



Social Services MAY 2023

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[Town of Windsor Social Services.](https://www.facebook.com/TownofWindsorSocialServices)

www.townofwindsorct.com/socialservices

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.

SUMMER FUN CAMPS OFFERED TO GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN or KIN

If you are a grandparent raising grandchildren or kin, and are interested in a week of summer fun camp for your grand/kin, there are spots available thru the NCAA Town of Windsor Grandparent and Kinship Circle Grant. Please contact Deb Sheldon at 860-285-1839 for more information.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

May is a time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues and to help reduce the stigma so many experience. If you or someone you know are in need of mental health support please refer to the resources below :

<https://townofwindsorct.com/social-services/mental-health/>

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Social Services is collaborating with the Windsor Youth Service Bureau and the Wheeler Clinic to provide a 2 part certification course taught by a MHFA instructor. Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You'll build the skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling.

This event will take place on Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25 from 5:30- 8:30 pm at the Millbrook Clubhouse 147 Pigeon Hill Road, Windsor CT 06095.

This course is for Windsor residents only. Please call the Windsor Recreation Department to sign up for this event 860-285-1990.



GROCERIES TO GO
May 12th & 26th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK

MOBILE FOODSHARE
May 3rd, 17th & 31st
1:30 PM -2:00 PM
Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.

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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. 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, May 3rd 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 has a Facebook page! **Stay Connected:** Like and Follow on Facebook for updates and resources throughout the month, <https://www.facebook.com/WindsorHAT/>.

LEAN ON ME

A Caseworker Appointment Program

The new caseworker appointment program, LEAN ON ME meets the first Tuesday afternoon of each month at the Windsor Main Library.

Schedule your appointment with Windsor Social Services' friendly and knowledgeable caseworkers to learn about programs you may qualify for. If you have questions about energy assistance, food assistance, Medicare, or more - our caring staff can assist you. **The May LEAN ON ME program will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd. We are also accepting appointments for the June 6th LEAN ON ME program day.** Call 860-285-1839 to schedule an appointment between 1-3PM.

The staff is also available at our main office at the LP Wilson Community Center for scheduled appointments.

The Windsor Social Services Department, Town Offices and Windsor Food Bank will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

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 currently accepting applications for those who heat with gas and electric. They are no longer taking applications for oil assistance. 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> .

OPERATION FUEL UPDATE

Operation Fuel is closed for this season. They will reopen sometime in August.

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.



REMINDER
SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICES HAVE MOVED.
We are now located on the left SIDE of the building. Enter thru the square glass doorway.

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

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

