



Social Services

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RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM STARTS APRIL 1ST

State law provides a **reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled**, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. This is not an entitlement program.

Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies.

To be eligible:

- a recipient or spouse must be 65 years of age or older, or
- a recipient must be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of renter's death had qualified and was entitled to tax relief provided such spouse was living with the renter at the time of the renter's death, or
- a recipient must be 18 years of age or older and eligible to receive Social Security Disability benefits.
- The renter must further meet a one-year state residency requirement.

Grants are based upon income requirements shown in Connecticut General Statute Section 12-170e.

Windsor Social Services are completing Renters' Rebate applications by telephone appointment. All supporting documents are required prior to making application. Visit our website and link to the Renters Rebate information to view documents needed and further instruction or call the Social Services office. Upon receipt of required documents a caseworker will call you by phone to make application.

RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM SEMINAR

Join us for a discussion hosted by Social Services to find out what Renter's Rebate is, who is eligible and what you need to apply. Windsor residents who rent and are 65 and older or are over 18 and on Social Security disability may be eligible for the rebate depending on income.

This event be held on **May 19th from 10:30AM-noon at the L.P. Wilson Community Center** in the All Purpose One Room. Call to RSVP at 860-285-1839.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN/KIN

Are you a Windsor grandparent over 55 yrs. of age and raising your grandchildren or kin? If so, your grandchildren/kin may qualify for a week of FREE Summer Camp through the Windsor Recreation Department. For more information contact Deb Sheldon at Social Services 860-285-1839. While the kids are in camp you will have the opportunity to relax. Space is limited so don't wait!

ARE YOU A CARETAKER FOR A FAMILY MEMBER?

We know how difficult that can be! Between 30% and 50% of caretakers also work outside the home and do their caretaking before and after a long day at work. Handling two jobs is tiring and often times becomes too much.

Windsor Social Services is looking to offer a helping hand to you and your family members through resources and support. If you are interested please call Deb at 860-285-1839. She will be asking for your email address and a short idea of what caretaking you are doing. By collecting this data we will have a better idea how many Windsor residents are caretakers and what services could benefit them and their loved ones. We look forward to talking with you.



GROCERIES TO GO
April 1st, 15th & 29th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
OUTSIDE THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK



MOBILE FOODSHARE
April 6th & 20th
1:30 PM -2:00 PM
Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.

Social Services April news

MONTHLY GROUPS:

Windsor CARES and the Diabetic Support Group will NOT be meeting in person due to COVID-19. The Hunger Action Team will be meeting. For information about these groups, call 860-285-1839.

TEENS THRIVING TODAY

Teens Thriving Today is a youth-led support group that meets for 8- weeks on Monday from 5:30 pm-7pm. Teens learn how to cope with life stressors while eating food and having fun. For more information, please contact us at 860-285-1839 or 860-285-1946 to sign up!

WINDSOR HUNGER ACTION TEAM

This group meets monthly to discuss food insecurity in our local community and solutions to help those in need.

The next meeting will be held via zoom on **Wednesday, April 6th at 9:00 am**. Contact Susan Nunes for meeting information at 860-285-1839 and to be added to our new HAT email distribution list.

AND

The Windsor Hunger Action Team now has a Facebook page! **Stay Connected:** Like and Follow on Facebook for updates and resources throughout the month, <https://www.facebook.com/WindsorHAT/>.

GRANDPARENT AND KINSHIP CIRCLE

Are you a grandparent over the age 55 raising a grandchild or kin? Do you need a break to engage in self-care? Are you interested in learning more about your legal rights? Are you interested in participating in a conference to learn skills & to network with others?

THERE IS SUPPORT AVAILABLE.

Call Windsor Social Services at 860-285-1839 to be added to our Grandparent and Kinship Circle email distribution list and to find out what events and programs are currently happening to help support grandparents raising a second family.

The Grandparent Raising Grandchildren/Kin Program is funded in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging & Windsor Social Services

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Connecticut's protection against utility shutoffs has ended, effective September 15, 2021. However there are resources that are available. If you are struggling to pay your electric, water, or other utilities, you can apply for help through Operation Fuel. Call Eliana Medina-James at 860-285-1839 to discuss qualifications and see if you qualify. Or get coded for Hardship or Winter Protection, this protects your service until May 1, 2022. Ask your utility company about payment plans: For heat: CNG: 860-524-8361. For electricity: Eversource: call 860-286-2000. CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority-1-800-382-4586. Ask for affordable payment plan.

CRT ENERGY ASSISTANCE

CRT is currently scheduling appointments for the winter heating season. If you are have trouble paying your home heating bills, call 860-560-2694 to schedule your appointment. Nun

CONNECTICUT WATER ASSISTANCE

The Connecticut Low Income Water Assistance Program is open. Get help paying your water bills. Households with annual income at or below 60 percent of the state median income can qualify for this one-time water assistance benefit. There is no asset limit. Help is available for both drinking water and waste water bills. Last day to apply is May 31, 2022. Apply at your local Community Action Agency or online at www.ct.gov/dss/waterassistance.

NEW EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Social Services has created and is managing several new email distribution lists:

***Social Services Information & Events**

***Grandparents Raising Grandchildren or Kin**

If you are interested in receiving emails with information and events relating to the above programs, please call Windsor Social Services at 860-285-1839 to sign up on the email list of your interest.

Meet the Social Services Staff

Enita Jubrey, Social Services Director

Jasmine Hall, Dept. Coordinator
Maggie Goodman, Caseworker &
Municipal Veteran's Svc. Contact
Susan Nunes, Administrative Aide

Andy Price, Caseworker
Deb Sheldon, Caseworker
Eliana Medina-James, Caseworker
Ted Hughes, Food Bank

