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EMERGENCY NUMBERS AND SERVICES

The following services are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week unless noted otherwise

EMERGENCY – POLICE – FIREMEDICAL Voice, TDD/TT Users TDD/TT Users, if unable to call 911, call Relay Connecticut. TDD/TT Users, if unable to call 911 or Relay	911 1-800-842-9710	
Connecticut, call Connecticut State Police Direct Line	1-860-685-8386	
RELAY CONNECTICUT Voice, TDD/TT Users TDD/TT Users, if unable to call 711, call Voice Callers, if unable to call 711, call Relay Connecticut is available for calls between TDD/TT Users and Voice Callers who do not have TDD/TT equipm	711 1-800-842-9710 1-800-833-8134 ent	
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER Voice, TDD/TT Users, 8:30 to 5:00 Monday to Friday Voice, TDD/TT Users emergency call		
FOOD BANK Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department 8:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday All other times call Police non-emergency number	(860) -721-2977 (860)- 571-2900	
FUEL BANK Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department 8:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday Al1 other times call Police non-emergency number		
MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES NEEDING IMMEDIATE HELP		
Inter-Community Mental Health Group (ICMHG)	(860) 895-3100	
CHILD/ADOLESCENT CRISIS Wheeler Clinic-Emergency Mobile Service For any crisis involving children/youth ages birth to 17.		
HELPLINE (Statewide) Wheeler Clinic For persons needing support in a crisis or who need to talk. Offers telephone counseling, crisis and suicide intervention information and referral.		

EMERGENCY ROOMS (Calling ahead is not required)
Hartford Hospital
John Dempsey Hospital
New Britain General Hospital
St. Francis Hospital
St. Maleis Hospital
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence 1-888-774-2900
PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY (60 +)
8:00 to 4:00 Monday to Friday 1-888-385-4225
TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT 1-800-842-2288
CT POISON CONTROL CENTER 1-800-222-1222
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS SERVICES (SACS Statewide)
YMCA HOTLINE 1-888-999-5545
SUBSTANCE ABUSE DETOX TREATMENT
Alcohol and Drug Recovery Centers (ADRC)
Alliance Treatment Center
Immediate assessment for inpatient substance abuse.
Detoxification for those with insurance.
Blue Hills Hospital
Substance abuse detoxification
Substance Abuse Treatment & Enhancement (SATEP)1-800-563-4086
SUICIDE
Suicide INFOLINE
Wheeler Clinic HELPLINE

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DEDICATION

Thomas B. Lasher envisioned a world where people with disabilities would be free to live, work, play and learn alongside their non-disabled peers. He worked diligently to bring this world into reality, starting with his hometown of Wethersfield, Connecticut. This book was developed with Tom's vision in mind and is dedicated to him.

Acknowledgments

This booklet could not have been produced without the dedicated effort of previous members of the Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.

Work on this directory began in 1985, when Tom Lasher saw the need for a comprehensive resource book of Wethersfield services for persons with disabilities and prepared the first draft.

In 1988 a subcommittee of the Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities began updating the resource material presented in this directory.

In 2006 the Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities once again committed itself to updating the resource material presented in this directory. By providing this directory online, it is hoped that the contents will be easily accessed by all who are in need of current information.

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet should be used only as a guide as it contains only brief descriptions of complex programs whose guidelines and eligibility levels are subject to change or program funding may be depleted. It is important to check with the administering agency for current information.

This guide has been prepared by the Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities (WACPD) as a public service to Town residents. An effort was made by the committee to provide accurate information. If a reader discovers errors in the guide, has a suggestion for inclusion in the guide or has some issues to raise with the information, please feel free to contact current committee members. A list of WACPD members can be obtained from The Town Manger's Office (860) 721-721-2801, or The Town Clerk's Office (860) 721-2880, or a list can be found on the Town Website http://wethersfieldct.com/clerk/appointments.html .

Over the years the Committee has been responsible for, or involved with, many projects and programs. Some of these are listed below:

- Conducted two town-wide surveys of the needs of residents with disabilities.
- Architectural barriers have been removed from public buildings, including public schools and the school administration building.
- All public recreational facilities have been made wheelchair accessible.
- Year-round Therapeutic Recreation is available for children ages 3-21, and for adults.
- Three lift-equipped vans and a lift-equipped mini-bus were obtained for transportation by the town.
- Developed a local handicapped parking ordinance which became the model for the State of Connecticut parking laws.
- Developed standards for transportation of special education students. These standards have since become the State Motor Vehicle Department regulations.
- Encouraged the private sector to build housing for people with disabilities.

- Co-sponsored a twelve-unit apartment complex for people with physical disabilities.
- Purchased two Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD/TT) for the town police and fire dispatchers and Town Hall. This enables people with hearing loss or deafness to call for emergency assistance and information.
- Purchased assistive listening equipment (an Induction Loop system) for the Council Chamber, Hanmer Elementary School, and the William J. Pitkin Recreational Center. Recommended the purchase of systems for the Middle and High Schools.
- All church sanctuaries are wheelchair accessible, and three have assisted listening systems.
- People who have adapted cars are exempt from paying local taxes on the vehicles. There is also property tax relief for people with disabilities.

The U.S. Census conducted in 2000 showed that Wethersfield had the following profile of civilian noninstitutionalized disability status.

Age	Percent Disability
5 to 20 years	6.5
21 to 64 years	12.5
65 years and older	31.1

Improved medical and rehabilitation technology is causing these percentages to increase. Therefore, it becomes more and more important to make buildings and services accessible to everyone.

We encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities available in Wethersfield and to work at making our town supportive of people with disabilities.

WETHERSFIELD A TOWN THAT SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS

SECTION A

RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND HOME MODIFICATION:

<u>THE CORPORATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING</u> (CIL) 30 Jordan Lane Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 563-6011 (Voice, TDD/TT)

> Offers low-interest loans to home-owners and renters who need to make their homes accessible. Advice on accessibility issues is also available.

COMMUNICATION:

<u>CONVERSE COMMUNICATION CENTER</u> (CCC) 34 Jerome Avenue, Suite 305 Bloomfield, CT 06002 Telephone: 1-800-743-1219 Website: www.conversecommunications.com

> A message relay service which allows people who use TDD/TT (Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf) to communicate with hearing people over the telephone. The center also installs and maintains TDD/TT equipment.

AT&T/SBC OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Telephone: 1-800-922-4605 (Voice), 1-800-842-1514 (TDD/TT)

> Certain disabled persons are exempt from charges for directory assistance if they fall within the limits of definitions set by AT&T/SBC. To find out if you are eligible for this exemption call AT&T/SBC.

<u>FAMILY SERVICES WORKING (FSW) TO STRENGTHEN OUR</u> <u>COMMUNITIES</u> 475 Clinton Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06605 Telephone: 203 368-4291 (Voice, TDD/TT) Website: www.fswinc.org

FSE's COMMUNITY SIGN LANGUAGE SERVICE (CSLS) provides sign language interpreter services to schools, universities, hospitals,

agencies, businesses and individuals throughout Connecticut.

COUNSELING SERVICES:

Counseling may be obtained from the following agencies:

WETHERSFIELD SOCIAL AND YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT Telephone: (860) 721-2977 Website: http://wethersfieldct.com/social/service.htm

Go to the website to obtain a comprehensive listing of offered services.

<u>INDEPENDENCE UNLIMITED</u> - Peer Counseling Telephone: (860) 523-5021

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF SERVICE IN THE NORTH EAST Telephone: (860) 236-6201

HARTFORD EASTER SEAL REHAB CENTER Telephone: (860) 714-9500

INDEPENDENT LIVING:

INDEPENDENCE UNLIMITED (IU) 151 New Park Avenue Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 523-5021

> IU is the independent living center for the Hartford area. Run for people with disabilities by people with disabilities, IU offers classes on how to hire and supervise personal care attendants, home management, budgeting, relationships, sexuality, and more. Other services including transportation to and from IU, are also available.

THE NEW ENGLAND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (NEAT) MARKETPLACE 120 Holcomb Street Hartford, CT 06112 Telephone: (860) 243-2869 (Voice), 1-866-243-2869 (Voice), (860) 286-3113 (TDD/TT)

Website: www.neatmarketplace.org

NEAT Marketplace is a network of Microsoft Accessibility Resources Centers that shows what is possible with accessible technology solutions. Individuals who have disabilities are shown accessibility options and assistive technology products.

<u>THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL</u> (DD) Telephone: (860) 418-6160 or 1-800-653-1134 TTY (860) 418-6172

A governor-appointed body of people with disabilities or family members, and representatives of agencies which advocates for increased community integration and empowerment for people with disabilities. The DD Council offers brochures, videos, and conferences.

<u>CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)</u> <u>HARTFORD REGIONAL OFFICE</u> 3580 Main Street Hartford, CT 06120 Telephone: (860) 723-1000 TDD/TT: (860) 566-7913

- Personal Care Assistance: Provides grants to people with disabilities for the purpose of retaining personal care assistants needed to enable the person to live and work..
- Personal Care Assistance Medicaid Waiver: Provides a home and community-based waiver for the purpose of paying for personal care assistance services under Medicaid

THE CONNECTICUTICUT PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE

Department of Social Services 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, CT 06106-5033 Telephone: 1-800-547-3443 Website: www.CTpartnership.org

> To help plan ahead for your long-term care needs, the State of Connecticut has joined forces with private insurance companies to form the Connecticut Partnership for Long Term Care. Working together, this public/private partnership has created an innovated program that offers you:

- Quality, affordable long-term care insurance; and
- A way to get the care you need without depleting all of your savings.

MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROGRAM Telephone: 1-866-864-2109

This program assists individuals 18 years of age and older who have been in a nursing home, rehabilitation facility, etc. for over 6 months to be able transition out of the care facility into the community. The program promotes the use of assistive technology and offers additional back-up to the care plan. For additional information call the above number.

NORTH CENTRAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING, INC BENEFITS OUTREACH/CHOICE PROGRAM Hartford Square West, Suite 101 Hartford, CT 06106-5129 Email: contact@benefitscheckup.org. Website: www.benefitscheckup.org/link/ncaaa

Many older adults struggle to pay for prescription drugs, health care, food, utilities and other services, but they are unaware of programs that can help them. Benefits CheckUp will see if you might be eligible for the following programs:

- Prescription Drug Assistance
- Health Care Programs
- Cash Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Property Tax Program
- Home Energy Assistance
- In-home Supportive Services
- Legal Services
- Nutrition Programs and Food Stamps
- Employment Programs

PROJECT HOMESHARE/FAMILY HOMESHARE

Newington Senior & Disabled Center 120 Cedar Street Newington, CT 06111 Telephone: (860) 665-8771

> Project Homeshare matches up homeowners who need help with indoor or outdoor chores with persons in need of affordable housing.

CHORE SERVICES

<u>VNA Health Care</u> Telephone: (860) 249-4862 (Voice) Homemaker Services (860) 522-8366

SUPPORT GROUPS

Infoline 211

ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH DISABILITIES

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

North Unit Telephone: (860) 643-2168 (Voice) or 1-800-ACS-2345

The American Cancer Society provides:

- Information and Guidelines

- Patient aid which includes:

Transportation to and from treatment center Medical equipment loan Financial Aid

- Rehabilitation Services

- Educational and Support Programs

CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE

55 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510 Telephone: 1-800-422-6237 (Voice)

Accurate answers that you can understand about cancer prevention, detection and treatment. Counseling and emotional support, referrals to physicians and free publications about cancer are some of the services provided. Counselors are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

<u>AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION</u> - Connecticut Affiliate, Inc. 5 Brookside Drive Wallingford, CT 06492 Telephone: 1-800-242-8721 (Voice) or (203) 294-0088

Provides literature, videos and programs for heart disease and stroke.

AMERICAN RED CROSS - Greater Hartford Chapter 209 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Telephone: (860) 678-2700 (Voice)

> This chapter is the "blood center" for the State of Connecticut. The chapter also offers health and safety related courses and information on CPR, first aid, water and boating safety, baby sitting, AIDS education and volunteer work.

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION- Southern New England Chapter 35 Cold Spring Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 563-1177 (Voice) 1-800-541-8350 (Voice)

> Provides education, information and support services to people with arthritis, their families and the community.

COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED (CDHI)

67 Prospect Avenue, 3rd Floor Hartford, CT 06106-2980 Telephone: (860) 231-7623 (Voice, TDD/TT), 1-800-708-6796 (Voice, TDD/TT),

Provides interpreting services, job counseling and placement, personal and family counseling, education, research and advocacy.

263 Farmington Avenue, MC 6222 CONNECTICUT DOWN SYNDROME CONGRESS c/o UConn Farmington, CT 06030 Telephone: 888 486 8537 (Voice) Website: http://www.ctdownsyndrome.org Email: manger@ctdownsyndrome.org

An organization of families, friends, and professionals from every county in the state. All share a common interest in improving the lives of persons with Down Syndrome. The Connecticut Congress is affiliated with the National Down Syndrome Congress.

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT (BIAC) 333 East River Drive Suite 106 East Hartford, CT 06108 Telephone: (860) 721- 8111, 1-800 278-8242 Fax: (860) 721-9008 Website: www.biact.org

Provides case consultation, referral services, advocacy, computer assisted rehabilitation, social recreation, and support groups.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS VA MEDICAL CENTER

555 Willard Avenue Newington, CT 06111 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 310909, Newington Connecticut, 06101-0909 Telephone: (860)-594 6612 Fax: (860) 667-1238 Website: www.dav.org

> The agency provides liaison between veterans and the Veterans Administration. The agency also provides counseling and representation before the Veterans Administration and Social Security Administration.

THE HARTFORD ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS (HARC)

900 Asylum Street Hartford, CT 06114 Telephone: (860) 278-4272 (Voice)

> The association offers a variety of services including education, vocational, group homes, advocacy, recreation programs, a parent support group, and a life-enrichment program for elderly persons with mental retardation.

<u>GREATER HARTFORD EASTER SEAL REHABILITATION CENTER, INC.</u> (<u>REHAB CENTER</u>) 100 Deerfield Road Windsor, CT Telephone: (860) 741-9500 (Voice)

The center offers medical rehabilitation and vocational services for children and adults with physical, mental, emotional and/or learning disabilities. The Center also offers three traumatic brain injury treatment programs. MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION 148 Eastern Blvd Glastonbury, CT 06033-4325 Telephone (860) 633-4466 Website: www.mdausa.org

> Provides clinics, equipment and services to children and adults with neuromuscular disorders. Also funds research.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND (CONNECTICUT)

477 Connecticut Boulevard Suite 217 East Hartford, CT 06108 Telephone: (860) 289-1971 Website: <u>www.nfb.org</u>

NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

659 Tower Avenue 1st floor Hartford, CT 06112 Telephone: (860) 714-2300 Fax: (860) 714-2301 Email: info@ctfightsms.org

Offers the following: literature, monthly newsletter, equipment loan, information and referral, support groups, social events, and financial assistance for respite care.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND (BESB) 184 Windsor Avenue Windsor, CT 06095 Telephone: 1-800-842-4510 (Voice/TTY) Email: <u>besb@po.state.ct.us</u> Website: www.besb.state.ct.us

Offers counseling, referral, education from preschool to high school, vocational rehabilitation, orientation and mobility instruction, vending facilities, industries and sales, consultation and public education.

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LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Connecticut State Library 198 West Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 721-2020, 1-800-842-4516 Website: <u>www.cslib.org/lbph.htm</u> Email: <u>ldph@cslib.org</u>

The Library is a network library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. The Library provides free mail loan of recorded and Braille books and magazines and necessary playback equipment to eligible state residents unable to read conventional print because of a visual or physical disability. Recorded materials are provided by the National Library Service. The NLS Catalog lists these titles. Additional materials of interest to Connecticut readers are recorded by the Connecticut Volunteer Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Catalogs of these recordings are available from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

CONNECTICUT RADIO INFORMATION SYSTEM (CRIS)

184 Windsor Avenue Suite C Windsor, CT 06095-4536 Telephone: (860) 527-8000, 1-800-708-0004 Fax: (860) 727-9581 Email: crisradio@snet.net

> CRIS provides radio broadcasts of readings from up-to-date local and national newspapers, current magazines and books 24 hours a day. Listeners may be visually, physically, and mentally or learning disabled so that they cannot read conventional printed information. CRIS radios are provided at no charge, to be kept as long as needed. Listeners can also receive CRIS over a special cable TV hook-up or on a touch-tone telephone.

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF GREATER HARTFORD (UCP)

80 Whitney Street Hartford CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 236-6201 (Voice)

Provides transportation, social service and counseling, vocational services, recreation, competitive sports, and respite care. Activities are open to all people with physical disabilities, not exclusively those with Cerebral Palsy.

DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

ADAPT OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

c/o Independence Unlimited 60 Weston Street Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 524-9073 (Voice), (860) 549-3915 (TDD/TT)

Works to make transportation accessible to all people, promotes accessibility in housing, restaurants, and stores.

THE ARC OF CONNECTICUT

43 Woodland Street Suite 269 West Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 246-6400 Fax: (860) 246-6406 Email: arcct@aol.com Website: www.arcct.com

Private, nonprofit advocacy organization committed to protecting the rights of people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities and increasing opportunities for full inclusion in community life.

<u>THE CONNECTICUT UNION OF DISABILITY ACTION GROUPS (</u>CUDAG) 1155 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 297-4381

A statewide organization providing a network to local grass-roots organizations to work on issues affecting people with disabilities.

<u>THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL</u> (DD) Telephone: (860) 418-6160 or 1-800-653-1134 TTY (860) 418-6172

A governor-appointed body of people with disabilities or family members, and representatives of agencies which advocates for increased community integration and empowerment for people with disabilities. The DD Council offers brochures, videos, and conferences.

ADVOCACY

THE OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY (P&A) FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 60-B Weston Street Hartford, CT 06120-1551 Telephone: (860) 297-4300 (Voice) 566-2102 (TDD/TT) 1-800-842-7303 (Voice, TDD/TT) outside greater Hartford area Website: www.state.ct.us/opapd

This independent state agency provides information about disability issues. P & A's functions include:

- Advocacy for people who have been discriminated against because of a disability;
- Help for parents whose children are having special education problems; Information and referral service; Investigation of alleged abuse of adults with mental retardation;
- Outreach to minority communities in Hartford, New Britain and New Haven;
- Recruitment of citizen advocates for people from Mansfield Training School and Fairfield Hills Hospital;
- Assistance to people who are having problems with the vocational rehabilitation system;
- Legal assistance where needed.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES (CHRO)

Capital Region 999 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 566-7710 (Voice, TDD/TT)

Receives and investigates complaints of alleged discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit transactions because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status or disability. Complaints must be filed within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination. PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

18-20 Trinity Street Hartford CT 06106 Telephone: (860) 240-8300 (Voice) Website: <u>www.cga.ct.gov/PCSW</u> Email: <u>pcsw@cqa.ct.gov</u>

> The Commission was established by the State Legislature to eliminate sex discrimination in Connecticut. The Commission is to inform leaders about the nature and scope of discrimination, to serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women, to promote consideration of women for governmental positions, and to work with state agencies to access programs and practices as they affect women.

SECTION B

HOUSING

<u>CITY OF HARTFORD HOUSING PROGRAMS</u> 250 Constitution Plaza Hartford, CT 06103 Telephone: (860) 757-9005 (Voice) Website: www.hartford.gov/housing

CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY (CHFA) 999 West Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 721-9501 (Voice) CT 1-800-533-9208 (Voice) Website: www.CHFA.org Email: info@CHFA.org

Assists and encourages the purchase of existing, rehabilitated, or newly constructed housing for low and moderate income families through below-market-rate mortgages.

<u>CONNECTICUT HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND</u> (CHIF) 121 Tremont Street Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 233-5165 (Voice) 1-800-992-3665 (Voice) Fax: (860) 920-2038 Email: <u>info@CHIF.org</u>

> A non-profit housing agency dedicated to expanding opportunities for home ownership through seminars for people who wish to build their own homes, energy conservation loans, and consulting services.

CO-OP INITIATIVES, INC.

20-28 Sargeant Street, Suite 102 Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 724-4940 (Voice) Fax: (860) 724-7102 Email: <u>info@coopinit.org</u>

Works to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in housing cooperatives through advocacy and housing cooperative development.

INFOLINE-HOUSING RESOURCES Telephone: 211 (Voice, TDD/TT) Website: www.infoline.org

> Infoline is a public/private partnership between the State of Connecticut and Connecticut United Way, that serves as a single source for information about community services. The website under its Housing Resources link lists programs and resources on affordable housing for the State of Connecticut. The listing includes programs and sites for people with disabilities.

MUTUAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF GREATER HARTFORD (MHAGH)

864 Wethersfield Ave. Hartford, CT 06114 Telephone: (860) 296-1797 (Voice) Fax: (860) 947-3254

> Mutual housing is permanent, affordable housing that you can live in all your life and even pass on to your children. Resident participation in how the property is run and the opportunity to build community and revitalize the neighborhood are key elements of mutual housing.

HOUSING EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

901 Wethersfield Avenue Hartford, CT 06114 Telephone: (860) 296-4242 (Voice) HOUSING HOTLINE: (860) 296-4372 (Voice) direct line to housing counselors Tuesday and Friday only 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

The Housing Education Resource Center provides a wide range of housing services with an emphasis on education and counseling. Among the issues the Center deals with are discrimination, rent increase, landlord-tenant relations, and condo conversion. The Center provides eviction counseling and pre-purchase counseling, and keeps a list of subsidized housing which is available to the public.

DISABLED AND ELDERLY RENTAL HOUSING

EXECUTIVE SQUARE HOUSING

100 Executive Square Wethersfield, CT 06109

Telephone: (860) 529-7595 (Voice)

Executive Square Housing functions under Federal Control with Section 8 Mandates. The facility consists of 240 units of which 20 are accessible units.

<u>FIRST CHURCH VILLAGE</u> 117 Wells Road Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 257-9049 (Voice)

75 units, 8 accessible units.

LASHER COURT 333 Maple Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 529-7205 (Voice), (860) 721-9166 (TDD/TT)

Housing for persons with disabilities. Twelve- one bedroom units all accessible.

MITCHELL ON THE PARK

226 Prospect Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Rental agent: Intertown Realty Company Telephone: (860) 233-6281 (Voice)

> Non-subsidized housing. 71 units, 2 accessible units.

AHEPA NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION, NATHAN HALE SENIOR CENTER 1522 Partin Tumpile

1532 Berlin Turnpike Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 956-6474 (Voice) <u>Website: www.ahepahousing.org</u> Email: info@ahepahousing.org

83 units, 4 accessible units.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

One Corporate Center 20 Church Street Hartford, CT 06103 Telephone: (860) 240-4800 ext. 3100 Fax: (860) 240-4850 Website: www.hud.gov

WETHERSFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

60 Lancaster Road Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 529-2267 (Voice) Fax: (860) 721-6626 Presently there are three facilities: Adams Apartments 55 Lancaster Road 31 efficiency units - no wheelchair accessible units.

> James Devlin Court 60 Lancaster Road 50 units - 6 wheelchair accessible units.

> Harvey C. Fuller Housing 31 Butler Street 32 units - 3 wheelchair accessible units.

OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

GROUP HOMES

ALTERNATIVE SERVICES, INC

• 171 Ridgecrest Circle Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 537-4697

BETHPHAGE/MOSAIC

 136 Meadowgate Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 632-2814

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

 1021, 1069 Maple Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 456-6315

CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND (CIB)

 102, 103 Briarwood Circle Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 769-3822

- 210 Hayes Road Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 769-3822
- 765 Prospect Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 769-3822
- 47 Village Lane Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 769-3822

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS (HARC)

- 44, 60, 62 Little Oak Road Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 278-1100
- 50 Eastern Drive Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 278-1100

RESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE (RMS) DEVELOPMENT, INC

- 63 Coppermill Road Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 828-8635
- 385 Maple Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 828-8635
- 5 Parkview/Gooseberry Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 828-8635
- 135 Two Stone Road Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 828-8635

INTERMEDIATE HOUSING

AVERY HEIGHTS

705 New Britain Avenue Hartford, CT 06106 Telephone: (860) 527-9126 (Voice) Fax: 860-525-2090 Website: www.averyheights.org

Avery Heights Village provides a full range of residential living and care options, including adult day care, intermediate care and skilled nursing care for adults 62 years and older.

NEW HORIZONS VILLAGE

37 Bliss Memorial Road Unionville, CT 06085 Telephone: (860) 673-8893 (Voice) Website: www.NewHorizonsVillage.com

> New Horizons Village located in Unionville, is one option for people with severe disabilities. One and two bedroom units, sports and therapy facilities, and five lift-equipped vans. Community college nearby.

MCLEAN HOME VILLAGE 75 Great Pond Road Simsbury, CT 06070 Telephone: (860) 658-3700 (Voice) Fax: 651-1247

> Fully accessible, one, two and three bedroom apartments and cottages on the grounds of the McLean Home. Village residents can participate in all activities and facilities offered by the home, including gift shop, beauty shop, and weekly van trips for shopping.

NURSING HOMES AND CONVALESCENT CARE

HAVEN HEALTH CENTER OF CROMWELL 385 Main Street Cromwell, CT 06416 Telephone: (860) 635-5613 (Voice)

Intermediate care facility and skilled nursing.

ELM HILL NURSING CENTER 45 Elm Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 529-8661 (Voice)

Intermediate care facility and skilled nursing.

<u>JEFFERSON HOUSE</u> 1 John Stewart Drive Newington, CT 06111 Telephone: (860) 667-4453 (Voice) Fax: (860) 840-1584

Jefferson House, affiliated with Hartford Hospital, is an intermediate care facility providing skilled nursing services.

MAPLE VIEW MANOR 856 Maple Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 563-2861 (Voice)

Intermediate care facility and skilled nursing.

NEWINGTON HEALTHCARE

240 Church Street Newington, CT 06111 Telephone: (860) 667-2256 (Voice)

Intermediate care facility and skilled nursing.

WETHERSFIELD HEALTHCARE 341 Jordan Lane Watham field CT 06100

Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 563-0101 (Voice)

Intermediate care facility and skilled nursing.

HAVEN HEALTH CENTER OF ROCKY HILL 60 West Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone: (860) 529-2521 (Voice)

Skilled nursing only

ELLIS MANOR 210 George Street Hartford, CT 06114 Telephone: (860) 296-9166

Skilled Nursing and rehabilitation services

HOUSING REHABILITATION

WETHERSFIELD HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

Town Manger's Office Town of Wethersfield 505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2801 or L. Wagner & Associates 51 Lakeside Boulevard East Waterbury, CT 06708 Telephone: (203) 573-1188

> The program provides low interest loans to upgrade housing, to correct health and safety violations for residents of Wethersfield. Assistance is available for owner occupants and for non-occupant owners. For eligible requirements please contact the above telephone numbers.

CONNECTICUT HOTLINE FOR FURNACE REBATES Telephone: 1-866-940-4676

The program provides Connecticut families with household incomes up to \$100,000 a \$500 rebate towards the purchase of a new, energy efficient furnace or boiler for their home. Families earning up to \$200,000 may be eligible for smaller rebates. For application materials contact the above telephone number.

CONNECTICUT ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND Telephone: (860) 832-4954

A new Connecticut law, designed to promote energy efficiency, establishes a rebate program for residential customer who replace room air conditioners or replace central air conditioning units that do not meet federal Energy Star efficiency standards with ones that do. Call the above number for additional information.

TRANSPORTATION

<u>WETHERSFIELD DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE</u> Social and Youth Services Department 505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2977 for information on eligibility and for an application. Website: http://wethersfieldct.com/social/DAR.html

Services are provided for residents of Wethersfield 60 years or older or with temporary or permanent disabilities. To obtain an application for the service, call (860) 721-2977. Once registered, reservations should be made at least two days ahead. The phone number for reservations is: 1-888-737-0825. There is an annual fee and it is due each year on July 1st. A check or money order can be made out to the Town of Wethersfield and returned with the application. To obtain the most current schedule call (860) 721-2977.

Please note: If you are a Medicaid recipient you should use First Transit for your medical appointments. Their telephone number is 1-888-743-3112.

CONNECTICUT TRANSIT Customer Service Center, 100 Leibert Road P.O. Box 66 Hartford, CT 06141- 0066 Telephone: (860) 525-9181; TTY: (860) 727-8196 Website: www.cttransit.com

The Connecticut Transit Bus is lift equipped and available to individuals who are ambulatory or in a wheelchair. (standard or electric)

With a Medicare Card (proof of disability) or Connecticut Transit reduced fare card, cost of fare is 60 cents (discounted half fare at any time of day and exact change is needed). A 10 ride card good for ten one-way rides is also available. If a person is in an electric wheelchair (3 or 4 wheels) one must have a Medicare Card/pass and a wheelchair permit card. To obtain this permit one must arrange a field test with the bus company. Any attendant accompanying the person with disability rides for free of charge.

<u>GREATER HARTFORD TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE</u> Transportation Under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) One Union Place,

Hartford, CT 06103 Telephone: (860) 247-5329 Website: www.hartfordtransit.org

ADA Paratransit services are provided for individuals who, because of their disability, are unable to travel by a public city bus (CT Transit). ADA Paratransit operates during the same hours as the public city bus (CT Transit) service fixed-routes. This includes Hartford, West Hartford, East Hartford, Manchester and Wethersfield and portions of Newington, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, Vernon, Tolland, Ellington, South Windsor, Windsor, Windsor Locks, Bloomfield and Farmington.

Call for an ADA application which must be completed along with a short face to face interview and transportation will be provided free of charge to this appointment. This is a door to door service.

INDEPENTDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK (ITN)

Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department Telephone: (860) 721-2977

> ITN is a transportation service with rides available for any purpose 24 hours a day for people 60 years and older and visually impaired adults. You sign up for an annual membership and set up a pre-paid personal transportation account. There is no need to carry cash or tip drivers. You pay approximately half the true cost of each ride. ITN's community fund-raising efforts make up the difference to keep rides affordable. For further information on cost and availability call the above telephone number.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT-TRANSPORTATION SERVICE / FIRST TRANSIT

Department of Social Services client through the State may be eligible for medical transportation and must call 1-888-743-3112 to inquire regarding eligibility requirements.

Once the client is eligible they must call several days ahead of time to make reservations for the ride and have their State client I.D. number available.

VETERAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Veterans must have signed up for a medical card at the Federal VA Hospital to benefit from the transportation service to and from the VA Facilities. The VA main number is: (860) 666-6951. In Newington the travel/motor service number is (860) 667-6769. Call the travel/motor service number in advance for your VA medical appointment.

DISABLED COMMUTERS HANDBOOK

c/o Rideshare Co. 100 Corporate Drive Suite 120 Windsor, CT 06095-2119 Telephone: (860) 692-1260

This handbook has a listing of transportation services available including transportation providers equipped to accommodate the disabled. Also, contains useful information about car-pools, van-pools, bus-pools, fares, driver training, etc. Telephone Rideshare for a copy.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE (DMV) Telephone: (860) 263-5700 Within Hartford area and outside Connecticut, 1-800 842-8222 elsewhere in Connecticut. Website: www.ct.gov/dmv

Call or go to the website for a handicapped parking permit application.

If you cannot see or walk and have impairments in this area, your doctor must certify your disability or medical condition. For permanent handicap, your medical doctor, chiropractor or eye doctor can fill out the DMV forms for this permit. If you have a temporary disability, use crutches or a wheelchair, again, your doctor must certify the temporary disability and your permit expires in six months. You may ask for another six month extension, ask for form B-225.

Anyone holding a valid Handicap Parking Permit and has a vehicle registered in their name, may apply for this plate. Applications are available at all Motor Vehicle Department offices

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION TO HIRE

Some agencies and ambulances can provide transportation services. Contact the Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department (860) 721-2977 for the list.

TAXICAB SERVICE

See local listings and phone numbers in the yellow pages or use operator assistance on your cell phone.

INDEPENDENCE UNLIMITED

This agency does not have transportation services but you may call (860) 523-5021 for information.

HEALTH

HEALTH SERVICES

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HEALTH DISTRICT

505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2822 Fax: (860) 721-2823 Website: <u>www.ccthd.org</u>

Service is provided to residents of Wethersfield, Newington, Rocky Hill and Berlin.

<u>ConnPACE Program</u> (Prescription drug assistance) Social Services- State of Connecticut 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, CT 06106 Telephone: 1-800-423-5026 (Voice) Website: www.connpace.com

Pays the cost of prescription drugs after a co-payment, for persons who are 18 and over and disabled under Social Security. Call for information on eligibility requirements.

<u>MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM</u> Telephone: 1-800-MEDICARE (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) Websites: www.medicare.gov/pdphome.asp , www.ct.gov/medicarerx

Detailed program information is available at the above websites or call the above telephone number for live help. Help is also available from the Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department (860) 721-2977.

CONNECTICUT PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG TERM CARE

Office of Policy and Management 450 Capital Ave MS # 52LTC Hartford, CT 06106 Telephone: (860) 418-6318 Website: www.opm.state.ct.us/pdpd4/ltc/general.htm

> Under the Connecticut Partnership, private insurance companies competitively sell special long-term care insurance policies. These policies not only offer benefits to pay for long-term care costs, they also offer Medicaid Asset Protection should you ever need to apply to Connecticut's Medicaid Program for assistance.

WETHERSFIELD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

206 Prospect Street

Wethersfield, CT 06109

Telephone 911 for emergency service, (860) 529-8022 (answering service) for non-emergency private services.

Email: info@wethersfieldambulance.org

Provides free emergency ambulance services to Wethersfield residents during evening hours and on weekends.

WETHERSFIELD / ROCKY HILL NURSE'S ASSOCIATION (LOAN CLOSET)

Telephone: (860) 721-2977

The Association maintains a medical equipment loan closet to assist in the care and management of physical needs. For further information, contact Wethersfield Social and Youth Services at the above telephone number.

HOSPITALS – GENERAL

<u>CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER</u> 282 Washington Street Hartford, CT 06106 Telephone: (860) 545-9000 Website: <u>www.ccmckids.org</u>

HARTFORD HOSPITAL

80 Seymour Street Hartford, CT 06102 Telephone: (860) 545-5555 (Voice) Website: <u>www.harthosp.org</u>

MANCHESTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

71 Haynes Street Manchester, CT 06040 Telephone: (860) 533-3400 Website: <u>www.echn.org</u>

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL

28 Crescent Street Middletown, CT 06457 Telephone: (860) 344-6000 (Voice) Website: <u>www.middlesexhealth.org</u>

THE HOSPITAL OF CENTERAL CONNECTICUT

Website: <u>www.thocc.org</u> The facility is an acute-care hospital with campuses in New Britain and Southington.

> New Britain General Campus: 100 Grand Street New Britain, CT 06050 Telephone: (860) 224-5011, (860) 225-6244

Bradley Memorial Campus: 81 Meriden Avenue Southington, CT 06489 Telephone: (860) 276-5000 or (860) 276-5055

SAINT FRANCIS HOSPTIAL AND MEDICAL CENTER 114 Woodland Street Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 714-4000 Website: www.stfranciscare.org

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER

263 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Telephone: (860) 679-2000 (Voice): TTY: (860) 679-2242 Website: <u>www.uchc.edu</u>

HOSPITALS - REHAB

GAYLORD HOSPITAL P.O- Box 400

Gaylord Farms Road Wallingford, CT 06492 Telephone: 1-866-GAYLORD (Voice) Website: www.gaylord.org

HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL CARE

2150 Corbin Avenue New Britain, CT 06053 Telephone: (860) 223-2761 Website:<u>www.hfsc.org</u>

MOUNT SINAI REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

490 Blue Hills Avenue Hartford, CT 06112 Telephone: (860) 714-3500, 1-800-789-7709 Website: www.rehabct.com

HOSPITALS – PSYCHIATRIC

CAPITOL REGION MENTAL HEALTH CENTER 500 Vine Street Hartford, CT 06112 Telephone: (860) 297-0800 Website: www.dmhas.state.ct.us

CEDAR CREST HOSPITAL

525 Russell Road Newington, CT 06111 Telephone: (860) 666-7650 (Voice)

CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL

P.O. Box 351 Eastern Drive Middletown, CT 06457 Telephone: (860) 262-5000, (860) 262-6321 or (860) 262-6320

INSTITUTE OF LIVING

400 Washington Street Hartford, CT 06106 Telephone: (860) 241-8000 (Voice/TDD) Website: www.instituteofliving.org

HOSPITALS – VETERANS

<u>VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER</u> (Federal) 555 Willard Avenue Newington, CT 06111 Telephone: (860) 666-6951 (Voice) Website: www.connecticut.va.gov

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS Veterans' Home and Hospital 287 West Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067

MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

WETHERSFIELD SOCIAL AND YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT 505 Silas Deane Highway

Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2977

Telephone: (860) 529-2571 (Voice)

The department provides referrals for mental health services.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL (NAMI-CT) 30 Jordan Lane

Third Floor Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 883-0236, 1-800-215-3021 Fax: (860) 882-0240 Email: <u>namicted@aol.com</u> Website: <u>www.namict.org</u>

> NAMI-CT is a non-profit, volunteer organization of families and friends of people with prolonged mental illness. This organization provides support, self-help and advocacy groups to its members, as well as public information and advocacy for better services and treatment.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT

20-30 Beaver Road Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 529-1970, ext. 10, 1-800-842-1501 Fax: (860) 529-6833 Email: <u>mntlhlth@tiac.net</u> Website: <u>www.mhact.org</u> The Mental Health Association of Connecticut is a private, nonprofit organization providing advocacy, educational programs and direct services to promote mental health, prevent mental illness, and improve care and treatment of persons with mental illness. Services include programs for schools on mental health issues and co-occurring disorders, referral to private practitioners, mental health literature, psychosocial rehabilitation center, supported employment, housing programs, and support groups.

WHEELER CLINC

91 Northwest Drive Plainville, CT 06062

Telephone: 1-888-793-3500

Wheeler Clinic is a provider of behavioral health services for children, adolescents, adults and families that include mental health, substance abuse, special education, early childhood development, prevention, an employee assistance program (EAP) and community education

INTER-COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH GROUP

281 Main Street .East Hartford, CT 06118 Telephone: (860) 895-3015 Website: <u>icmhg.org</u>

> Inter-Community Mental Health Group is a community-based provider of comprehensive mental health and co-occurring addiction disorder services. The group believes in access to needed services for all. No one is turned away because of lack of finances.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES (DCF)

1 Grove Street New Britain, CT 06053 Telephone: (860) 550-6527 Website: www.state.ct.us/dcf

DCF is a State Agency that provides a extensive range of social services for children and families.

ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY CENTERS (ADRC) 16 Coventry Street Hartford CT 06112 Telephone: (860) 714-3701 Website: www.adrc-ct.org

ADRC is a private non-profit corporation which provides

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substance abuse treatment and supportive services. We operate a number of facilities, offering a wide range of services to help our clients achieve and maintain a life free of the destructive effects of chemical dependency.

FARRELL TREATMENT CENTER

Intensive Treatment Center 586 Main Street New Britain, CT 06951 Telephone: (860) 225-4641 Website: <u>http://alcoholism.about.com/od/tx_ct/qt/farrell.htm</u>

> Primary Focus: Substance abuse treatment services Services Provided: Substance abuse treatment Type of Care: Residential short-term treatment (30 days or less)

RUSHFORD CENTER

136 New London Turnpike Glastonbury, CT 6033 Telephone: 1-800-567-0902 Website: <u>www.rushfordcenter.org</u>

> Rushford is a private, non-profit behavioral healthcare provider. Rushford provides inpatient and outpatient treatment services to children, adolescents, adults and families coping with substance abuse and mental health issues

HARTFORD DISPENSARY

1098 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT, Telephone: (860) 527-5100 Website: www.dmhas.state.ct.us/crmhc/services.htm

> Primary Focus: Substance abuse treatment services Services Provided: Substance abuse treatment, Detoxification, Methadone Maintenance, Methadone Detoxification Type of Care: Outpatient

HOME CARE ASSISTANCE

<u>VNA HEALTH CARE, INC.</u> 103 Woodland Street Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 249-4862

Home nursing, home health aide, homemaker, therapist, medical

social worker, extended nursing hours and home hospice and consulting service are some of the services available through Visiting Nurse and Home Care, Inc., on a sliding fee scale

ADDITIONAL HOME CARE SERVICES.

For additional licensed home care and nursing agencies see the yellow pages in your phone book

ADULT DAY CARE

AVERY HEIGHTS

705 New Britain Avenue Hartford, CT 06106 Telephone: (860) 527-9127 Website www.averyheights.org/adhc.html

> Avery Heights is an older adult day health center that provides respite for the primary caregiver of an elderly person. Avery Heights offers a combination of social and recreation opportunities as well as health care services and meals. Vans provide transportation to and from homes in the Greater Hartford area. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

PRESTON HOUSE

144 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06118 Telephone: (860)568-9692

> Preston House is an adult day health center that provides respite for the primary caregiver of an elderly person. Preston House offers a combination of social and recreation opportunities as well as health care services and meals.

SAFETY

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (DCF), CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Telephone: 1-800-842-2288. (Toll-free 24-hour hotline), 1-800-624-5518 (TDD/TT)

Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) is legally responsible for providing services to protect children and youth up to 18 years from abuse, neglect, abandonment and exploitation. Services include family assessment, treatment planning, counseling, intensive family preservation, temporary emergency shelter, parent aides, parenting classes, aid to unwed mothers, foster care and adoption.

CRISIS INTERVENTION (Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse, Community Information and Human Services Referral)

Infoline Telephone: 211 (Voice, TDD/TT) Website: www.infoline.org

> Infoline is an integrated system of help via the telephone - a single source for information about community services, referrals to human services, and crisis intervention. It is accessed toll-free from anywhere in Connecticut by simply dialing 2-1-1. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Multilingual caseworkers and TDD/TT access is available. The most frequently requested services are: Financial Assistance, Food, Protective Services, Legal Assistance, Child Care, Utilities/Heat, Social Support, Housing, and Mental Health.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PRUDENCE CRANDALL CENTER, INC P.O. box 895 New Britain, CT 06050 Telephone: 1-888-385-4225 (24 hour hotline) Website: www.prudencecrandall.org/pages/gethelp.cfm

> Domestic violence shelter program provides short-term emergency shelter for adult victims and their children, as well as free and confidential 24hour hotlines, counseling and advocacy services, and support groups.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) Telephone: (860) 424-5241

For non-crisis information on shelters and services contact DSS at the above phone number.

<u>CONNECTICUT COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CCADV)</u> Telephone: (860) 282-7899

For non-crisis information on shelters and services contact CCADV at the above phone number.

ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) Telephone: 1-888-385-4225 DSS provides protective services for the elderly and evaluates complaints of abuse, exploitation or abandonment of persons 60 or order. If you suspect that an elderly person is a victim, contact protective services at the above phone number.

CONNECTICUT LONG TERM OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM Telephone: (860) 424-5200, 1-866-388-1888 Website: <u>www.ltcop.state.ct.us</u>

> Long Term Care Ombudsman Program provides advocacy and investigates complaints concerning quality of care and quality of life received in nursing homes, resident care homes, and assisted living. Services are free and confidential. For more information or service the program can be contacted at the above phone numbers.

POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL SERVICE

EMERGENCY SERVICE Telephone: 911 (Voice, TDD/TT), routine calls (860) 571-2900

ENHANCED 911 SERVICES

Telephone: 811 or 1-800-453-7638

Wethersfield residents, who are non-ambulatory, blind, hearing or speech impaired, on a life support system or using a telecommunication device, may register with the local telephone company for enhanced 911 services. When persons so registered call 911, their name, street address, and nature of disability will appear on a TV screen at the dispatcher's office. This will assist emergency personnel in their response. Registration for this service can be obtained from the local telephone company by calling the above numbers

EMERGENCY DECALS Telephone: (860) 721-2806.

A means of assisting fire and other emergency personnel in quickly locating individuals in a household who require assistance. Emergency Decals are placed on the outside top half of a bedroom window to alert emergency personnel to the precise location of children (aged 0 to 3), and residents with disabilities. Decals can be obtain by calling the above phone numbers.

POLICE RESIDENTAL INSPECTION SERVICE Telephone: (860) 721-2865 (Detective Division) Email: police@wethersfieldct.com The Wethersfield Police Department offers a residential inspection service. This inspection is for the purpose of offering suggestions on how to make your residence more secure. The following items are checked during an inspection:

- 1. Outer doors, windows, lighting, and roof for possible entry points.
- 2. Exterior for vision obstructions, such as low hanging trees, large bushes/shrubs, posters in windows.
- 3. Alarm reliability and effectiveness.
- 4. Vehicle security.

Service can be obtained by calling the above phone number.

POISON CONTROL CENTER

Telephone: 1-800-222-1222_(24-hour hotline), 1-866-218-5372 (TDD/TT) Website: poisoncontrol.uchc.edu

The Poison Control Center is statewide program of the University of Connecticut Health Center. The center is a 24-hour emergency service for problems related to poisoning. The center also provides information on hazardous material. Clinic services are available for poisoning problems related to occupational and environmental exposure.

VIAL OF LIFE

Website: <u>www.vialoflife.com</u> for information and decals.

The Vial of Life consists of two decals and a user supplied clear plastic baggie. One decal is placed on your front door at eye level. This will let emergency personnel know to go immediately to your refrigerator door for complete medical information. The second decal is placed in the baggie along with a brief medical history, record of allergies, and names and phone numbers of physicians and relatives. If you should become ill and unable to speak, the arriving rescue team can quickly and easily get information on health history and needs. The baggie with decal showing is taped to the outside door of your refrigerator.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Telephone: (860) 282-9881, 1-888-999-5545 (24-hour, Toll-free Hotline), 1-888-568-8332 (Toll-free Spanish Response Service) Website: <u>connsacs.org</u>

Sexual assault crisis programs provide free, confidential, direct services for past and present victims of sexual assault and their families.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

EMERGENCY – POLICE – FIREMEDICAL	_
Voice, TDD/TT Users	911
TDD/TT Users, if unable to call 911, call Relay	
Connecticut.	1-800-842-9710
TDD/TT Users, if unable to call 911 or Relay	
Connecticut, call Connecticut State Police Direct Line	1-860-685-8386

ROUTINE POLICE NUMBER (24 Hours a day) Telephone: (860) 721-2901

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE Telephone: (860) 721-2801

PRIMARY SHELTER LOCATION Pitkin Community Center First shelter to open in the case of emergency

<u>CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT &</u> <u>HOMELAND SECURITY (DEMHS)</u> Telephone: (860)-566-3180 Website: <u>www.ct.gov/demhs</u>

<u>CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH</u> Telephone: (860)-509-8000 Website: <u>www.dph.state.ct.us/ready.htm</u>

<u>CONNECTICUT POISON CONTROL CENTER</u> Telephone: (800)-222-1222 Website: <u>poisoncontrol.uchc.edu</u>

> The Poison Control Center is statewide program of the University of Connecticut Health Center. The center is a 24-hour emergency service for problems related to poisoning. The center also provides information on hazardous material. Clinic services are available for poisoning problems related to occupational and environmental exposure.

<u>CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER (CL-P) OUTAGE MAP</u> Website: www.cl-p.com/stormcenter/map.asp

<u>RED CROSS</u> Website: www.redcross.org <u>THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)</u> WFSB-TV Channel 3 (Channel Number 2 on Cox Cable) WVIT-TV Channel 30 (Channel Number 4 on Cox Cable) WTIC Radio 1080 A

In Connecticut, we use the EAS during emergencies. When the decision is made to activate the EAS, original programming on TV or radio will be interrupted and an emergency message will be broadcast. It is important that you listen to these instructions and stay tuned for more information.

SECTION C

EDUCATION

AMERICAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 139 North Main Street West Hartford, CT 06107 Telephone: (860) 570-2300 (Voice), (860) 570-2222 (TTY/TT) Website: <u>www.asd-1817.org</u>

The American School for the Deaf offers deaf and hard of hearing students ages 3-21 a full range of educational programming from pre-school through twelfth grade. Working together with parents and local school districts, ASD staff develops an educational program designed to meet the unique needs of each student.

CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Wethersfield Board of Education offers a variety of daytime and evening courses. People with disabilities and senior citizens pay one-half of residents' fee (evening classes only). Telephone: (860) 571-8250 Website: www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us

WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY Wethersfield Town Hall 505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 529-2665 or (860) 529-BOOK (Voice) Website: www.wethersfieldlibrary.org

The library offers a wide selection of books, magazines, recordings, newspapers, cassettes and videos. Also available are large-print books for people with visual disabilities and a lending library for shut -ins. A duplicate section is provided for children.

Open:

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sunday (Oct.-May)) LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED 198 West Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Telephone:(860) 721-2020 (Voice)

> The library lends materials to people who are visually or physically disabled.. Materials include talking books, Braille books, books on tape, cassettes, tape players and flexible disc players. All can be borrowed at no charge. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

SPECIAL EDUCATION

CHILD FIND

Telephone: 1-800-842-8678 (Voice)

Established by the State Department of Education, CHILD FIND assists in the identification of children in need of special education services. Call for information and referral.

<u>CONNETICUT CHILDREN MEDICAL CENTER (CCMC) SCHOOL</u> 170 Ridge Road Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 947-4100 Website: www.ccmckids.org/services/ccmcschool.asp

The CCMC School provides comprehensive special educational services for students, ages 5 to 21 years, who require intensive intervention due to severe emotional, behavioral, physical and/or learning problems. Referrals to the CCMC School are made through the student's local education agency. The School maintains an open door policy and school district representatives, parents/guardians, and related professionals are welcome to call and arrange for a courtesy visit, to the school.

<u>CONNECTICUT PARENT ADVOCACY CENTER (CPAC)</u> 338 Main Street Niantic, CT 06357 Telephone: 1-800-445-2722 (Voice) 1-860-739-3089 (TDD/TT) Email: <u>cpac@cpacinc.org</u> Website: www.cpacinc.org

> Informs parents of children with disabilities about special education rights and procedures, and provides information and referral services for related problems. Services include free workshops on parents' rights and responsibilities under special education. Parent consultants are available to answer questions about special education.

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION (LDA)

999 Asylum Avenue Suite 504 Hartford, CT 06105 Telephone: (860) 560-1711 (Voice) Email: <u>information@ldact.org</u> Website: <u>www.ldact.org</u>

LDA is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the educational experience of children and adults with learning disabilities and related disorders. Support groups are available.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER (SERC)

25 Industrial Park Road Middletown, CT 06457-1520 Telephone: (860) 632-1485 (Voice) Email: <u>info@ctserc.org</u> Website: <u>www.ctserc.org</u>

> Assists professionals and parents as they endeavor to provide an appropriate education for children and youth who have disabilities and/or are gifted or talented. SERC services include a library, an instructional resources exhibit, workshops and conferences, a newsletter, and dissemination of information.

WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL SERVICES

127 Hartford Avenue Wethersfield, CT 0109 Telephone: (860) 571-8141 Website: www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us/District/special_services.htm

Go to the website to obtain a comprehensive listing of offered special services

PARENT RESOURCE INFORATION CENTER Telephone: (860) 842-8678

The center provides direct and indirect services to the public and patient's family.

EMPLOYMENT

CONNECTICUT BUREAU OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (BRS) Department of Social Services 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, CT 06106-5033 Telephone: (860) 424-4869 (Voice), (800) 842-1508 (Voice), (800) 842-4524 (TTY) Website: www.dss.state.ct.us/svcs/rehab.htm

BRS provides two essential programs to the citizens of Connecticut. Our Disability Determination Services (DDS) under the Social Security Administration (SSA) is the process which may provide benefits to persons with severe disabilities whose impairments prevent them from performing gainful work. DDS is 100% federally funded and makes decisions according to SSA rules and regulations.

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program affords eligible individuals with significant disabilities an opportunity to achieve their full potential for competitive employment and independence.

Services may include career counseling, vocational training, home and vehicle modifications, assistive technology, community work assessments, on the job training, job coaching, job placement, and a variety of other services.

The VR program serves people with all disabilities except legal blindness. Individuals who are legally blind receive vocational rehabilitation services through the Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BSEB).

<u>CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (CTDOL)</u> Central Office 200 Folly Brook Blvd. Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 263-6000 Website: www.ctdol.state.ct.us

> CTDOL serves job seekers, students, displaced workers and individuals who are unemployed, as well as those who want to change jobs or continue to move in their careers. At DOL facilities, assessment, testing, workshops, veterans' services, regional job fairs and career guidance are available to everyone. Current labor market information enables individuals to plan for the future.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

78 Eastern Boulevard Glastonbury, CT 06033 Telephone: (860) 659-1166 (Voice)

> Helps people with disabilities to become contributing members of society by providing integrated employment opportunities, community education and training, employer awareness, technical assistance, and occupational research

STATE OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND (BESB)

184 Windsor Avenue Windsor, CT 06095 Telephone: (860) 602-4000 (Voice), (800) 842-4510 (Voice), (860) 602-4002 (TTY) Website: www.besb.state.ct.us

BESB provides comprehensive low vision services, specialized education services, life skills training, case management, and vocational services to individuals of all ages who are legally blind and to children who are visually impaired. The agency assists them in acquiring the skills and support services necessary to be independent.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

60-B Weston Street Hartford, CT 06120-1551 Telephone: (860) 297-4300 (Voice), (860) 566-2102 (TTY), 1-800-842-7303 (Voice/TTY) in CT..

Email: <u>ctopapd@connix.com</u> Website: <u>www.ct.gov/opapd/site/default.asp</u>

The Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities is an independent State agency created to safeguard and advance the civil and human rights of people with disabilities in Connecticut. Part of a nationwide network of protection and advocacy systems, it operates under both State and federal legislative mandates to:

- Provide information, referral, and advocacy services;
- Pursue legal and administrative remedies on behalf of people with disabilities who experience disability-related discrimination;
- Selectively investigate complaints from people with disabilities and into allegations of abuse and neglect with respect to adults who have mental retardation (ages 18-59), and for people in psychiatric facilities; and,
- Provide public education and training on disability issues and to inform policy makers about issues affecting people with disabilities

US DEPARMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPYOYMENT POLICY

200 Constitution Ave. NW Washington, DC 20210 Telephone: 1-866-633-7365 (Voice), 1-877-889-5627 (TDD/TT) Website: www.dol.gov/odep

The Office of Disability Employment Policy provides national leadership by developing and influencing disability-related employment policy and practice affecting the employment of people with disabilities.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, WORKER'S REHABILITATION SERVICES 21 Oak Street Hartford, CT 06106 Telephone:(860) 493-1500

Vocational rehabilitation services are offered to workers who have an accepted workers' compensation injury/disease that has resulted in permanent restrictions preventing the worker from returning to his/her regular job. The services available include evaluation, aptitude testing, vocational counseling, job Seeking Skills Training, On-The-Job Training and formal classroom training.

RECREATION

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Connecticut/Eastern Region 401 West Thames Street Building 100 Norwich, CT 06360 Telephone: 1-877-660-6667 Website: <u>www.soct.org</u>

Year round sports programs for persons with mental retardation. For program details go to the website.

WETHERSFIELD THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAM

30 Greenfield Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2952

Administered by the Parks and Recreation Department of Wethersfield, the program provides recreational and competitive opportunities for adults and children with disabilities.

WETHERSFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2890 Website: <u>http://wethersfieldct.com/rec/service.htm</u>

Wethersfield has 626.92 acres of parkland. In 2003, Wethersfield tied for first place as a Welcoming Community by the President's Commission on mental retardation. In 2005, over 220,000 people attended our programs, classes and facilities. For program and schedule details please go to the website.

WETHERSFIELD FRIENDLY SHOPPER / FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAMS 505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2977

Friendly shopper is a volunteer program that helps seniors who are homebound, age 60 and over, and people with disabilities with their grocery shopping. Friendly visitors are trained volunteers who enjoy sharing their company with people who are homebound and have little or no support. These carefully screened volunteers make weekly visits and phone calls.

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<u>YMCA</u> Tri-Town Office 1321 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 521-5830 Email: <u>tri.townymca@ghymca.org</u> Website: www.ghymca.org

"ACCESSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT" BOOK

Available from Hartford Office for People with Disabilities. Telephone: (860) 722-6676 (Voice), (860) 722-8331 (TDD/TT)

WILLIAM J. PITKIN COMMUNITY CENTER

30 Greenfield Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2950

A facility that provides space for recreation programs and offers rental space for special events. The center, also houses, the Senior Center, 9/11 Memorial Sport Center and the Wethersfield Community TV channel 14 studio. This building is fully accessible.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

	Church of the Incarnation (Roman Catholic) 544 Prospect St. (860) 529- 2533	Corpus Christi Church (Roman Catholic) 84 Somerset St. (860) 529-2545	First Church Of Christ (Congregational) 250 Main St. (860) 529-1575	Jehovah's Witnesses 165 Elm Street (860) 529-7146
PHYSICAL				
ACCESS				
Handicapped parking	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ramped entrance	EAST/WEST PARKING LOT	NORTH/SOUTH PARKING LOT	MAIN STREET PARKING LOT	PARKING LOT
Wheelchair seating	FRONT & SIDE	FRONT	SIDE	SIDE
Elevator			YES	
ACCESSIBLE REST ROOMS	YES		YES	YES
Located on first floor	YES		YES	YES
Located in basement			YES	
36" wide door	YES			YES
Door opening device	KNOB		PULL HANDLE	PULL HANDLE
Accessible stall			YES	YES
Grab bars			YES	YES
ACCESS TO INFORMATION				
Large print	YES	YES	YES	YES
Sign language interpreter			YES	
Radio/earphone hearing devices			YES	

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	Korean Catholic Church of Ct (Roman Catholic) 56 Hartford Ave. (860) 529-1456	Sacred Heart Church (Roman Catholic) 56 Hartford Ave. (860) 529-1991 (860) 536-8722	St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Lutheran) 371 Wolcott Hill Rd. (860) 529-5397	Trinity Episcopal Church (Episcopal) 300 Main St. (860) 529-6825
PHYSICAL ACCESS				
Handicapped parking	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ramped entrance	EAST SIDE ENTRANCE	EAST SIDE ENTRANCE	BESIDE MAIN ENTRANCE	OFFICE SIDE ENTERANCE
Wheelchair seating	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	SIDE
Elevator				
ACCESSIBLE REST ROOMS	YES	YES	YES	YES
Located on first floor	YES	YES	YES	YES
Located in basement				YES
36" wide door	YES	YES	YES	YES
Door opening device	LEVER	LEVER	LEVER	KNOB
Accessible stall			YES	
Grab bars			YES	
ACCESS TO INFORMATION				
Large print		YES	YES	YES
Sign language interpreter				
Radio/earphone hearing devices	YES	YES	YES	

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	Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church (Evangelical Free) 511 Maple St. (860) 563-8286	Wethersfield Methodist (Methodist) 150 Prospect St. (860) 529-2025	Temple Beth Torah (Jewish) 130 Main St. (860) 529-2410
PHYSICAL ACCESS			
Handicapped parking	YES	YES	YES
Ramped	TO THE RIGHT	MAIN	BESIDE
entrance	OF FRONT DOOR	ENTERANCE	DRIVEWAY
Wheelchair seating	SIDE	SIDE	SIDE
Elevator	YES		
ACCESSIBLE REST ROOMS	YES	YES	
Located on first floor	YES	YES	
Located in basement	YES		
36" wide door	YES	YES	
Door opening device	KNOB	KNOB	
Accessible stall	YES	YES	
Grab bars	YES	YES	
ACCESS TO INFORMATION			
Large print		YES	YES
Sign language interpreter			
Radio/earphone hearing devices			

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SECTION D

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)

Telephone: (860) 721-2977 (Voice) for eligibility requirements, information and to schedule an appointment.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Energy assistance is available to low income households to help defray primary heating costs during the winter months. If the household's primary heating costs are included in the rent the household member can also apply for assistance. This program is based on 150% or less of the Federal Poverty income guidelines established by the Federal Government. Applications are taken for this program between November l and the end of April at the Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Dept. Liquid assets cannot exceed \$10,000.00 for homeowners and \$7000.00 for renters. Liquid assets are those assets that can be converted to cash such as savings accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks and bonds.

STATE APPROPRIATED FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAFA)

Telephone: (860) 721-2977 (Voice) for eligibility requirements. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This program offers the same type of assistance as the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, but the income guidelines are slightly higher from 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline to 200%. Households which have an elderly (60 years and older) or disabled member may qualify. The same assets apply for SAFA as mentioned above for CEAP.

<u>CONTINGENCY HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CHAP)</u> Telephone: (860) 721-2977 (Voice) for eligibility requirements. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Energy Assistance is available to those households with annual gross income up to 60% of state median income based on the availability of federal block grant funds and/or contingency funds. Call in January to inquire on program availability.

WEATHERIZATION AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

Telephone: Community Renewal Team (CRT) at 1-800-842-1132 (Voice) and ask for the Weatherization Office for more information and eligibility requirements.

Money is available for weatherization and conservation assistance for apartments and homes occupied by households who meet the income eligibility guidelines for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and the State Appropriated Fuel Assistance Program (SAFA). This assistance is available whether the household owns or rents although the landlord's cooperation must be obtained in a rental situation. Whenever a household applies for CEAP they are given an opportunity to complete a Request for Weatherization Form. Households not applying for CEAP may apply at the local Community Action Agency. Your application for Energy Assistance is also an application for Weatherization Assistance.

WETHERSFIELD EMERGENCY FUEL BANK

Telephone: (860) 721-2977 (Voice) for information and eligibility requirements. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Money (one time payment) is available to help Wethersfield residents meet energy costs on an emergency basis through a privately funded Fuel Bank.

OPERATION FUEL PROGRAM

Telephone: (860) 721-2977 (Voice) for information and eligibility requirements. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department provides assistance under the Operation Fuel Program. Operation Fuel is a private, nonprofit statewide program offering emergency energy assistance to low income working poor, elderly and disabled households which are either ineligible for government assistance or have exhausted their benefits. This crisis intervention program assists families facing unemployment, illness or death of a partner.

ENERGY HOTLINE

Telephone: 1-800-842-1132 (Voice), (860) 529-1310 (TDD/TT)

Connecticut Department of Social Services sponsors a hotline that provides additional information on energy related programs.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES-CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER P.O. Box 2960 Hartford, CT 06141-2960 Telephone: (860) 947-2000 (Voice) 1-800-0010 (TDD/TT) Website: www.cl-p.com

Third Party Notification is a service which could help avoid the risk of disconnection of service due to a financial "hardship case", an oversight, neglect or misunderstanding in paying a bill. This program can be helpful for the elderly and those with hearing, reading, or language difficulties.

Legislation enacted in 1979 prohibits the refusal of electric, gas or water service for inability to pay a security deposit and prohibits termination of gas or electricity from November 1 to April 15 for any non-payment of a bill in hardship cases. If gas or electric service were terminated prior to November 1, services must be reinstated in hardship cases if the customer requests it. Special protections and rights pertain to the administration of utility service in certain circumstances. At no time during the year may a gas or electric utility shut off service or refuse to turn service on in situations where a lack of utility service is life-threatening and medical documentation is updated regularly.

A hardship case exists when a customer lacks the resources to pay the bill:

- who is receiving Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (state supplements), Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or General Assistance (GA)/State-Administered General Assistance (SAGA).
- whose sole source of financial support is Social Security, Veterans Administration or Unemployment Compensation benefits.
- who is head of the household and unemployed.
- who is seriously ill or who has a household member who is seriously ill.
- whose income falls below 200% of the Federal income guidelines.
- whose circumstances threaten deprivation of food and other necessities of life if payment of a delinquent bill is required.

The utility customer must make payments options with the utility company. For information on their responsibilities and their rights the utility customer can enlist the assistance of the following agencies:

- Department of Public Utilities (860) 827-2622 or 1-800-382-4586
- Statewide Legal Service 1-800-453-3320 or (860) 344-0380 in Middletown
- INFOLINE 211

FOOD AND CLOTHING

FOOD AND NUTRITION

MEALS ON WHEELS VNA Health Care 103 Woodland Street Hartford, CT 06108 Telephone: (860) 249-4862 (Voice)

> The Meals On Wheels program provides nutritional hot lunches and light suppers to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities who are unable to prepare meals for themselves. All kinds of diets can be accommodated.

> Meals are delivered by Wethersfield volunteers at noon Monday through Sunday. Financial assistance may be available to defray the cost of the meals by asking for this assistance.

<u>CW RESOURCES</u> 200 Myrtle Street New Britain, CT 06053 Telephone: (860) 229-7700, ask for the Meals On Wheels Program Director.

Similar to the above Meals on Wheels program above, hot meals are available Monday through Friday. On Friday, the driver delivers the weekend meals that could be heated up later.

<u>JUNIPER HOUSE-</u> Telephone :(860) 523-1418 Website: www.juniperhouse.org

Meals On Wheels are prepared from the Avon Old Farm Restaurant. Kosher meals are available.

WETHERSFIELD FOOD BANK

Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department 505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109

> Call (860) 721-2977, ask for your social worker and for an appointment. One bag of food per person per month is available. The ONLY exceptions are for a verifiable emergency situation approved by a worker. All clients must be accompanied in the Food Bank by their worker.

If you are a new client a short application will be required to be completed and the worker will need to see proof of your residency in Wethersfield and also a State DMV License/ and or appropriate ID as requested. Once a client completes the application they must abide by the Food Bank rules. Anyone that does not abide by the rules of the Food Bank will be barred from using it for one month. Donations are always appreciated.

MOBILE FOODSHARE

Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department 505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2977 (Voice) for information and eligibility requirements. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mobile Foodshare offers free fruits and vegetables to eligible households. Call the above number for dates, times and location.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT-FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Department of Social Services Department(DSS) 3580 Main Street Hartford, CT 06120 1-800-842-1508, End Hunger CT.(860) 296-1127

> The DSS administers the federal Food Stamp program. It also administers a State funded Food Stamp program for people who are not eligible for the federal program solely due to their status as non-citizens. The sole purpose of this program is to help low-income people buy food. Contact the DSS or the End Hunger CT phone numbers for income guidelines and asset limits.

WETHERSFIELD FRIENDLY SHOPPER PROGRAM

Social and Youth Services Dept. 505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 (860) 721-2977, Ask for Elderly Services Coordinator Friendly Shoppers are trained volunteers who pick up groceries for frail/isolated adults in the community and can meet the client at the grocery store and assist them with their shopping. The volunteer also helps put the groceries away and can pick up prescriptions for the client. Contact the Department for an application and home interview. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!

WETHERSFIELD COMMUNITY CAFÉ (CRT) LUNCH PROGRAM

c/o William J. Pitkin Community Center 30 Greenfield Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2955

Hot nutritional regular meals are served Monday through Friday to town residences 60 years and over and to individuals with disabilities. Please call one day ahead between 8:00a.m. and 12:00 noon to reserve a meal. There is a nominal donation for the meal.

Program starts at 11:45a.m. so we encourage residence to come prior to this time to be seated. This is a great way to socialize and meet new people.

CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department Clothing Bank Town Hall-505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2977

> Call and ask for your worker to schedule an appointment. Used clothing at no charge for the clothing and donations from the public can be made by phoning the Department.

<u>First Church of Christ</u> 250 Main Street Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 529-1575

Provides used clothing at low cost. For more information please call the thrift shop.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Wethersfield Social and Youth Services

Provides financial assistance to those with no resources or with only limited incomes through Special Needs Fund and other resources as available. Assists with the location of private sources of aid. Assists persons in applying for Town, State and Federal and Veteran programs.

Telephone: (860) 721-2977 for information.

Property Tax Relief for Wethersfield Residents

Connecticut law provides for annual tax relief payments for certain homeowners. To be eligible for such a grant you must :

- Be determined totally disabled by Social Security and receiving disability benefits;
- Be considered legally blind; or
- Be a veteran

In addition to the above qualifications, your annual income must not exceed certain guidelines determined annually by the State of Connecticut.

For the latest information on current property tax relief programs contact the Tax Assessor's Office (860) 721-2810. Telephone: (860) 721-2810 (Voice) 721-2798 (TDD/TT).

Rent Relief Program for Persons with Total Disability

Connecticut law provides rent relief payments for certain renters. To be eligible for an annual grant you must:

- Be determined totally disabled by Social Security and receiving disability benefits. (If receiving benefits from a source other than Social Security, information must be provided by Social Security explaining why the person is not receiving benefits through their system.)
- In addition to the above qualification, your annual income must not exceed certain income guidelines determined annually by the State of Connecticut.

For information on the above program, contact the Social and Youth Services Department-Program begins May 15th and ends September 15th of every year.

Telephone: (860) 721-2977 (Voice), (860) 721-2798 (TDD/TT)

MOTOR VEHICLE ADAPTED AND/OR MODIFIED FOR USE BY PERSON WITH DISABILITY

- 1. Any vehicle used exclusively for transporting a person with a disability may be exempt from taxation.
- 2. Applications are filed annually between September 1 and November 1, The Assessor shall then inspect the vehicle to determine that it has been adapted and/or modified.
- 3. Vehicles used to transport an individual for payment do not qualify.

SOLDIERS, SAILORS. AND MARINES FUND

101 South Street West Hartford, CT 6110-1967 Telephone: (860) 953-4345, 1 800-491-4941 Website: <u>www.state.ct.us/ssmf</u>.

> Provides short term financial assistance for Connecticut Veterans who served during war time and who were honorably discharged. Certain criteria has to be met to qualify for assistance.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

2nd Floor 960 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103 Telephone: (860) 493-1857, 1 -800-772-1213, 1-800-325-0778 (TDD)

> This agency provides information on eligibility for Social Security benefits, including Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS (OHCA) 410 Capitol Avenue MS #13HCA PO Box 340308 Hartford,CT 06134-0308 Telephone: (860) 418-7001, 1- 800-797-9688 Website: www.ct.gov/ohca

OHCA provides guidance to consumers about how to get assistance with hospital bills.

CONNETICUT HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE, OUTREACH, INFORMATION, COUNSELING AND ELIGIBILITY SCREENING PROGRAM (CHOICES)

Telephone: (860) 424-5862, 1-800-994-9422

The Department of Social Services, in partnership with Area Agencies on Aging, administers CHOICES, a program providing free information and referrals to elders. Counselors provide assistance with health insurance options including Medicare fee-for-service, managed care (Advantage), Medicare Part D prescription plans, Medicare supplemental insurance (Medigap), and Medicare Saving Programs for individuals with low income, and sometimes a Benefit Checkup eligibility screening for Federal and State programs.

<u>CONNECTICUT INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR AIDS</u> <u>PATIENTS (CIAPAPA)</u>

Telephone: 1-800-842-1508 TDD/TTY: 1-800-842-4526

> The state offers CIAPAPA for income eligible persons who have AIDS. The program helps patients take advantage of state and federal COBRA laws that allow for an extension of employer-provided group health insurance to people who leave their jobs. The state Department of Social Services can pay for extended insurance premiums to the extent allowed by state and federal laws for people who meet the financial, medical and other requirements.

MEDICARE

Telephone: 1-800-772-1213 TDD/TTY: 1-800-325-077

> Medicare is a federal health insurance program administered by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) for people age 65 or older, people with permanent kidney failure, and certain disabled persons. Part A Hospital Coverage pays a share of the costs for hospital, nursing home, and home health care. Part B Medical Coverage pays for a share of the costs for physicians and other medical expenses and health services not covered under the hospital coverage.

MEDICARE ASSIGNMENT PROGRAM (CONNMAP)

Telephone: (860) 424-4925 TDD/TTY: 1-800-443-9946

ConnMAP, administered by the Department of Social Services (DDS) is a program for lower-income elders who meet residency and income requirements and are enrollees of Medicare Medical Insurance (Part B). It is designed to assure Connecticut enrollees that health care providers who agree to treat them will not charge more than Medicare-approved rates for services covered by Medicare Part B.

<u>CONNECTICUT PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT TO THE</u> <u>ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROGRAM (CONNPACE)</u>

Telephone: (860) 832-9265 TDD/TTY 1-800-423-5026

> ConnPACE, administered by the Department of Social Services (DDS) is a program that pays the cost of some prescription drugs for people 65 years of age or older and those over the age of 18 and disabled under Social Security and with residency and income requirements. The program pays for prescriptions only after the deductible has been met and no other type of insurance or medical coverage is available.

HEALTH CARE FOR UNINSURED KIDS AND YOUTH (HUSKY) Telephone: 1-877-248-8759 TDD/TTY 1-800-410-1681 Website: www.huskyhealth.com

> HUSKY is Connecticut's health insurance program for children and families. HUSKY is available to residence of Connecticut who are US citizens or legal immigrants. HUSKY provides a comprehensive benefit package including regular medical check-ups and well-child care; prescriptions; mental health and substance abuse services; dental checkups and dental care, immunization, counseling, vision care, durable medical equipment and hospital care. The program has two parts, HUSKY A and HUSKY B. HUSKY A is free and covers low-income children and their parents or a caretaker relative. HUSKY B is for higher income families but only covers uninsured children up to age 19. HUSKY B requires copayments and may require a monthly premium depending on income and family size.

<u>CHARTER OAK PLAN</u> Telephone: 1-877-772-8625 Website: www.charteroakhealthplan.com

Charter Oak Plan administered by the Department of Social Services (DDS) is an expansion of the State's HUSKY program, is designed to deliver affordable health care coverage to Connecticut adults of all incomes who are too old for HUSKY, but too young for Medicare Insurance. The plan offers coverage to adults working or not, who do not have health insurance at an affordable cost

MEDICAID (TITLE XIX)

3580 MAIN STREET Hartford, CT 06120 Telephone: (860) 723-1000 TDD/TTY : (860) 566-7913

> Medicaid is a joint federal/state health insurance program administered by the state Department of Social Services (DDS). Medicaid provides coverage for a comprehensive array of health services and medical needs, including services not covered by Medicare. Some services require prior authorization from DSS.

QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB) SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB) ADDITIONAL LOW_INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (ALMB) PROGRAMS 3580 MAIN STREET Hartford, CT 06120 Telephone: 1-800-609-5627

QMB, SLMB, AND ALMB, administered by the Department of Social Services (DSS), are federal and state-funded programs that provide health care coverage and financial assistance in paying Medicare costs for certain Medicare beneficiaries. QMB pays all Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments – up to approved rates – for eligible individuals. It was designed to fill the gaps in Medicare coverage by eliminating out-ofpocket expenses for Medicare-covered services. The SLMB program pays the Medicare Part B premium only. The ALMB program also pays the full amount of Medicare Part B premium. However, funding for the ALMB program is limited, so it is important to apply as soon after January 1 as possible.

STATE- ADMINISTERED GENERAL ASSISTANCE MEDICAL PROGRAM (SAGA MEDICAL) Telephone: 1-800-842-1508

The Department of Social Services (DSS) regional offices may provide medical assistance (SAGA Medical) to persons who are unable to pay for necessary medical expenses such as doctor visits, prescription, and the cost of hospitalization.

LEGAL SERVICES

Statewide Legal Services

Telephone: 1-800-453-3320 or (860) 344-0380 (Voice, TDD/TT)

Provides assistance and representation in civil cases for low-income persons and families. Must meet income guidelines.

Call for eligibility criteria and additional information.

<u>Greater Hartford Legal Services</u> Telephone: (860) 541-5000

Lawyer Referral Service New Haven County Bar Association PO Box 1441 New Haven, Ct 06506-1441 Telephone: (203) 562-5750 E-Mail: <u>NHCBAinfo@newhavenbar.org</u>. Website: www.newhavenbar.org

STATE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES 60 B Weston Street Hartford, CT 06120 Telephone: (860) 297-4300 (Voice), (860) 566-2102 (TDD/TT) 1-800-842-7303 (Voice, TDD/TT) Provides limited legal services.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS (LAMP) Telephone: 1-800-413-7796

> LAMP provides information to seniors and their families about Medicare benefits and rights of appeal. LAMP also offers legal assistance and referral for non-Medicare cases and coordinates legal representation with private attorneys and other legal assistance programs as appropriate.

CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY P.O. Box 350

Willimantic ,CT 06226

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION Telephone: (860) 713-6050 Website: www.ct.gov/dcp

The State Department of Consumer Protection handles inquiries regarding consumer problems. The phone number provided above is for general information. Check the blue pages of the Hartford Phone Book for specific consumer requests or complaints.

THE CONSUMER LAW PROJECT FOR ELDERS (CLPE) AND CHOICES <u>SMP</u>

CLPE, a project of Connecticut Legal Services, provides free legal assistance to seniors 60 or over who have consumer questions or problems. For consumer legal help call 1-800-269-1467.

CHOICES SMP, a project of the Connecticut Department of Social Services and Area Agencies on Aging, empowers seniors to prevent healthcare fraud and scams. To report suspected fraud or scams call1-800-994-9422.

The following is a list of actions you can take to protect your personal information. The list has been compiled by CLPE.

1. <u>Remove your name from mail lists.</u>

By Mail: Print out the on- form or send a postcard or letter that includes your name, home address, signature and a statement that you would like your name to be removed from mail lists, along with a check or money order for \$1.00 (to cover processing), to: Mail Preference Service PO Box 282 Carmel, NY 10512 By Internet: <u>www.dmachoice.org</u> to link with the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) website. You must register with the DMA and provide a valid credit card number for identification purposes, but there is no charge for this service.

2. <u>Put your name on the national Registry "Do not Call" list.</u> By Phone: Call 1-888-382-1222 By Internet: <u>www.donotcall.gov</u>

3. <u>Remove your name from pre-screened credit offers</u>.

By Phone: Call1-888-567-8688

By Internet: www.optoutprescreen.com to fill out the opt-out form.

4. <u>Remove your email address from commercial email lists.</u> The Email Preference Service (eMPS) isavailable to companies for the sole purpose of removing your email address from their email lists. eMPS is a consumer service sponsored by the Direct Marketing Association (DMA). Although registration with eMPS will help reduce the number of emails you receive, it will not stop all commercial emails. The DMA does not provide marketers with consumer email lists for marketing purposes.To remove your email address from national lists. Go to <u>www.dmachoice.org/EMPS/</u> and fill out the registration form.

5. Check your credit reports.

Annualcreditreort.com is the only authorized online source for you to get a free credit report under federal law. You can get a free report from each of the three national credit reporting companies every 12 months. Some other sites claim to offer "free" credit reports, but may charge you for another product if you accept a "free" report. Do not contact the three nationwide consumer reporting companies individually for this free report.

By Phone: Call 1-877-322-8228

By Mail: Annual Credit Report Request Service, PO Box 105281, Atlanta, Georgia 30348-50281

By Internet: www.annualcreditreport.com

6. Put a security freeze on your credit files

A security freeze prevents the release of any information from your credit reports and remains in place until you lift it. In Connecticut a security freeze costs \$10 to place and \$10-\$12 to lift or to temporary lift. Contact each of the3 major credit reporting agencies below to find out how to place this freeze on your file.

Equifax 1-800-525-6285, <u>www.equifax.com</u>, PO Box 740241 Atlanta, Georgia 30374-0241;

Experian 1-888-397-3724, <u>www.exoerian.com</u>, PO Box 9532 Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289, <u>www.transunion.com</u>, Fraud Victim Div. PO Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834

SECTION E

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

WETHERSFIELD TOWN HALL

505 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 721-2800 (Voice) Website: <u>www.wethersfieldct.com</u>

Town Manager	(860) 721-2801
Human Resources	(860) 721-2801
Town Clerk	(860) 721-2880
Election Office (Registrars of Voters)	
Democratic Registrar	(860) 721-2820
Republican Registrar	(860) 721-2819
Finance	(860) 721-2863
Data &GIS Services	(860) 721-2855
Tax Collection	(860) 721-2825
Assessor	(860) 721-2810
Building Inspection	(860) 721 2840
Planning & Economic Development	(860) 721-2838
Engineering	(860) 721-2850
Fire Marshal	(860) 721-2806
Fire Department	(860) 721-2830
Library Services	(860) 721-2985
Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association	(860) 721- 8022
Physical Services	(860) 721-2845
Police Department	(860) 721-2830
Central Connecticut Health District	(860) 721-2822
Social & Youth Services	(860) 721-2977
William J. Pitkin Community Center	(860) 721-2950
Parks & Recreation Department	(860) 721-2890
Therapeutic Recreation	(860) 721-2952

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Stillman Building/Board of Education 127 Hartford Avenue Wethersfield, CT 06109 Telephone: (860) 571- 8100 Website: www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us

Superintendent of Schools	(860) 571-8110
Special Education	(860) 571-8141

OTHER AGENCIES

Medicare	1-800-MEDICARE	www.medicare.gov
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Main Switch Board	203-239-4911 (local) 800- 922-1742 (in CT 800-545-0948 (outside) CT)	www.anthem.com

MISCELLANOUS INFORMATION

DISABILITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

This a booklet published by the State of Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities. This booklet provides contact information for State, Federal and Municipal Agencies, Disability Organizations and Entitlement Programs. Write or call for a copy. This publication may be obtained in alternate format upon request.

Office of Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities 60-B Weston Street Hartford CT 06120-1551 Telephone: (860) 297-4300 (Voice), (860) 297-4380 (TTY), 1-800-842-7303 (Voice/TTY) Email: <u>OPA-information@po.state.ct.us</u> Website: www.ct.gov/opapd

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Elderly and/or disabled persons who have no transportation can request by speaking to their letter carrier, that mail be stopped/held when going on vacation (Give at least 2 days' prior notification). This mail will be delivered to your residence when you call the letter carrier upon your return and regular delivery will be resumed.

Murphy Road Carrier Annex 70 Murphy Road Hartford, CT 06114 Telephone: (860) 249-0625 (Voice) between 7:00AM and 9:00 AM. to reach your carrier.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (STAMPS)

Purchase the full line of stamps by phone at *1-800-STAMPS24* (1-888-782-6724) a nominal fee will be charged for stamps purchased by phone.

PROGRAMS THAT HELP PEOPLE IN CONNECTICUT

This is a social agency resource booklet providing you with information on programs which assist you in areas of energy, income maintenance, education, food and nutrition, health and housing. Write or call for a copy.

Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS) 110 Bartholomew Avenue – Suite 4030 Hartford, CT 06106-2201 Telephone: (860) 951-2212