



During the COVID-19 pandemic, HAP worked with a client to secure a Section 8 voucher and then utilize the voucher to rent a unit in Somerville, avoiding displacement from the community.

Need Help?

We speak your language! CAAS staff members work with Somerville residents from many countries, making programs available in Español, Português, and other languages. Call our office at 617-623-7370.

*Nosotros hablamos español.
Falamos portugues.
Nous parlons français.*

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HOUSING ADVOCACY PROGRAM (HAP)

HAP provides a wide range of services to low-income households at risk of homelessness.

HAP helps prevent Somerville residents' displacement from their homes by advocating on the behalf of tenants during the eviction process; assistance applying for rental assistance, public benefits, and affordable housing; intensive case management; and more.

The HAP team consists of Housing Advocates, Benefits Specialist, and Housing Stability Case Manager, all serving Somerville residents with incomes up to 80% of area median income (AMI).

- Are you struggling to pay your rent?
- Are you at risk of being evicted?
- Do you need help applying for public benefits or affordable housing?

CAAS' Housing Advocacy Program can help.

Program Features

EVICTION PREVENTION

HAP assists residents who are facing eviction stay in their homes. If your landlord has served you with a Notice to Quit or filed an eviction case in court, Housing Advocates will ensure that you understand your rights as a tenant, help you prepare for court, and advocate on your behalf throughout the court process.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If you are at risk of eviction due to nonpayment of rent, you may be eligible for rental assistance. Homelessness Prevention Services provide funding to assist with rent arrears and individualized case management to address housing instability to prevent future risk of homelessness.

HOUSING SEARCH

HAP assists residents with the application process for affordable housing opportunities like Section 8 or public housing. For households who are awarded a Section 8 Voucher, HAP will assist with the housing search process. For those eligible for public benefits such as SNAP & Unemployment Insurance, the HAP Benefits Specialist will provide assistance completing the application process.

