

# A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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This booklet is intended to be a guide to help anyone who is homeless obtain and maintain a place of their own.

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This booklet is under constant revision, therefore any corrections and comments can be submitted to Thomas King at the Mental Health Association, 1101 Peach Street, Erie, Pa.

I hope it can prove beneficial to all.

Thank you  
Thomas King

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# **INTRODUCTION**

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Applicants will be asked to supply some or all the information listed for persons who will be living in the residence. To receive some services, applicants will need to be considered homeless.

1. Birth Certificate or Residence Status
2. Photo ID
3. Social Security Card
4. Income Verification
5. Past Jobs (If Any)
6. Past Landlord References (If Any)

Expect to be placed on a List. Expect for a Credit and/or Background Checks. Remember that some applicants might have preference depending on:

1. Age (Several Categories or Levels)
2. Disability

Important things to determine before renting:

1. Rent (+ Utilities) or (with Utilities Included)
2. Furnished or Unfurnished
3. Appliances and/or Laundry Hook-ups
4. First Months Rent and/or Deposit

Also check your local telephone **YELLOW PAGES** for apartment listings.

1. SEE **APARTMENTS**
2. SEE **SMART TIPS** in the **TALKING YELLOW PAGES**

-By calling (814) 454-3099  
- Dial the code for the tip you select

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK:**

Telephone Number for the Mental Health Association in Erie (814) 452-4462.

# THE IDEAL HOUSING WORKSHEET

Thinking ahead can help you to make the best decision.

## **A. Things I need to Avoid**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ People
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Places
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Things
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Think about past + /

## **B. Priorities—List/Rate them**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ High

## **I. Air Conditioning**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes
2. \_\_\_\_\_ No

## **J. Laundry Hook-ups**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes
2. \_\_\_\_\_ No

## **K. Furnished**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completely

4. \_\_\_\_\_ None Included

# HOUSING CONTACT LOG

Keeping track of Who and When you have called can save time

LANDLORD'S NAME	PHONE #	DATE APPLIED	PERSON SPOKE WITH	# ON LIST	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

