



Our Path Home

SUMMER COOLING RESOURCE GUIDE

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2026

Our Path Home works with local partners in Boise and Ada County to provide safe, cool places for people experiencing homelessness during the hot summer months. These locations are available to help keep you cool and comfortable when temperatures rise, ensuring you have a safe place to go during the heat of the summer.

HOUSING CRISIS HOTLINE

208-336-HOME (4663)

Info@OurPathHome.org

If you are experiencing a housing crisis, call us for resources, information and support

OURPATHHOME.ORG

CRISIS SUPPORT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Reach out if you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis.
IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

- **BOISE NON-EMERGENCY POLICE**
208-377-6790 (Available 24/7)
- **CLARVIDA COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER**
833-525-4747 (Available 24/7)
- **EAGLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
NON-EMERGENCY**
(208) 377-6790
- **GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
NON-EMERGENCY**
(208) 472-2950
- **KUNA POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY**
(208) 577-3860
- **MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
NON-EMERGENCY**
(208) 377-6790
- **SUICIDE + CRISIS LIFELINE**
988 or 1-800-273-8255 (Available 24/7)
- **WCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS HOTLINE**
208-343-7025 (Available 24/7)
- **WCA SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE**
208-345-7273 (Available 24/7)

COOLING LOCATIONS

SERVICES + RESOURCES

ALL FACILITIES PROVIDE RESOURCE NAVIGATION, BATHROOMS, BEVERAGES, AND INDOOR SEATING.



CLOTHES



FOOD/
MEALS



SHOWERS



OVERNIGHT
STAY



WIFI/
COMPUTER



FIRST AID



COVERED
OUTDOOR
SHELTER



CRISIS
SUPPORT



LAUNDRY



PHONE

BOISE CITY HALL

150 N CAPITOL BLVD | 208-608-7000



Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

715 S CAPITOL BLVD | 208-972-8200



*tele-health appointment pod available

**First floor closed for construction*

Hours: Mon-Thur, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.,
Sat-Sun, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

ADDITIONAL BRANCH ADDRESSES

- Library! at Bown Crossing, 2153 E Riverwalk Dr
- Library! at Hillcrest, 5246 W Overland Rd
- Library! at Collister, 4742 W State St
- Library! at Cole and Ustick, 7557 W Ustick Rd (Now open Sunday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.)

Hours: Mon + Fri, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tues-Thurs, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.,
Sat, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ROCKIES

717 N 11TH ST | 208-343-7511



Hours: Mon-Fri, 9–11 a.m.

Breakfast, sack lunches, toiletries, clothes closet, YMCA shower passes.

CITY LIGHT HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

1404 W JEFFERSON ST | 208-368-9901



Overnight shelter for women and children only. Daytime access upon staff approval. Food boxes and diapers/wipes, daily upon request. Clothing and hygiene available intermittently.

CORPUS COMMONS

525 S AMERICANA BLVD | 208-426-0039



Hours: Mon-Sat, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Warming space with bathrooms only. Weekly services are not available on Sundays.

Bus passes and mail services available Monday through Saturday. Ages 17 and over.

DICK EARDLEY SENIOR CENTER

690 ROBBINS RD | 208-608-7580



Hours: M-F 9am - 5pm. Closed Sat and Sun

Serves ages 50+. Lunch served daily: 60yrs and older eat free, under 60yrs can eat for \$8.

FORT BOISE COMMUNITY CENTER

700 ROBBINS RD | 208-608-7680

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Sun, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Drop in facility use and showers available for \$5 (18-61) or \$4 (62+), no towels or soap provided.

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

6015 GLENWOOD STREET | 208-472-2942



Hours: Mon + Fri, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Tues-Thurs, 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

HAYS HOUSE

7221 POPLAR ST | 208-322-2308



24/7 Emergency Youth Shelter (Ages 9-17)

INTERFAITH SANCTUARY

4306 W STATE ST | 208-345-5815



Hours: Daily, 5 p.m.–8:30 a.m.

This is shelter home for single men, women, and families with children. If you are seeking shelter, please apply to join the waitlist. Intakes are by appointment only. Use QR code to sign up.



PUBLIC INDOOR SPACES

COFFEE SHOPS

TRANSIT STATION

BOISE TOWNE SQUARE MALL

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

TREASURE VALLEY YMCA

1050 W STATE ST | 208-344-5501



Free full access seasonal gym membership and Treasure Valley locations. Must complete OPH-YMCA application, available at CATCH, Corpus Commons, or Interfaith Sanctuary or mention Our Path Home at listed YMCA locations.

Seasonal membership includes showers, use of facility towels, and Kid Zone access for kids who are 6 weeks to 6 years old.

Hours: Mon-Fri, 5 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat-Sun, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

ADDITIONAL BRANCH ADDRESSES

- West Boise YMCA, 5959 N Discovery Way
- South Meridian YMCA, 5155 Hillside Ave

RIVER OF LIFE - BOISE RESCUE MISSION

575 S 13TH ST | 208-389-9840

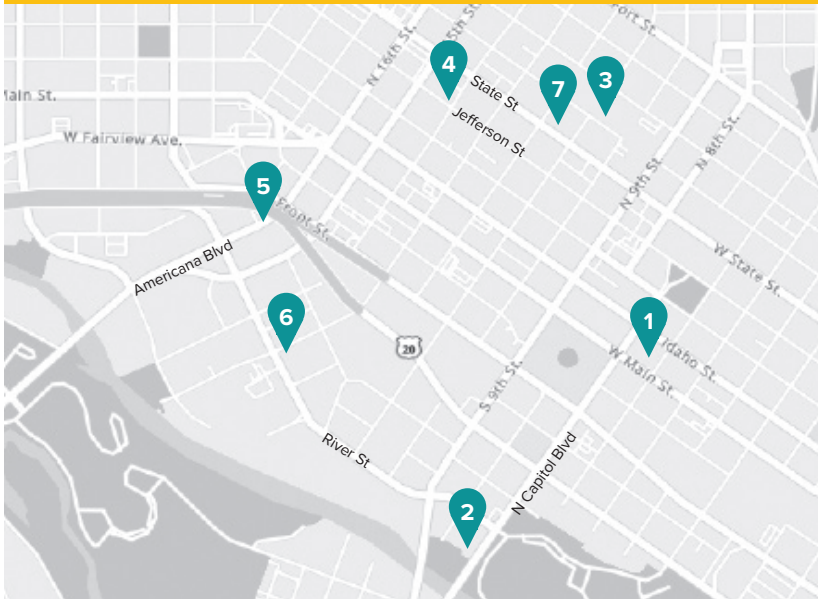


Men only for overnight shelter. Men, women and children are welcome throughout the day when temperatures reach 90 degrees. Cool water and sunscreen available.

Breakfast at 6:30 a.m., lunch at 12 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m.

Hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (Overnight check in at 4 p.m.)

DOWNTOWN COOLING LOCATIONS



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- 1. BOISE CITY HALL***
150 N CAPITOL BLVD
- 2. BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY - DOWNTOWN***
715 S CAPITOL BLVD
- 3. CATHEDRAL OF THE ROCKIES**
717 N 11TH ST
- 4. CITY LIGHTS****
1404 W JEFFERSON ST
- 5. CORPUS COMMONS***
525 S AMERICANA BLVD
- 6. RIVER OF LIFE*/****
575 S 13TH ST
- 7. TREASURE VALLEY YMCA - DOWNTOWN***
1050 W STATE ST

* Daytime Location

** Overnight Location

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

RESOURCE SUPPORT

ADA COUNTY CONNECT

503 S AMERICANA BLVD | 208-336-4663

*Walk-in hours are currently not available.

Connect with the Outreach team by calling the Housing Crisis Hotline or through FindHelp Idaho by scanning the QR code below.



FINDHELPIDAHO.ORG
OUR PATH HOME OUTREACH

BOISE LOW INCOME SUPPORT

Contact: info@boiselist.org for available items and support.



LOWINCOMESUPPORT.ORG

COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

715 S CAPITOL BLVD | 208-954-6777

See library staff for referral form to community resource coordinator.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

Second and Fourth Friday 10–11:30 a.m.

LIBRARY! AT COLE AND USTICK

Second and Fourth Thursday 10–11:30 a.m.

JESSE TREE RESOURCE SUPPORT CENTER

1121 MILLER STREET | 208-383-9486

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Email: Office@jessetreeidaho.org



[JESSETREEIDAHO.ORG/TRC](https://www.jessetreeidaho.org/trc)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE

Help with utilities, rental assistance, household goods, transportation, and clothing.



[WWW.SVDPID.ORG/HELPLINE](https://www.svdpid.org/helpline)

BOISE MUTUAL AID

RHODES SKATE PARK | 1555 W FRONT ST

HOURS: Mon and Wed 5–7 p.m.

FIND HELP IDAHO

Online location-based resource guide with the ability to print, connect, and send/receive updates with a variety of community partners and resources.



[FINDHELPIDAHO.ORG](https://www.findhelpidaho.org)

SHELTERED OUTDOOR SPACES

All parks open from sunrise to sunset.

ANN MORRISON PARK*

1000 AMERICANA BLVD

ESTHER SIMPLOT PARK*

3206 W PLEASANTON AVE

JULIA DAVIS PARK*

700 S CAPITAL BLVD

RHODES SKATE PARK*

1555 W FRONT ST

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK*

930 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY



FREE PUBLIC WIFI AVAILABLE:

- Ann Morrison Park, 1000 S Americana Blvd
- Cecil Andrus Park, 601 W Jefferson St
- Cherie Buckner Webb Park, 1100 W Bannock Blvd
- The Grove Plaza, 827 W Main St
- Julia Davis Park, 700 S Capitol Blvd
- Kaixo Corner, 521 W Grove St

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS

GROVE PLAZA FOUNTAIN

FRANKLIN PARK

ANN MORRISON FOUNTAIN

FAIRVIEW PARK

ESTHER SIMPLOT PARK

FOOD PANTRIES

BOISE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

6200 N GARRETT, GARDEN CITY 83714

HOURS: Mon-Tue & Thurs 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

EL-ADA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

GARDEN CITY, 701 E 44TH ST | 208-377-0700

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

SAINT MARY'S FOOD BANK

3890 W STATE ST | 208-345-2734

Hours: Mon + Fri, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Wed, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY

9492 W EMERALD ST | 208-343-5429

Hours: Tues-Thurs, 12–4 p.m., Friday, 12–1 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

3209 W OVERLAND RD | 208-333-1460

Hours: Tues & Fri, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

TRUE HOPE FOOD PANTRY

607 N 13TH ST | 208-344-7809

Hours: Sat, 8–11 a.m.



SCAN FOR MORE

IDAHOFOODBANK.ORG/GET-HELP/GETFOOD

SUMMER MEALS

FREE SUMMER MEALS IN BOISE

Boise School District will again offer free breakfast and lunch this summer for any child 18 and under, regardless of enrollment. Meals are available June 1–August 7 at select schools and parks across Boise, helping ensure kids have reliable access to food while school is out.

Where & when:

- Parks (Cassia, Ivywild, Phillipi, Winstead, Sunset): June 1–Aug 7, lunch 12:00–12:30 p.m.
- South Junior High: June 2–July 24, breakfast 8:15–8:45 a.m.; lunch 12:15–12:45 p.m.
- Grace Jordan, Morley Nelson, Whitney, Whittier Elementaries: June 3–July 2, breakfast 8:30–9:30 a.m.; lunch ~12:00–12:45 p.m. (varies slightly by site)
- Hawthorne Elementary: June 2–July 21, breakfast 8:00–9:00 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Note: Most sites are closed June 19 and July 3. Hawthorne is open June 19 but closed July 3.

FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY SERVICES

BOISE FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2201 WOODLAWN AVE, BOISE, ID 83702 | 208-344-5731

THE SHARING SHELF

HOURS: Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Give what you can, take what you need. Stocked with non-perishable food, hygiene items, and other essentials, the Sharing Shelf is a simple way neighbors care for neighbors—no questions asked, no judgment. Donations and participation are always welcome as we work together to ensure everyone has what they need.

HILLVIEW METHODIST CHURCH

8525 W USTICK RD, BOISE, ID 83704 | 208-375-0392

Community meal open to anyone the last Wednesday (last, not 4th) of every month at 6 p.m.

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3315 W OVERLAND RD, BOISE, ID 83705 | 208-343-2892

JOSEPH'S CLOSET

HOURS: Oct-Jan, Tues 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Sat 10:30a.m.-12p.m., 3rd Fridays of the month 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Provides free winter coats as well as hats, scarves, gloves, blankets and boots as available.

Free lunch Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Free community dinner every third Friday from 5-6 p.m.

Open building as a space for warming when the temperature is below 30 degrees.

YOUTH RESOURCES

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Boise Public Library offers an array of free activities to youth and young adults throughout the winter. Activities are available at all branches and can be found in the Library Winter Program Guide.

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

715 S CAPITOL BLVD | (208) 972-8200

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.,
Sat + Sun, 10am-2p

LIBRARY! AT BOWN CROSSING

2153 E RIVERWALK DR | (208) 972-8360

LIBRARY! AT HILLCREST

5246 W. OVERLAND RD | 208-972-8340

LIBRARY! AT COLLISTER

4742 W. STATE ST | 208-972-8320

LIBRARY! AT COLE AND USTICK

7557 W. USTICK RD | 208-972-8300

Hours: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tues-Thurs, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.,
Sat, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.



BOISE LIBRARY LOCATION & EVENTS
BOISEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG

JUMP

Jack's Urban Meeting Place (JUMP) hosts a many free and low-cost youth activities throughout the winter. More information can be found on the JUMP website. JUMPBoise.org

1000 W MYRTLE ST | 208-639-6610

Hours: Tues-Fri, 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sat, 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

TREASURE VALLEY YMCA

Through the seasonal OPH partnership with the YMCA, households are offered free full access memberships to any Treasure Valley YMCA. Through this program the Kid Zone offers 2 hours of childcare for youth under 6 years of age. Parents or guardians must be onsite. In addition, “YAC” is available for youth ages 6-14. Applications for the seasonal YMCA- OPH program can be found at service locations.

Hours: Mon-Fri, 5 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.,
Sun, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

DOWNTOWN

1050 W STATE ST

WEST BOISE

5959 N DISCOVERY WAY

SOUTH MERIDIAN

5155 HILLSDALE AVE

CLARVIDA YOUTH SUPPORT CENTER

9196 W. EMERALD ST, STE 100 | 833-525-4747

Operates 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days

Serves individuals ages 5 to 17 experiencing a behavioral health crisis including substance abuse challenges. Clarvida Youth Support Center provides a safe, non-judgmental environment, linkage to community resources, and referrals for ongoing care at no cost to those we serve. The center welcomes all youth regardless of background. Individuals may stay at the center up to 23 hrs and 59 minutes in one episode of care.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER

1088 N ORCHARD ST

The Community Center is a center for all members of the community, offering support groups, resources and activities.

Hours: Mon, 3–7 p.m., Thurs, 5–8 p.m., Sat, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Email: info@tccidaho.org

HAYS HOUSE

7221 POPLAR ST | 208-322-2308

Hays House is the Treasure Valley's only 24-hour shelter for unaccompanied youth (9-17 years old). Hays House is here for kids who are runaways, homeless, or victims of abuse or neglect, with a safe place to stay, no matter what, no matter when. Hays House programming includes life skills classes, strength-based family and individual counseling, educational support, community-based recreation, access to an accredited academic program for grades 9-12 that include GED instruction and testing.

YOUTH RIDE FREE THIS SUMMER

VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT

Valley Regional Transit, in partnership with the City of Boise, is offering unlimited free rides all summer (May 1–August 31) for youth 18 and under traveling throughout the Treasure Valley. The program is valid on all VRT services in Boise, Garden City, Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell. Riders can sign up online below or in person at any VRT Customer Service desk.



[VALLEYREGIONALTRANSIT.ORG/
FARES-PASSES/YOUTH-RIDE-FREE](https://valleyregionaltransit.org/fares-passes/youth-ride-free)

HEALTH SERVICES

TERRY REILLY HEALTH SERVICES

300 S 23RD ST | 208-318-1326

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. (closed 1–2 p.m.)

PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATION MANAGEMENT WALK-IN:

Hours: Wed, 2–4 p.m., Fri, 1–5 p.m.

848 LA CASSIA DR | 208-344-0086

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Closed 12–1 p.m.)

FULL CIRCLE IDAHO

848 LA CASSIA DR | 208-344-0086

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (Closed 12–1 p.m.)

777 N RAYMOND ST. | 208-514-2500

Hours: Mon, Tues and Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

Wed and Thurs: 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

GENESIS COMMUNITY CLINIC

215 W 35TH ST, GARDEN CITY | 208-384-5200

Hours: Mon + Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Tues + Thur, 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.



**Reoccurring wound care, health care and foot clinics at Corpus Commons.
Reach out directly for details.*

CLARVIDA COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER

7192 POTOMAC DR | 833-527-4747

Open 24/7

CLARVIDA YOUTH SUPPORT CENTER

9196 W EMERALD ST #100 | 833-527-4747

Open 24/7

SUMMER SAFETY

STAYING COOL TIPS

- **STAY HYDRATED**
Drink plenty of water throughout the day. Avoid drinking alcohol, coffee, tea, and caffeinated soft drinks.
- **FIND SHADE + COOL AREAS**
Seek shaded spots or air-conditioned public places during peak heat. Limit time in direct sunlight.
- **WEAR LIGHT CLOTHING**
Opt for lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothes. Change clothing if damp or wet.
- **TREAT YOUR SKIN**
Use sunscreen, wear a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Keep a damp rag or bandana to wipe your face or neck. Take cool showers.
- **EAT LIGHT**
Have smaller, frequent meals and avoid heavy foods.
- **CHECK ON OTHERS**
Especially older adults, those with health conditions or disabilities and those using substances.
- **CONSIDER PET SAFETY**
Make sure pets have plenty of cool water and access to shade. Asphalt and pavement can very hot for their feet.

SUMMER CAR SURVIVAL GUIDE

• CARS HEAT UP FAST

- Use reflective sunshades or emergency blankets (shiny side out) to block sunlight.
- Hang light-colored sheets or towels in windows.
- Park in shade (under trees, near buildings, or parking garages if safe).

• STAY COOL WITHOUT AC

- Avoid idling—burns fuel and can be dangerous. Use battery-powered or USB fans.
- Crack windows on opposite sides for cross-breeze; use mesh or visors to keep bugs out and stay secure.
- Sleep near airflow and wear breathable, light layers.

• HYDRATION & BODY COOLING

- Drink water regularly, even if you're not thirsty. Wrap bottles to keep them cooler.
- Use a damp cloth or spray bottle on your neck, wrists, and face to cool down.
- Visit air-conditioned public spaces and designated cooling locations (libraries, churches, coffee shops, etc) during peak heat hours (11 a.m.—4 p.m.).

• SLEEP SMART

- Don't sleep on foam or thick cushions—they trap heat.
- Use reflective or mesh pads and light blankets.
- Choose light-colored materials over dark ones.

• PROTECT WHAT YOU CARRY

- Store electronics, meds, and batteries out of the sun—use insulated bags or coolers when possible.

SUMMER SAFETY

- **HEAT STROKE**

Dry, hot skin, no sweating, high temperature, rapid pulse, chills, confusion, slurred speech.

- If you suspect heat stroke, get the person medical care immediately.

Cool down with whatever methods are available. Do not give them anything to drink.

- **HEAT EXHAUSTION**

Excessive sweating, weakness, dizziness, clammy skin, muscle cramps, flushed skin.

- **HEAT CRAMPS**

Muscle pain and spasms, usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs.

- If you suspect heat cramps or heat exhaustion, go to a cooler location, remove extra clothing, and take sips of water or sports drink.

- **HEAT RASH**

Red pimples or small blisters, often on the neck, chest, groin, under breasts, and elbow creases.

PUBLIC CAMPING, THE GALLOWAY LAW

Boise follows the Galloway Law, making camping or sleeping in public roads or rights-of-way a \$10 infraction. Erecting a tent or structure in a park is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and/or six months in County Jail.

UNDERSTAND STATE LAW

The state of Idaho prohibits cities with populations over 100,000 from allowing public camping or sleeping. The law was effective July 1, 2025.

- a. “Public camping or sleeping” means living in a temporary outdoor shelter, which includes sitting, lying, or sleeping for a prolonged amount of time, and may be shown by the use of a tent or other temporary shelter, including a motor vehicle or a recreational vehicle and may include the presence of bedding, pillows, cooking appliances, heat sources, or the storage of personal belongings.
- b. “Public camping or sleeping” includes sitting, lying, or sleeping on a public walkway.

COORDINATED ENTRY:

- **Ada County CONNECT**
503 S. Americana Blvd. | 208-336-4663

OVERNIGHT SHELTERS:

- **Interfaith Sanctuary**
4306 W State St. | 208-345-5815
- **River of Life Men's Shelter**
575 S. 13th St. | 208-389-9840
- **City Light (Women & Children)**
404 W. Jefferson St. | 208-368-9901
- **Women's & Children's Alliance (Domestic Violence)**
720 W. Washington St. | 208-343-3688
- **Hays House (Youth 18 & Under)**
7221 Poplar St. | 208-322-6687

DAY SHELTER:

- **Corpus Commons**
525 S. Americana Blvd. | 208-426-0039
(showers, laundry, computers, mail)

CITY OF BOISE RESOURCES:

- Downtown Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd. | 208-972-8200
- Boise Non-Emergency Police, 208-377-6790
- Housing Crisis Hotline, 208-336-HOME (4663)

MORE INFORMATION

Please contact info@ourpathhome.org or call the Housing Crisis Hotline at **208-336-4663**.



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