



The Gathering Place

a refuge for rebuilding lives

*Welcome to The Gathering Place!
We provide services to women, children, and transgender individuals
who are experiencing poverty or homelessness.*

OUR MISSION

We are a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources transform lives.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We serve women, their children, and transgender individuals who are experiencing poverty or homelessness.
- We believe in hope as an important change agent and hold that hope for everyone.
- We believe deeply in the power of community and continue working to develop it.
- Our key values include recognizing individual strengths, building respect and trust, and offering acceptance unconditionally.

The Gathering Place

1535 High Street
Denver, CO 80218

phone: 303-996-9021

(available 9:30am – 11am and 1:30pm – 5pm)

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www.tgpdenver.org

Hours of Operation

Monday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Tuesday 8:30am – 1:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

(We are closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day; as well as July 14 and October 13, 2015, for staff training)



SERVICES

*All programs and services are always free. Ask staff for specifics on various services/programs.
A calendar of scheduled activities is available at the Resource Desk and Family Services Area.*

We speak Spanish! ¡Hablamos español!

Basic Needs

- Three Meals Daily
 - Breakfast 8:30am – 9:45am
 - Lunch 11:30am – 12:30pm
 - Snack 3:30pm – 4:00pm
 - Sack lunches are available before 11:30am
- Showers
- Laundry
- Hygiene products

- Nap room
- Phones
- Phone messages
- Mail
- Lockers
- Notary
- Bridget's Boutique (clothing closet)—one appointment per month; up to 10 items
- Betsy's Cupboard (food bank)—up to two appointments per month; 25 pounds of food per month
- Referrals and supportive services

Job and Education Support

- Computer Lab
- Resume and application assistance
- Job Readiness Program
- GED Program classes
- English conversation classes
- Haircuts
- Dress for Success clothing referrals

Health and Well-being

- Counseling
- AA Meetings
- Talking Circle
(Multi-tribe Native American discussion/support group)
- SAGE (Support group for seniors age 50 and older)
- Mobile medical clinic and basic health screenings
- Resources and information

Financial and Legal Support

- Lawyers
- Representative from Denver Department of Human Services
- Housing Assistance from a Peer Navigator
- Housing Stabilization Program (by referral)
- Advocacy Group
 - Members and staff working together to advocate for issues that are important to our community
- Resources and Information

Family Services

- Indoor and outdoor play area with toys, computers, and library
- Referrals and supportive services
- Baby items are distributed all day, based on availability
- **The Gathering Place is not a licensed day-care facility. Parents/legal guardians must remain on the premises at all times.**
- **Children may only be accompanied by parents or legal guardians with custody papers.**



Programs

Art and Community

- The Card Project
 - Members create greeting cards and receive 75% of the profit from sold cards
- Art workshops
- Knitting and crocheting groups
- Writers' group
- Book Club
- Gardening
- Holiday celebrations
- Bingo!
- TGP helpers: Members who participate in our daily chores receive rewards

Community Agreement

- The Gathering Place is dedicated to diversity. We provide services to women, children, and transgender individuals. Our community is made up of all ethnic, religious, racial, gender identification, gender variance, and sexual orientation backgrounds. We ask that everyone shows kindness and respect to those they encounter at The Gathering Place.
- In order to keep children safe while in the building, we ask that minors ages 17 and under be signed in on the third floor. Once signed in, all minors must stay in the Family Area during their visit.
- If you were escorted to The Gathering Place by a male, we ask that he waits off our property while you are receiving services.
- Legally recognized, well behaved service animals are welcome at The Gathering Place. These service animals must be with their owners at all times. Further information regarding service animals is available at the Welcome Desk.
- In our community, we respect the privacy of other members, staff, and volunteers by not sharing information about them with other people.
- To ensure a welcoming environment and atmosphere of dignity and respect, we ask that everyone:
 - Keeps their personal belongings with them at all times
 - Consumes food and drinks ONLY in the Dining Room (this includes outside food and drinks)
 - Practices patience
 - Uses respectful language and refrains from swearing
 - Wears appropriate clothing at all times (the stomach, rear, and breasts should be covered)
- To ensure that The Gathering Place is a safe place:
 - Everyone participates in tornado and fire drills when they occur
 - No abuse of any kind will be tolerated
 - No weapons of any kind are allowed on the property (someone suspected or found to have a weapon will be asked to leave)

- Drug and alcohol use while at The Gathering Place is not allowed (someone suspected of being under the influence will be asked to leave)
 - Engaging in illegal activity of any kind will be followed with an immediate and appropriate action, including possible dismissal
- The Gathering Place is private property. If someone is putting our community at risk, they will be asked to leave.
- We also want to ensure that The Gathering Place remains a safe place before and after hours. To do this, we ask that there be no loitering when we are closed. This is enforceable by law.