



Social Services DECEMBER 2022

LP Wilson Community Center
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Look for us on Facebook at:
[Town of Windsor Social Services.](https://www.facebook.com/TownofWindsorSocialServices)

www.townofwindsorct.com/socialservices

PROJECT SANTA PROGRAM

If you registered for the 2022 Project Santa Program, the program distribution will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at Grace Church, 311 Broad Street from 9AM-1PM and from 4PM-7PM. **This is the ONLY TIME gifts will be available for pickup.** It is requested that children do not accompany you for the pickup.

MEDICARE Open Enrollment ANNUAL ELECTION PERIOD

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from Oct. 15th thru Dec. 7th.

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period is from January 1st—March 31st, if you have Medicare Advantage Plan you can switch during this period to another Medicare Advantage Plan or change from Medicare Advantage to original Medicare and join a part D plan.

For information, resources and appropriate referral please call Maggie at 860-285-1839.

ACCESS HEALTH CT OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment period for 2023 coverage thru Access Health CT is from November 1, 2022 thru January 15, 2023. Enroll by December 15th to have coverage starting January 1, 2023.

For questions and application assistance, call 1-855-805-4325. Live chats are available at AccessHealthCT.com.

FOOD BANK HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
4th Thursday of ea. Month 5-6:45PM

UNITED WAY 211 HOMELESS RESOURCES

In Connecticut, if someone is experiencing immediate homelessness - either they are living in uninhabitable conditions or are at risk of doing so in the next five days — they are advised to call United Way's 2-1-1 hotline. 2-1-1 is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people to essential health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week online and over the phone. Currently, it's the entry point to access help for immediate shelter. When they call 211 for housing, you are connected to a CAN representative that will complete a needs assessment. The goal of this conversation is to connect you to housing resources such as shelters, security deposit/eviction prevention programs and other housing resources in your area. Beginning November 1, 211 changed its service for **housing crisis calls** to concentrate its staffing capacity during the times the majority of these callers seek assistance, which is between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm. All other information and referral service continues to be 24/7 online and over the phone.

When the weather is cold, and the Governor declares a **severe weather protocol**, emergency housing assistance through 211 will be available 24/7 for people who are unsheltered during these severe cold weather periods. But once the severe cold weather period ends, the housing crisis line will only be available from 8 am-4 pm (seven days a week).

211 Connecticut uses a service that allows them to communicate with callers in more than 150 different languages. The 211ct.org website has built-in translation functionality with support for more than 30 languages (powered by Google Translate).



GROCERIES TO GO

December 9th & 23rd
10:30 AM—11:30 AM

OUTSIDE THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK



MOBILE FOODSHARE

December 14th & 28th
1:30 PM -2:00 PM

Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.



THE WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON! HAPPY HANUKKAH! MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY KWANZAA!



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MONTHLY GROUPS: WINDSOR C.A.R.E.S.

This is a group of adults who are committed to volunteerism. The group takes on community service projects for people of all ages. Meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday of the month. Call Deb Sheldon for meeting information at 860-285-1839.

WINDSOR HUNGER ACTION TEAM Join The Conversation

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 in person and via zoom on **Wednesday, December 7th 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/>.

BAD WEATHER ALERT:

If the Windsor Food Bank or Groceries to Go closes due to bad weather, a robo call will be made to all food program clients.

If Windsor schools are closed, then Mobile Foodshare is cancelled. Watch for closings on Channel 3 and Channel 30 news.

CLOSINGS IN DECEMBER:

Monday, December 26th
LP Wilson Closed. Food bank closed.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

If you're in need of utility (electric, gas and water) assistance, please call Eliana Medina-James at 860-285-1839 to discuss programs and qualifications.

Community Renewal Team (CRT) is taking appointments for the 2022-2023 energy season. Call **(860) 560-2694** to schedule an appointment. To download their online application visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating/How-To-Apply> .

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.

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 Social Services at 860-285-1839 to be added to our Grandparent & 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 & Social Services

Meet the Social Services Staff

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Ted Hughes, Food Bank

