

Social Services FEBRUARY 2022

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www.townofwindsorct.com/socialservices

WINDSOR'S AT RISK REGISTRY

Several years ago, the Town of Windsor created a volunteer At-Risk Registry to identify Windsor residents who might need extra assistance during an emergency. Social Services is relaunching the <u>At-Risk-Registry!!!!!!</u> We have now made our on-line application pre-fillable so that it can be easily filled out and conveniently submitted to us by e-mail! Call the Social Service Office at 860-285-1839 to learn more.

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 grand-child 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.

WILSON BRANCH LIBRARY SEEKING TUTORS FOR WINDSOR YOUTH

Please consider volunteering to tutor Windsor youth in grades 1-8 in either math or English at the Wilson Branch Library. Call 806-247-8360 for further information or visit the website think https://www.windsorlibrary.com/tutoring-program-2/.

SOCIAL SERVICES COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

Visit https://townofwindsorct.com/social-services/ and follow the link in the top of our page for to view this guide for updated important information.

CLOSING IN FEBRUARY

Windsor Town Offices including the Windsor Social Services and Windsor Food Bank will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.

BAD WEATHER ALERT:

If the Windsor Food Bank or Groceries to Go closes due to bad weather, clients will receive a recorded phone message or text letting them know.

If bad weather is expected on a Weekend Wheels delivery day, you may receive your distribution the day before or the day after.

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



GROCERIES TO GO

Feb. 4th & 18th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
OUTSIDE THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK



MOBILE FOODSHARE

Feb. 9th & 23rd 1:30 PM -2:00 PM Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.

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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. The next cycle of this program begins on 2/28. 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, February 2nd 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/.

WEEKEND WHEELS STUDENT BACKPACK PROGRAM

Weekend Wheels is a supplemental food program that provides a bagful of food to elementary and middle school age children to help thru the weekend. This program distributes during the school year. During the COVID pandemic, Weekend Wheels has been in a home delivery distribution mode and will continue in this format thru the school year.

Registrations are taken on a rolling basis throughout the school year. You can sign up thru the Windsor Food Bank, Windsor Social Services or with the Family Resource Coordinator at your child's school. Qualification is based on household income.

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.

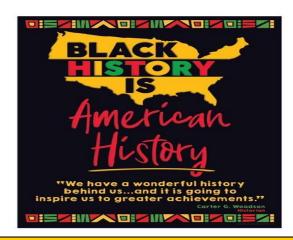
CRT ENERGY ASSISTANCE

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



Meet the Social Services Staff

Enita Jubrey, Social Services Director

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Maggie Goodman, Caseworker &
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