

Mission

Porchlight strives to reduce homelessness in Dane County by collaborating with the community to provide shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services that eliminate barriers and empower the individuals and families we serve.

Intake Hours

5:00pm – 8:30pm

*Guests with jobs who cannot arrive during intake hours must receive prior approval for late entry by calling shelter staff at **(608) 416-1446** before 8:00pm on each day of late entry.

Hours of Operation

5:00pm – 8:00am, nightly

Weather Nights

Porchlight coordinates with Salvation Army to determine when inclement “weather nights” go into effect.

On a weather night, guests currently under suspension may access shelter that night. See the HSC website for more information:

[www.danecountyhomeless.org/
inclementweatherinformation](http://www.danecountyhomeless.org/inclementweatherinformation)

Shelter Guidelines

All guests are expected to adhere to the following shelter guidelines:

1. Guests will help create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.
2. Guests are responsible for their personal belongings.
3. Guests may not vandalize any shelter or City property.
4. Guests may not bring weapons onto shelter property.
5. Inappropriate sexual or intimate contact is not allowed in shelter. No sexual harassment toward guests or staff.
6. Guests may not bring drugs or alcohol to shelter.

What has changed?

- **If you have used substances today, you can still come inside.**
You still cannot use substances inside the shelter, nor bring substances in with you, but you will not be turned away for using before you arrive.
- **There is no 90-day limit right now.**
We are not enforcing a day limit, and are not currently turning eligible guests away due to capacity.
- **We have limited storage options.**
We have 150 small lockers where guests may securely store personal items that they do not need to access overnight. These are first come, first served.

Porchlight Zeier Rd Shelter

Emergency shelter for male-identified individuals experiencing homelessness



**2002 Zeier Road
Madison, WI 53704**

[former Savers/Gander Mountain building, near East Towne Mall]



Our Partnerships

Porchlight is working with several community partners to facilitate warm handoffs, coordinate care, or provide services inside shelter.



Catalyst for Change works with Porchlight to support guests who may alternate between seeking shelter and sleeping unsheltered. They also provide Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) for guests with mental health or substance use disorders.



Nurse Disrupted provides a kiosk at shelter with access to on-demand telehealth services for guests who need an assessment for a physical health issue or to determine if they should seek emergency medical care.



Madison Street Medicine provides on-site physical health care at shelter on a weekly basis. They also provide follow-up care as needed.

What is new/different?

If you have been to shelter in the past, you may be resistant to trying shelter again. Here are a few things that you can expect at Zeier Road:

- **Primarily bottom bunks:** No more jockeying for a bottom bunk. All of the beds are the same, with bunks only along the edges. When we get over 200 guests, we expand to mattresses on the floor.
- **Fresh linens:** Everyone gets a clean sheet and blanket when they arrive. Towels are available for showers upon request.
- **Upgraded bathrooms:** No more endless lines for the bathroom. There are enough showers, toilet stalls, and sinks for everyone. We also have accessible bathrooms.
- **Places to sit, and to charge:** You can choose to eat on your bunk, or sit at a table if one is available. There are also multiple places for guests to charge their electronics.
- **Support services:** Porchlight has hired for several new positions to ensure that you can connect with a staff person who you trust, and who can help you work toward housing.



Transportation/Parking

Porchlight is continuing to provide direct **shuttle** transportation from The Beacon (615 E Washington Ave) to Zeier Road Shelter around 4:00pm and from Zeier Road Shelter back to The Beacon around 7:30am each day.

Zeier Road is also near several bus lines, including the **A** and **G** lines.

Guests with cars may park at the shelter on any night that they are accessing shelter, but may not sleep in their cars overnight, and must leave when operation hours are over.

Guest parking is available in the main shelter parking lot. The shelter entrance is on the side of the building.



Contact Us

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Visit us on the Web:

www.porchlightinc.org/mens-emergency-shelter/