

The Town of Cheswold is committed to helping connect residents with local programs, organizations, and services that may be able to assist with everyday needs or unexpected challenges.

The resources below include information about food assistance, social services, housing, utilities, home repairs, health care, financial assistance, senior services, and family support.

Need Help Finding Assistance?

Start with Delaware 211

Call: 2-1-1

Text: Your ZIP code to 898-211

Delaware 211 connects residents with local programs and organizations that may be able to help with food, housing, utilities, health care, transportation, clothing, financial assistance, mental health services, and other needs.

Website: <https://delaware211.org/>

Food Assistance:

Food Bank of Delaware

The Food Bank of Delaware can help residents locate food pantries, mobile food distributions, and other food assistance programs throughout Kent County.

Website: <https://www.fbd.org/get-help/>

Mom's Meals

Mom's Meals provides nutritious, home-delivered meals to eligible individuals who may have difficulty shopping for or preparing meals. Eligibility and meal options vary by program and insurance coverage.

Website: <https://www.momsmeals.com/our-food-programs/how-to-qualify/delaware/>

Catholic Charities – Kent County

Catholic Charities provides food assistance and other basic-needs services to individuals and families in Kent County.

Dover Office:

2099 S. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Phone: 302-674-1600

Website: <https://ccwilm.org/program/food-assistance/>

Kent County Community Action

Kent County Community Action provides food assistance and other community support services to Kent County residents.

Dover Office:

120 S. Governors Avenue
Dover, DE 19904

Phone: 302-678-1949

Website: <https://www.firststatecaa.org/>

Salvation Army – Dover

The Salvation Army may provide food assistance and limited emergency assistance, depending on available programs and funding.

Address:

611 Forest Street
Dover, DE 19904

Phone: 302-678-9551

Website: <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>

Social Services & Benefits**Delaware Division of Social Services (DSS)**

The Delaware Division of Social Services helps eligible residents access programs such as SNAP food benefits, Medicaid, cash assistance, child care assistance, and other support services.

Phone: 302-255-9040

Website: [Delaware Division of Social Services](#)

Delaware ASSIST

ASSIST is Delaware's online application portal for health and social service programs. Residents can apply for and manage benefits, including SNAP, Medicaid, LIHEAP, child care assistance, and cash assistance.

Website: [Delaware ASSIST – Apply for Benefits](#)

Delaware State Service Centers

State Service Centers provide access to a variety of Delaware health and social service programs. Kent County locations include service centers in Dover and Smyrna.

Website: [Delaware State Service Centers](#)

Housing & Homelessness

Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA)

DSHA provides information about affordable housing, rental assistance, homeownership programs, housing counseling, and other housing resources.

Website: <https://www.destatehousing.com/>

Code Purple – Kent County

Code Purple provides emergency resources and support for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Address:

1207 E. Division Street
Dover, DE 19901

Phone: 1-800-733-6816

Website: <https://codepurpledelaware.org/>

Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing

Provides shelter, housing assistance, case management, and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Central Delaware.

Address:

684 Forest Street
Dover, DE 19904

Phone: 302-736-3600

Website: <https://www.doverinterfaith.org/>

Kent County Community Development

Kent County administers housing rehabilitation and other community development programs that may assist eligible homeowners with needed home repairs.

Address:

555 S. Bay Road, Suite 117
Dover, DE 19901

Phone: 302-744-2480

Website: <https://www.kentcountyde.gov/My-Government/Departments/Planning/Community-Development>

Utilities & Home Energy Assistance

Delaware Energy Assistance Program (DEAP/LIHEAP)

Eligible Delaware households may receive assistance with heating and cooling costs, past-due energy bills, utility shut-off situations, and other energy-related emergencies.

Kent County Energy Assistance: 302-674-1782

General DSS Information: 302-255-9040

Apply Online: <https://assist.dhss.delaware.gov/>

More Information: <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dss/division-of-social-services/utility-assistance/>

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps eligible households improve the energy efficiency, safety, and comfort of their homes. Services may include improvements designed to reduce energy use and help lower household energy costs.

Eligibility and available services vary.

Learn More & Apply: <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/energy-office/programs/wap/>

Basic Needs & Emergency Assistance

Catholic Charities – Basic Needs Program

Catholic Charities provides assistance with basic needs, which may include **food, utilities, rent assistance, case management, and financial coaching** for eligible individuals and families.

Dover Office:

2099 S. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Phone: 302-674-1600

Website: <https://ccwilm.org/program/basic-needs-program/>

First State Community Action Agency

Provides community assistance and support services, including housing counseling, crisis assistance, employment and training programs, and other services for eligible residents.

Address:

655 S. Bay Road
Dover, DE 19901

Phone: 302-856-7761

Website: <https://www.firststatecaa.org/>

Senior & Disability Resources

Delaware Aging and Disability Resource Center

Provides information and assistance for older adults, adults with disabilities, caregivers, and families. Services may include information about food, housing, transportation, health care, caregiving, and other support programs.

Phone: 1-800-223-9074

Website: <https://delawareadrc.com/>

Delaware Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS)

Provides services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Dover Office:

1054 S. Governors Avenue, Suite 101
Dover, DE 19904

Phone: 302-744-9600

Website: <https://dhss.delaware.gov/ddds/>

Disclaimer

The Town of Cheswold provides these links as a convenience to help residents locate community resources. The Town does not endorse or guarantee the services, eligibility requirements, availability, or accuracy of information provided by outside organizations.

Residents should contact each organization directly to confirm current programs, eligibility requirements, hours of operation, and availability of assistance. Information and program availability may change without notice.