



Social Services DECEMBER 2023

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

www.townofwindsorct.com/socialservices

WINDSOR FOOD BANK Temporary Inconvenience for Improved Service

Beginning in January, the Windsor Food Bank will be relocating to a temporary distribution location for a couple months at 100 Addison Road, while renovations are made to our current location at the L.P. Wilson Community Center. The planned improvements to the Windsor Food Bank will increase capacity for storage of food and create a more efficient space to intake and distribute food. We will keep everyone posted when the exact dates of our relocation are confirmed.

PROJECT SANTA PROGRAM

If you registered for the 2023 Project Santa Program, the program distribution will be held on Tuesday, December 12th 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.

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

CLOSINGS IN DECEMBER:

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day
Windsor Social Services closed.
LP Wilson Closed. Food bank closed.

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 2024 coverage thru Access Health CT is from November 1, 2023 thru January 15, 2024. Enroll by December 15th to have coverage starting January 1, 2024.
For questions and application assistance, call 1-855-805-4325. Live chats are available at AccessHealthCT.com.

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.



GROCERIES TO GO

Dec. 8th & 22nd
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK

MOBILE FOODSHARE

Dec. 13th & 27th
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. The next meeting is December 12 at 1PM. 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, Dec. 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 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. 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.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

The Community Renewal Team (CRT) energy assistance program is now taking appointments for the 2023/2024 heating season.

NEW UPDATE: CRT is now scheduling appointments in Windsor! Please call the hotline at 860-560-2694 and request an appointment in Windsor.

OPERATION FUEL UPDATE

Operation Fuel is no longer accepting applications for energy assistance. They will begin taking them again on January 8, 2024. Please call Eliana at 860-285-1839 to see if you qualify.

NEW LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT RATE FOR EVERSOURCE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

10% and 50% Discounts Available for Eversource Electric Customers

On December 1, 2023, Eversource will introduce a new discount rate for electric customers with a financial hardship status. Based on household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit, customers may be eligible for a 10% or 50% discount off their electric bill per month.

Visit www.Eversource.com/billhelp for more information on the electric discount and to see if you qualify.

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.

Meet the Social Services Staff

Enita Jubrey, Social Services Director
Maggie Goodman, Caseworker & Municipal Veteran's Svc. Contact
Susan Nunes, Administrative Assistant
Janine Griffith, Administrative Aide

Jasmine Hall, Dept. Coordinator
Andy Price, Caseworker
Deb Sheldon, Caseworker
Eliana Medina-James, Caseworker
Ted Hughes, Food Bank