that can be used to make improvements on homes over 20 years old. In newer homes some conditions apply. For example, loans can be given for newer homes where an accessibility repair is needed. Income limits apply, so call for eligibility limits. Income also determines the interest rate. MSHDA also has programs to help renters.

Trust Funds

Trust funds are often set up through various financial institutions (e.g. banks, trust companies, savings and loan institutions) to benefit people in need. Because many of these funds are not advertised,

you will have to call local institutions, ask if they have any trust funds, and find out what the eligibility requirements and application procedures are.

U.S. DEPT. of HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
www.hud.gov

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA), which is a part of HUD, administers two programs that can help people with disabilities to finance home modifications. First, under the Title I program, approved lenders make loans from their own funds to finance property improvements, and FHA insures the lender against loss if the borrower defaults. Credit is granted based upon the applicant's credit history and ability to repay the loan in regular monthly installments. Title I property improvement loans are not government loans or grants, and they are not low interest loans. They are simply home improvement loans that are insured by FHA. A property owner can apply for a Title I loan at a FHA-approved lender.

Second, the Section 203 (k) program insures approved lenders who provide mortgage loans to

finance both the acquisition and rehabilitation of property. As with Title I loans the definition of "rehabilitation" includes modifications made to improve the accessibility of the home. At least \$5,000 of the mortgage must be spent on home modifications.

Contact a local FHA-approved lender. For a list of lenders approved by the Title I program, call the FHA consumer assistance line at **800-733-4663**. For a list of Section 203 (k) lenders, contact the local HUD field office in your area.

Grand Rapids Office
(UP & Western MI)
616-456-2100

Detroit Office
(Southeastern MI)
313-226-7900

Flint Office
(Northeastern MI)
810-766-5112

United Way
<http://www.uwmich.org/>
Michigan's United Way office can refer you to local agencies and organizations that can help you with financial assistance for ramps, specialized equipment, and home accommodations. In addition, several United

Ways have their own ramp building projects (often called Project Ramp) for low-income individuals, including the following: United Way Community Services (Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties), United Way of Jackson County, Lenawee United Way & Volunteer Center, United Way of Muskegon County, United Way of Saginaw County, and United Way of Monroe County, Inc.)

Contact your local United Way. Find their telephone number in the business section of your white pages under "United Way," or the yellow pages under "social services."

Veterans Administration
www.va.gov

The Veterans Administration offers three different types of grants for veterans with disabilities to make home accommodations. The *Specially Adapted Housing* program is authorized to grant up to \$50,000 for building, buying or remodeling a home that is specially adapted to the needs of a disabled veteran. To be eligible, the disability must be service-connected. Veterans can only receive this award once.

The *Specially Adapted Housing* program will grant up to \$10,000 for home modifications. To be eligible, the veteran must have lost the use of both hands or be blind. The disability must also be service-connected.

The *Home Improvement and Structural Alteration* program grants money towards the cost of making home accommodations. The maximum award is \$4,100 for people with service-connected disabilities, and \$1,200 for non-service-connected disabilities. Again, veterans can only receive this award once.

Contact:

Veterans Administration
800-827-1000

NOTE: When you call this number, there will be a long message and a menu of options. To speak with someone about these programs, simply remain on the line after the message is over, and someone will pick up the phone.

Rental Programs

If you're trying to live on a fixed income, and are in need of renting an

affordable apartment, the best place to start is with your city or county Housing Commission. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (known as HUD) provides federal money to the Michigan Supportive Housing Development Authority (MSHDA, pronounced Mich-DA), which in turn, funds these commissions. The commissions use MSHDA funds for low-income housing developments and for a subsidized housing program known as the "Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)" sometimes referred to by the name "Section 8." Section 8 is a federal program. Although waiting lists for these programs are often extensive, getting subsidized housing can help a person with a disability on a low income find an affordable place to live. Some property managers have obtained HUD funding on their own. These developments offer what is called a "site-based subsidy." These properties are more difficult to locate, but they offer affordable rents (usually 30% of your income), so they're worth hunting for! A call to your

local CIL should help you locate these developments.
www.michigan.gov/mshda

Rental Resources

NATIONAL ACCESSIBLE APARTMENT CLEARINGHOUSE

www.aptsforrent.com

Maintains the only national database of accessible apartments with a registration of more than 25,000 units.

888-539-1150

Email:

customerservice@forrent.com

Section 8 in Michigan APARTMENTS, SECTION 8

<http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/index.cfm>

For a list of sites accepting Section 8 and Low Income housing for persons with disabilities.

313-877-8670

Home Ownership Programs

Just because you may have a low or fixed income does not necessarily preclude you from owning your own home. There are a variety of programs that could help you qualify for home ownership. Start first with

MSHDA – Michigan State Housing Development Authority
www.michigan.gov/mshda
517-373-6840

MSHDA offers a variety of programs of interest.

Program: DPA Down Payment Assistance

The DPA program involves up to a \$12,000 zero interest down payment assistance loan. Buyers must take a home buyers course and make a minimum cash investment of \$500. There are income limits, which vary according to the county you reside in, what your income is, and how many family members you have. Even if you are on Social Security, you still might qualify. However, you must have decent credit. Contact MSHDA at:

616-363-2140.



Program: Single Family (Residence) Mortgage Program. The Single Family Residence Program is a program that offers a mortgage loan with a term at 30 years with below-market fixed rates. MSDA can provide you with a list of participating Lenders. Your family's income cannot exceed \$60,700 to \$69,800 per year; you must have acceptable credit, and the home must be your principal residence. In some cases purchase must be for a first time buyer (varies by area). They cannot refinance a home. There is no adjustment to income for family size. For more information contact MSHDA at 517-373-6840

Fannie Mae
Program: Home Choice
Home Choice is a mortgage program with fixed-rates loans with 15 and 30 year terms. Also

lower down payments, nontraditional credit history, support from homeownership coalition (lenders, counseling, education). This program is designed for low to moderate income (HUD) persons with a disability or for persons who have a family member with a disability. Contact your local CIL or MSHDA at 517-373-6840 to find out if your community offers Home Choices.

Michigan Legal Aid www.michiganlegalaid.org

Offers a web site that has links to interesting educational materials - for instance, the housing area includes documents on tenants' rights. A guide to free civil legal services for low-income persons and seniors in Michigan is also available.



You can also look into whether or not your city is administering City Development Block Grants. If they are, they might provide

- foreclosure prevention dollars

- help with back taxes
- making your home accessible.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL

www.habitat.org
800-422-4828

Email:
publicinfo@habitat.org

What is Habitat for Humanity International?

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Habitat has built more than 125,000 houses around the world, providing more than 625,000 people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

How does it work?

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable,

no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. *Based on your ability, you will be asked to contribute "sweat equity" when building the house!*

Where does Habitat for Humanity operate?

Habitat is a worldwide, grass-roots movement. There are active affiliates in all 50 states. Use our website to find an office near you
<http://www.habitat.org/local>

Below is a list of Habitat sites:

Ann Arbor Huron Valley, HFH

170 Aprill Dr Ste A
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-677-1558
734- 677-1572 (Fax)
Email: execdir@h4h.org

Bay County HFH

1106 S Madison
Bay City, MI 48708-0405
989- 895-0980
989- 895-0981 (Fax)
Email:info@habitatbaycounty.org

Detroit, HFH

14325 Jane Street
Detroit, MI 48205-4059
313-521-6691
313-371-3400 (Fax)

Email:
execdir@habitatdetroit.org

Grand Traverse Region, HFH

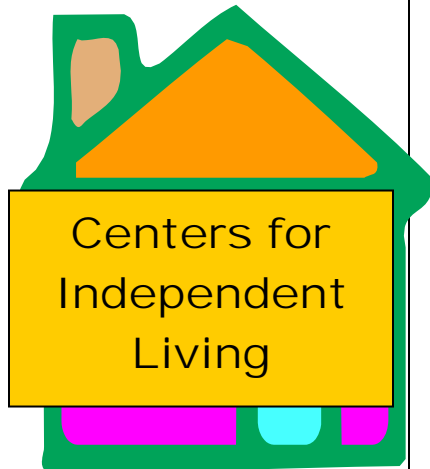
PO Box 5412
Traverse City, MI 49696-5412
231-941-4663
231-941-2403 Fax:
Email:habitatgtr@charterinternet.com

Harbor HFH

785 E Main St
Benton Harbor, MI 49022-3323
269-925-9635
269-926-4051
Email:
mikegreen@harborhabitat.org

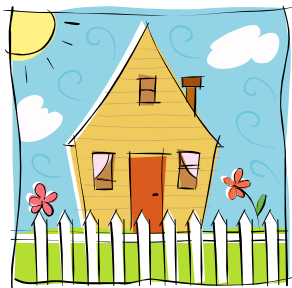
Marquette County HFH

PO Box 213
Marquette, MI 49855-0213
906-228-3578
906- 228-2314
Email:
info@mqthabitat.org



Centers for Independent Living (CIL) offer a wide variety of services for people with disabilities including information and referral, independent living skills training, peer counseling and advocacy. Many CILs have trained staff to perform home evaluations and assist with modifications. The CILs may also be able to assist you in finding home evaluators, barrier-free contractors and financial assistance.

See the “Centers for Independent Living” tab in this Guide for Michigan CIL contact information



Michigan Fair Housing Centers

MICHIGAN FAIR HOUSING CENTERS

www.fhcsoutheast.org

Can help with getting landlords to make accommodations or with instances of unfair rental practices. Fair housing centers were set up as a result of the Fair Housing Act, also known as Title VIII of the US Civil Rights Act of 1968. Contact the Fair Housing Center closest to you listed below if you feel you have been discriminated against.

Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit

1249 Washington Blvd
Room 1312
Detroit, MI 48226
313- 963-1274

Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan

P.O. Box 7825
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
734-994-3426

Fair Housing Center of West Michigan

20 Hall Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 451-2980

Fair Housing Alliance of Southwest Michigan

410 E. Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 276-9100



MSU Extension Offices

Michigan State University Extension Offices

www.msue.msu.edu

Michigan State University, is mandated by the State of Michigan to provide information assistance to residents on a variety of topics and concerns. MSU maintains Extension Offices throughout the state. Call these offices for information on assistance with modifications to your home. Some offices may be able to offer financial assistance for your project.

Look for “MSU Extension” in your local phone book under “County Government” in the “Government” section.

Important
Web Links

**Guide to Buying a Home
of Your Own for People
with Disabilities**

[http://www.new-
horizons.org/gdebah.html](http://www.new-horizons.org/gdebah.html)

**Homeless Program
Funding**

[www.michigan.gov/mshda
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