



Social Services JULY 2023

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

www.townofwindsorct.com/socialservices

RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM RUNS THRU SEPTEMBER 30th

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 at 860-285-1839 .

ATTENTION FOOD BANK CLIENTS

The Windsor Food Bank will be doing client renewals starting on July 1st at the food bank. This is a very simply quick process and you will still be able to receive your distribution right away.

FOOD BANK REMODELING PROJECT

The Windsor Food Bank is planning to do extensive renovations and updates this summer to their space at the LP Wilson Community Center.

We have been working with a project manager to create a design that will be space efficient and up to date. During this time, we will still be open to clients for distributions but we are still working out the details of where that will take place. Important updates will be made thru robo calls to our food bank members to make sure they are fully aware of our temporary client pickup process. We are very excited about this project and look forward to re-opening to clients when it's done.



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



GROCERIES TO GO
July 7th & 21st
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK

MOBILE FOODSHARE
July 12th & 26th
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, July 12th 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 June LEAN ON ME program will be held on Tuesday, July 18th.** 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.

Windsor Town Offices including Social Services and the Windsor Food Bank WILL BE CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

The Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority has pushed back the utility shutoff moratorium for gas and electric utilities until Oct 31, 2023.

Please call Eliana at 860-285-1839 to see if you qualify for hardship.

The Community Renewal Team (CRT) energy assistance program is now closed for the season.

OPERATION FUEL UPDATE

Operation Fuel is not taking any applications at this time. They will reopen on August 1, 2023.

SUMMER ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

If you are trying to save money while staying comfortable during these warm summer months, see below for some energy saving tips:

- If you have central air conditioning, keep your thermostat at 78 degrees. You can also save approximately an additional six to seven percent off your cooling costs for each degree above 78.
- If your air conditioner does not have a thermostat, adjust it to a lower setting, or combine using it with a window or ceiling fan to cool things down.
- Get rid of hot air. Use an exhaust fan to blow hot air out of your kitchen while you're cooking.
- Close blinds, drapes and shades during the hottest part of the day. Use your microwave or countertop appliances for cooking instead of the oven or stove.
- Postpone laundry and dishwashing until nighttime to avoid generating extra heat in your home.

For more information, please visit Eversource Website and click on "Save Money and Energy"



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

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

