Shelters offer stability, safety & support

IHS', The Institute for Human Services, offers two emergency shelters that provide safety, support and stabilization for more than 300 people every night. Less than a mile from each other, these shelters are centrally located - just on the outskirts of downtown Honolulu.

Once safely through our doors, guests can begin the intensive work towards regaining independence. Ensuring that basic needs are met allows guests to focus on their future. We provide help in these areas and more to all clients: family support, help with housing, access to health care, employment services, case management, daily meals, mail service, laundry and even storage space.

Ask us for help as we welcome any and all inquiries.

Sumner Men’s Shelter

In 1986, this shelter opened at 350 Sumner Street. It was a dream come true for founder Rev. Claude DuTeil and stands as a major milestone in our history. It has since provided rest and respite for up to 160 men who can sleep here every night. Three meals each day are offered. Guests have access to address services, hot showers, coin-operated laundry and a health clinic.
**Women's & Family Shelter**

In 1997, IHS opened this shelter that can host up to 66 single women and 100 family members. The former G. Von Hamm Textiles Factory is now a hub for many in transition and includes a rooftop garden for vocational training, a children's educational center, health center, dining hall and group sleeping quarters.

Kokua Corner is a favorite amenity. It is open to all who are homeless including those who are unsheltered. It features a wide array of items: toiletries, toys, household items and clothes. We provide these goods at no charge and are always seeking donations of items, which can be dropped off at 546 Kaaahi Street. Shop hours have been discontinued due to the 2020 pandemic and will re-open when possible.