

## The Resource Center

**Community Teamwork's Resource Center** is the "front door" of our agency. Resource Center staff are knowledgeable about programs and services available at Community Teamwork and across the region that can help you meet your immediate needs and achieve your goals for the future.

The Resource Center offers a consistent, comprehensive and compassionate approach to client intake, assessment and referral. Our staff provides general, informal, and streamlined access to the full range of Community Teamwork programming.

*We can help you build a  
Bridge to Independence!*

## Food and Nutrition

### Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Provides healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to healthcare and other services, in an effort to keep pregnant or breastfeeding mothers and children under the age of 5 healthy.

### Lowell Farmers' Market

Running for over 40 years, it is Lowell's original urban market. Offering fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, meats and fish, honey, baked goods, hand-crafts, flowers, and more. It is open every Friday from early July through late October at Mack Plaza.

Accepts EBT/WIC and more.

## Community Teamwork

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Lowell, MA 01852  
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[www.commteam.org](http://www.commteam.org)

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday through Friday  
8:30am - 5pm

### *Our Mission*

Community Teamwork is a catalyst for social change. We leverage our programs, our partnerships, and our collective voice to foster equity, compassion, and community engagement by creating housing, education, and economic opportunities.

*Contact us for program eligibility requirements  
and to learn more about our many volunteer  
opportunities.*

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Building Communities.  
Changing Lives.

## Programs & Services

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Middlesex and Essex counties.

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## Community and Volunteering

### Mill City Mentors (MCM)

Adults 21 and up may apply to be a mentor and friend to a youth ages 7-22. Help make an impact on a child's life!

### Spindle City Corps (SCC)

In partnership with the National Park Service in Lowell, , engages youth, ages 16-21, with summer work experience opportunities, community service and leadership development.

### Toys For Tots

In partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps, we are a distribution site for this program. Online applications are available each year and are typically accepted the first week in November.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Training provided to become a volunteer tax preparer. Help families access Earned Income Tax Credit.

### AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program (SCP)

Pairs senior volunteers (55 and older) with peers to help them continue to live independently and provide friendship. Must be income eligible to volunteer - Stipend available.

### AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

Places senior volunteers (55 and older) in pre-school and school-age programs to be positive role models and provide social interaction. Must be income eligible to volunteer - Stipend available.

### AmeriCorps Seniors Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

For those 55 and older, we offer a variety of opportunities for helping the community.



## Family and Children

### Early Learning Programs

Promotes school readiness by providing quality education services to children in areas including health, child literacy, nutrition, and social-emotional development. **The Head Start** programs accept infants, toddlers, and preschoolers until they are eligible for kindergarten. The home-based program offers services to pregnant women and children ages birth through 3 and their families through weekly home visits.

### Family Child Care Programs

Matches a family's unique childcare needs with services within our network of 72 homebased child care providers. All providers are certified in CPR/First Aid.

### School Age Programming

Serves as a bridge between home and school by providing quality before and after school care through enrichment activities and academic assistance. Children ages 5-13.

### Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE)

Promotes parent education, family engagement and early literacy. Increases knowledge of, and accessibility to, high-quality early education and child care programs/services for children prenatal through school-age.

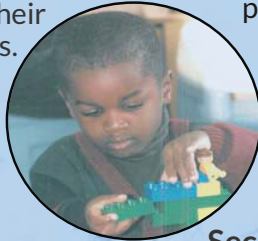
### Mill City Mentors

Matches youth, ages 7-22, with a caring adult mentor. Contact us to enroll your child.

### YouthBuild of Greater Lowell

(A Program of Youth Services)

Provides education and employment training for careers in construction and culinary arts to at-risk youth ages 16 to 24 who have dropped out of school. It offers them a second chance to change their lives and pursue new goals.



## Finance and Business

### Financial Education Center (FEC)

Helps families achieve financial goals by offering a variety of programs. Individuals will attend workshops, one-on-one financial counseling, special events, and learn about asset building and much more.

### Financial Literacy Academy (FLA)

6-week financial literacy program offering a powerful introduction to the basics of successful financial decision making.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Provides qualified individuals with free tax returns prepared by trained volunteers.

### Secure Jobs

Provides job readiness, skills training and support services to help people be successful in the workforce.

### Representative Payee Program

Provides Social Security beneficiaries with services such as monthly bill payment, budgeting and resolution of past debt.

### Entrepreneurship Center @CTI (ECenter)

The ECenter is an SBA approved Microlender offering loans up to \$50,000 in Middlesex and Essex Counties that provide business services to entrepreneurs with a particular focus on BIPOC and disadvantaged communities. We are a certified technical assistance provider for Mass

Growth Capital grant programs. We partner with organizations around the Commonwealth to develop a robust small business ecosystem. All services, including developing business plans with projections, coaching and grant funding, are available in English and Spanish.

Portuguese and Khmer translation available upon request.

## Housing and Utilities

### Rental Assistance

Federal Section 8 Program and State MA Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) help subsidize the cost of rent. Supporting Neighborhood Opportunity in Massachusetts (SNO Mass) improves quality of life through housing in high-opportunity neighborhoods.

SSP – MVRP Self Sufficiency Program

FSS – Family Self Sufficiency Program (HUD)

### Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP)

Helps pay a portion of the winter heating bill for eligible households. Contact us about the application process.

### Weatherization and Conservation Programs (WAP)

Provides eligible households with free insulation, weather stripping and air sealing installed by licensed contractors.

### Heating System Repair and Replacement (HeartWAP)

Provides eligible households with free repairs or replacement of their heating system by licensed contractors.

### Appliance Management Program (AMP)

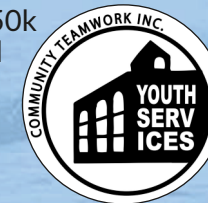
Provides eligible households with free energy saving light bulbs, water conservation devices and, in some cases, a free refrigerator.

### Home Modification Loan (FEC)

Provides no interest loans up to \$50k to families or individuals who need structural modifications to their home in order for those with disabilities to live independently.

### First Time Home Buyers (FEC)

Provides potential and recent first time home buyers the critical skills and knowledge to buy and maintain a home by attending First Time Home Buyer seminars.



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### Housing Consumer Education Center (HCEC)

Resource for consumers to make informed decisions about their housing situation and offer referrals for housing related issues. HCEC offers housing search assistance, budget counseling, Fair Housing education and reporting and more.

### Emergency Housing Assistance

Provides counseling, short term financial assistance for rent, and alternatives to shelters for individuals in emergency situations such as eviction and loss of housing due to fire or condemnation.

### Family Homeless Shelters

Provides emergency shelter and supportive services to families who are experiencing housing instability due to loss of housing or fleeing domestic violence. This program assists with finding permanent housing options.

### Fair Housing Program (FHP)

Provides Fair Housing information and resources to tenants, housing providers, and advocates. Key program features include receiving Fair Housing Complaints and providing technical assistance and trainings to tenants and housing providers.

### Youth Services

Provides support to youth and young adults ages 16-24 who are homeless, housing insecure and/or pregnant or parenting. Supports include access to basic needs, case management support, community connections and housing pathways to help work toward stabilization and independence. Youth Services programming and the **YouthBuild** program are part of our Youth Opportunity Center, located at 167 Dutton Street.

### Common Ground Development Corporation (CGDC)

Works to create affordable housing in the Merrimack Valley. This program communicates with planning departments, affordable housing committees, and local housing authorities to increase affordable housing production.