

Social Services JULY 2021

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RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM

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 thru Oct. 1st. 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.

GRANDPARENT AND KINSHIP CIRCLE

Are you a grandparent or kin over 55 yrs. of age and caring for your grandchildren or kin? If you are, we have some exciting programs to help support you! These programs can provide respite and fun for both you and the kids. The Social Service department is hosting a monthly support and discussion group. This group can help you discover new ways to manage your household, allow you to hear from others on how they are managing the new school procedures and challenging behaviors of their children, and learn ways to relax and take time for yourself. Sign up now so you don't miss any of the upcoming events! If you would like more information on how to get involved, please call Deb Sheldon at Windsor Social Services 860-285-1839.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN/KIN

Are you a Windsor grandparent over 55 years. of age and raising your grandchildren or kin? If you are then we have a great opportunity for you and your family. Your grandchildren/kin may qualify for a week of FREE Summer Camp through the Windsor Recreation Department. For more information and to obtain and application contact Deb Sheldon at Windsor Social Services 860-285-1839. While the kids are in camp you will have the opportunity to relax. Space is limited so don't wait!

The Grandparent Raising Grandchildren/Kinship Circle Program is funded in part by the Older Americans Act through the North Central Area Agency on Aging & Windsor Social Services.

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.



GROCERIES TO GO

July 9th & 23rd 10:30 AM—11:30 AM OUTSIDE THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK



MOBILE FOODSHARE
July 14th & 28th
1:30 PM -2:00 PM
Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor

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GROCIERES TO GO A SENIOR FOOD PROGRAM

Groceries to Go is a supplemental food program for people over 60 years of age that is offered through Windsor Social

Services. If you struggle to make ends meet or find it difficult to grocery shop then this program might benefit you. The program is offered every other Friday at the Food Bank from 10:30-11:30am. An application is required and can be completed over the telephone is a matter of minutes. If transportation or physical limitations present you with barriers, please call to discuss further options. Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Call Deb Sheldon at 860-285-1839 for more information and registration.

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 qualifications.

GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING RENT AND EVICTIONS.

This FREE service is available from several nonprofit legal aid organizations in CT. Their information is pooled under one website: www.CTLawHelp.org.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY BEING PLANNED

Social Services will be hosting a CAREGIVER COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY for Windsor caregivers of any kind and of all ages on Friday, September 10th from 4:30 – 7pm at the LP Wilson Community Center. This FREE event will be filled with fun activities such as face paintings and bingo, an ice cream truck, food and more! There will also be resources and vendors providing helpful information. Look for our August newsletter for more information.

FOOD BANK HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 PM

UniteCT EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR CT ECONOMY

Have you been financially impacted by COVID-19? Are you struggling to pay your rent and utilities? Apply for UniteCT, a CT Dept. of Housing rental assistance program supporting CT residents who earn up to 80% of the HUD Area Median Income and their landlords.

You may qualify for the opportunity to receive -

- Missed gas and electric outstanding payments
- Missed rent or future rent payments.

To learn more and see of your qualify, visit www.bit.ly/UniteCT

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. CARES is not currently not holding on site meetings. Please call Deb for more information at 860-285-1839.

Diabetic Support Group:

This group is not currently hosting on site meetings. Call Andy Price for more information at 860-285-1839.

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**, **July 7th at 9:00 am.** Contact Susan Nunes for meeting information at 860-285-1839.

Grandparents & Kinship Circle Support group:

This group can help you discover new ways to manage your household, allow you to hear from others on how they are managing the new school procedures and challenging behaviors of their children, and learn ways to relax and take time for yourself.

This group meets once a month via Zoom. If you would like more information and meeting details, please call Deb Sheldon at 860-285-1839.

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