# CONNECTICUT'S HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CARE GUIDE

#### INTRODUCTION

**2-1-1'S HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Guide** is intended to provide information on local, state, and federal programs that work to meet the prevention goals and the service needs of Connecticut residents. We hope that the information in our Guide provides information that will help you understand the HIV/AIDS prevention and care options in Connecticut.

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- 2-1-1 e-Library: https://uwc.211ct.org/get-help/informationlibrary/
- Special Directories: <a href="http://uwc.211ct.org/professionals/">http://uwc.211ct.org/professionals/</a>
- 2-1-1 Child Development: http://cdi.211ct.org/
- Child Care Database: <a href="http://www.211childcare.org">http://www.211childcare.org</a>

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The Connecticut Department of Public Health mission is: "To create a coordinated statewide care and prevention system in which the rate of new HIV infections is reduced, and those who are living with and affected by HIV/AIDS are connected to appropriate care and support services.

The HIV Care & Prevention at the Connecticut Department of Public Health has two HIV/AIDS dedicated units: the Care & Prevention Unit oversees prevention contractors and initiatives, and the Surveillance Unit oversees care contractors and initiatives.

The AIDS and Chronic Diseases Section initiatives for HIV/AIDS prevention and care include funding community based HIV and STD testing sites, HIV prevention programs, the CARE partner notification program, and other prevention and treatment programs. This Section also provides referrals to programs, and information about HIV and AIDS.

The State of Connecticut CADAP and CIPA services are now being administered by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. All applications and information about the Connecticut CADAP and CIPA programs can be found online at this web location: https://ctdph.magellanrx.com; or email CTDPHMRXENROLL@magellanhealth.com with specific questions.

### LINKS TO CT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING DOCUMENTS:

<u>Epidemiological Profile of HIV and AIDS in</u>
<u>Connecticut:</u> <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/AIDS--Chronic-Diseases/AIDS-Home/HIV-and-AIDS">https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/AIDS--Chronic-Diseases/AIDS-Home/HIV-and-AIDS</a>

#### OTHER LINKS

HIV Counseling and Testing Sites (2-1-1 database sites)
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#### STATE PLANNING GROUPS

### Ryan White Planning Council of New Haven/Fairfield Counties:

https://targethiv.org/org/ryan-white-planning-council-new-haven-fairfield-counties

#### **RYAN WHITE HARTFORD**

Amplify, Inc./Greater Hartford Ryan White Part A
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Part A Planning Council - Amplify
(Serving Hartford, Tolland and
Middlesex counties, the Ryan White
Part A Planning Council meets
regularly and is supported by Amplify
Staff.amplifyct.org)

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program is the largest Federal program focused exclusively on HIV/AIDS care. The program is for individuals living with HIV/AIDS who have no health insurance (public or private), have insufficient health care coverage, or lack financial resources to get the care they need for their HIV disease. As such, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program fills gaps in care not covered by other funding sources.

The legislation is called the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-87, October 30, 2009). The legislation was first enacted in 1990 as the Ryan White CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency) Act. It has been amended and reauthorized four times: in 1996, 2000, 2006, and 2009. The Ryan White legislation has been adjusted with each reauthorization to accommodate new and emerging needs, such as an increased emphasis on funding

of core medical services and changes in funding formulas.

Funding is provided to cities, metropolitan areas, states and directly to providers and organizations (e.g. community health centers). The Ryan White Program is divided into five major Parts (formerly called Titles): Part A, B, C, D, and F.

Part A: Funds Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) and Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs), which consist of cities and metropolitan areas (e.g. counties) most heavily impacted by the HIV epidemic. In Connecticut these metropolitan areas are located in New Haven/Fairfield Counties (EMA) and Greater Hartford TGA (consisting of Hartford, Middlesex and Tolland Counties).

Part B: Funds all 50 states and applicable jurisdictions and territories, and provides access to medications for eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), as well as funding for core medical and support services. ADAPs provide FDA-approved HIV-related prescription drugs to low-income PLWHA who have limited or no prescription drug coverage.

Part C: Funds provided directly to ambulatory medical clinics (e.g. community health centers). Supports early intervention services (EIS) to reach people newly diagnosed with HIV and link them with care.

Part D: Funds public and private organizations directly to provide family-centered and community-based services to children, youth and women living with HIV and their families. Provides outreach, primary and specialty medical care and psychosocial support, including links to clinical research.

Part F: Funds two programs – Special Programs of National Significance (SPSN), AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC).

DPH Standards of CARE for Ryan White II Funded program. Visit the DPH website for more information: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/AIDS--Chronic-Diseases/Care/Standards-of-CARE-for-Ryan-White-II-funded">https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/AIDS--Chronic-Diseases/Care/Standards-of-CARE-for-Ryan-White-II-funded</a>

#### **GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

#### AIDS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Community based agencies that offer information about HIV prevention, HIV and AIDS treatment; support groups; case management; and a variety of other support services.

#### CADAP – CONNECTICUT AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DPH)

CADAP INFORMATION/APPLICATION: <a href="https://ctdph.magellanrx.com/">https://ctdph.magellanrx.com/</a>

State program designed to helps eligible Connecticut residents with HIV or AIDS afford the cost of medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

ELIGIBILITY: low-income residents with essential medications for the treatment of HIV, related conditions, and other co-morbidities, as well as health insurance premium assistance.

## Connecticut's HIV/AIDS Services and Contact Information:

https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/AIDS--Chronic-Diseases/Care/HIVAIDS-Services-in-Connecticut

- AIDS Drug Assistance
- Children, Youth and Family AIDS Network of Connecticut (CYFAN)
- Transitional Linkage into the Community (Project TLC)
- Statewide Medication Adherence Programs

#### Diseases/AIDS-Home/HIV-and-AIDS

LINK TO 2-1-1's LIST OF Community Clinics: http://www.211ct.org/search?page=1&location=CT %2C%20USA&taxonomy\_code=2938&service\_are a=connecticut

Community health centers provide health care regardless of insurance and regardless of immigration status. Services are provided on a sliding fee basis and include primary care, substance abuse and mental health care, prenatal care, and social work services. Some community health centers provide prenatal care, some have on-site pharmacies, and some have on-site dental care.

# COMPREHENSIVE RISK COUNSELING SERVICES - CRCS

DPH funded program for people who are at high risk of HIV infection provides individualized counseling on risk prevention and coordination of services needed to meet a client's basic needs in order that the client can better focus on developing behaviors to protect his/her health. CRCS is intended for individuals with multiple complex problems and risk reduction needs who are having or are likely to have difficulty initiating or sustaining practices that reduce or prevent HIV acquisition, transmission, or re-infection.

#### AIDS CONNECTICUT

Statewide AIDS membership organization provides system advocacy to improve the service delivery system and access to services for people with HIV/AIDS, manages housing and client assistance funds, and provides training and technical assistance to AIDS service providers. AIDS Connecticut website maintains an <a href="http://www.aids-ct.org/">http://www.aids-ct.org/</a>.

# DRUG TREATMENT ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Case managers located at community based organizations will do drug/alcohol addiction assessments and then find treatment beds for substance abusers who want to get into drug or alcohol treatment. Case managers can also arrange for subsequent levels of care. The case managers will transport the person to the treatment site.

#### **NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

<u>LINK TO CONTACT INFORMATION ON</u> <u>CONNECTICUT'S NEEDLE EXCHANGE</u> PROGRAMS

Needle exchange programs operate in multiple cities and towns for the purpose of preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS via intravenous drug use. In addition to exchanging used needles for new ones, sites offer confidential HIV testing and educational materials on disease prevention.

#### RYAN WHITE CARE ACT PROGRAMS

Ryan White Parts A, B, C, D and F fund outpatient/ambulatory medical care, the ADAP program, early intervention services, medical case management, dental care, substance abuse and mental health treatment services (outpatient), medical nutritional therapy, support services (e.g. transportation, food bank/home delivered meals, emergency financial assistance, housing services, etc.), care and support services for women and children, education and training services, outreach and education for minorities and special projects which support innovative models of HIV care delivery for hard-to-reach populations.

In Connecticut, Access Health CT has a health insurance exchange/marketplace, where individuals can go directly to inquire about health insurance, or visit an enrollment center during this enrollment period. Please visit Access Health CT (www.accesshealthct.com) for further information on what constitutes a qualifying event that you may qualify for a Special Enrollment period throughout the year if needed, or call, (855)805-4325.

Or visit our topical paper, <u>"Access Health CT: Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange"</u>, under eLibrary papers, category Health Insurance, for general information on Connecticut's Health Exchange.

#### **APPENDICES**

#### CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BENEFITS APPLICATION SITES

#### **CENTRAL OFFICE:**

55 Farmington Avenue., Hartford, CT 06105

Public Information: (800)842-1508; TDD/TTY line: (800)842-4524

Mail documents to: DSS Connect Scanning Center, P.O. Box 1320, Manchester, CT 06045

#### NORTHERN REGIONAL OFFICES

Greater Hartford – 20 Meadow Road, Windsor –1(855)626-6632 /TDD: (800)842-4524]

New Britain – 30 Christian Lane, New Britain, CT 06051 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524

Manchester - 699 East Middle Tpke, Manchester, CT 06040 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524

Willimantic – 1320 Main St., Suite 18, Tyler Sq., Willimantic, CT 06226 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524

#### **SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICES**

New Haven – 50 Humphrey St., New Haven, CT 06513 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524 Middletown - 2081 South Main Street (Route 17), Suite B, Middletown, CT 06457 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524

Norwich - 401 West Thames St., Suite 102, Norwich, CT 06360 -(855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524

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#### **WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICES**

Bridgeport - 925 Housatonic Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06606 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524
Stamford - 1642 Bedford St., Stamford, CT 06905 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524
Waterbury - 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury, CT 06702 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524
Danbury - 342 Main St., Danbury, CT 06810 – (855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524
Torrington - 62 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 1, Torrington, CT 06790 –(855)626-6632 / TTY: (800)842-4524

### **FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS 3/2024-3/2025**

Annual Income											
	100%	125%	130%	138%	150%	185%	200%	235%	250%	300%	323%
Family Size: 1	15,060	18,825	19,578	20,783	22,590	27,861	30,120	35,391	37,650	45,180	48,644
2	20,440	25,550	26,572	28,207	30,660	37,814	40,880	48,034	51,100	61,320	66,021
3	25,820	32,275	33,566	35,632	38,730	47,767	51,640	60,677	64,550	77,460	83,399
4	31,200	39,000	40,560	43,056	46,800	57,720	62,400	73,320	78,000	93,600	100,776
5	36,580	45,725	47,554	50,480	54,870	67,673	73,160	85,963	91,450	109,740	118,153
6	41,960	52,450	54,548	57,905	62,940	77,626	83,920	98,606	104,900	125,880	135,530
7	47,340	59,175	61,542	65,329	71,010	87,579	94,680	111,249	118,350	142,020	152,908
8	52,720	65,900	68,536	72,754	79,080	97,532	105,440	123,892	131,800	158,160	170,286
Each add'l person, add:	5,380	6,725	6,994	7,424	8,070	9,953	10,760	12,643	13,450	16,140	17,377
Monthly Income											
	100%	125%	130%	138%	150%	185%	200%	235%	250%	300%	323%
Family Size: 1	1,255	1,569	1,632	1,732	1,883	2,322	2,510	2,949	3,138	3,765	4,054
2	1,703	2,129	2,214	2,351	2,555	3,151	3,407	4,003	4,258	5,110	5,501
3	2,152	2,690	2,797	2,969	3,228	3,981	4,303	5,056	5,379	6,455	6,951
4	2,600	3,250	3,380	3,588	3,900	4,810	5,200	6,110	6,500	7,800	8,398
5	3,048	3,810	3,963	4,207	4,573	5,639	6,097	7,164	7,621	9,145	9,845
6	3,497	4,371	4,546	4,825	5,245	6,469	6,993	8,217	8,742	10,490	11,295
7	3,945	4,931	5,129	5,444	5,918	7,298	7,890	9,271	9,863	11,835	12,749
8	4,393	5,492	5,711	6,063	6,590	8,128	8,787	10,324	10,983	13,180	14,189
Each add'l person, add:	448	560	582	619	673	828	897	1,052	1,120	1,345	1,447

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SOURCE: Connecticut Department of Social Services

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AGENCY/PROGRAM and SUMMARY	CONTACT INFORMATION
2-1-1 www.211ct.org 24 hour information and referral to health and human services in	2-1-1 (V/TTY) (800)203-1234 (V/TTY)
CT; Crisis intervention; Suicide prevention  AIDS AND CHRONIC DISEASES SECTION, CONNECTICUT	
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
HIV and AIDS (ct.gov)	
AIDS NATIONAL HOTLINE  National 24 hr. hotline managed by the Centers for Disease Control gives information and referrals to callers with questions about HIV and AIDS, and other STDs.	(800)CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) (888)232-6348 (TTY)
AIDS CONNECTICUT (ACT) - HARTFORD	(860)247-2437
AIDS CONNECTICUT (ACT) – CONNECTIONS WELLNESS CENTER - HARTFORD	(860)547-1771
CADAP, CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	(800)424 2240
https://ctdph.magellanrx.com/ Prescription assistance program for people with HIV/AIDS.	(800)424-3310
CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY	(800)262-4414
www.medicareadvocacy.org	(860-456-7790 (V/TTY)
Information, advocacy for Medicare-related issues.	(655 155 1755 (1711)
CHILD DEVELOPMENT	(800)505-7000 (V/TTY)
http://cdi.211ct.org/	
Birth to Three, Help Me Grow and Children with Special Health	
Care Needs programs, etc.	
CHOICES PROGRAM (AREA AGENCIES ON AGING)	(800)994-9422
https://portal.ct.gov/AgingandDisability/Content-	
Pages/Programs/CHOICES-Connecticuts-program-for-Health-	
insurance-assistance-Outreach-Information-and-referral-Couns	
Insurance information and benefits counseling for people ages 60+,	
or people under age 60 who are disabled and on Medicare. Also	
offers assistance to Medicare beneficiaries who need help understanding the new Medicare Prescription Drug plan.	
COBRA	U.S. Department of Labor
www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm	(866)4-USA-DOL (866-444-3272)
	(000)4-03A-DOL (000-444-3272)
Information about the federal COBRA law; or to file COBRA	
complaints against an employer.  COBRA-CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS	Connecticut Department of
https://portal.ct.gov/CID/General-Consumer-	Insurance
Information/Health-Insurance	(800)203-3447
ACT	(860)247-2437(AIDS)
Membership organization for agencies providing housing for people living with HIV/AIDS.	(000)241-2431 (AIDO)
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF	(866)4-USA-DOL
http://www.dol.gov/	
Information to employees and employers about COBRA and	
HIPAA.	
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND PRACTITIONERS	Licensing: (860)509-7603
LICENSURE AND INVESTIGATION UNIT, CONNECTICUT	Complaints: (800)842-0038
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
Information about physician's licensure; or to file complaint.	

AGENCY/PROGRAM and SUMMARY	CONTACT INFORMATION
HEALTHY START  Medicaid managed care health plan for pregnant women with household income at or below 263% FPL. (Pregnant woman is counted as family of two); No asset test.	Healthy Start Sites
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-individuals/index.html">https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-individuals/index.html</a>	Connecticut Department of Insurance: (800)203-3447
https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/laws-regulations/index.html - Provides for patient control over rights to, and privacy of, medical records.	HIPAA Hotline (866)627-7748 To file a complaint (800)368-1019
http://www.ct.gov/hh/site/default.asp Managed care health plans for children ages 18 and under	AccessHealthCT.com 1-855-805-4325 (1-855-805-HEALTH)
HUSKY A FOR CAREGIVER RELATIVES, HUSKY C & D http://www.ct.gov/hh/site/default.asp Medicaid managed care health plan for parents/ caretaker relatives who have children on HUSKY A and whose income is at or below 138% FPL; No asset limit. Manages former Medicaid LIA) & Medicaid for the Aged, Blind & Disabled.	AccessHealthCT.com 1-855-805-4325 (1-855-805-HEALTH)
INSURANCE, CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF  www.ct.gov/cid  Provides list of health insurance companies and agents registered in Connecticut, including Medigap insurers and Blue Ribbon policy providers. Will investigate complaints against insurance companies and agents.	(800)203-3447
KATIE BECKETT WAIVER, ALTERNATE CARE UNIT, CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (Also known as the Deeming Waiver or the 2176 Model Waiver) Medicaid waiver program enables severely disabled individuals to be cared for at home and be eligible for Medicaid based only on the individual's income and assets, and not the income/assets of legally liable relatives.	(800)445-5394 (800)842-4524 (TTY)
LIONS LOW VISION CENTERS  Nonprescription devices and low vision rehabilitation to assist people with low vision.	860-832-9601
MEDICAID (NOW HUSKY D), CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  www.ct.gov/dss  Health insurance at no cost for very low income families with dependent children, elderly or disabled individuals, and refugees.	(877)CT-HUSKY or DSS offices

AGENCY/PROGRAM and SUMMARY	CONTACT INFORMATION
HUSKY C - CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  http://ct.gov/hh/site/default.asp - People who are disabled and who	(1) Online to DSS at www.connect.ct.gov
are employed and paying Social Security taxes (or who have wage stubs proving earnings if not paying Social Security taxes may be eligible.	Applying online is the fastest way to apply and see if you are eligible.
	(2) You can also use the  'W-1E' form to  apply for these  programs, available  here Versión en  Español  [This form can also  be used to apply for
	food and financial assistance programs]  (3) In person at a DSS field office (please note that you may have to wait to see a worker
THIORY D. M. Part I	
HUSKY D – Medicaid <a href="http://www.ct.gov/hh/site/default.asp">http://www.ct.gov/hh/site/default.asp</a> State funded medical insurance, including behavioral health, dental and prescription coverage, for indigent adults without dependent children and who are not disabled. Must be a U.S. citizen or must have permanent residency (green card) for at least five years, unless under age 21	Access Health CT, (855) 805-4325 (1-855-805- HEALTH) www.accesshealthct.com
MEDICAL SPEND-DOWN PROGRAM, CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  Medicaid health insurance for individuals whose medical bills bring their income down to the "medically needy income limit" set by DSS.	(855)626-6632 (800)842-4524 (TTY)
MEDICARE  www.medicare.gov  Federal insurance program for all Social Security recipients ages 65+, people who are permanently disabled and who have been receiving Social Security benefits for two years, and people with end stage renal disease.	(800)MEDICARE (877)486-2048 (TTY)
MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES QMB, SLMB, ALMB: Income eligible individuals and couples can enroll in a Medicare Savings Program that will pay for Medicare premiums, deductibles or co-pays. Level of benefit depends upon income.	(855)626-6632 (800)842-4524 (TTY)
MEDIGAP Privately purchased insurance policies that supplement benefits available through Medicare Parts A and B. (People on Medicare who have very low income and assets use Medicaid to supplement Medicare.)	Connecticut Department of Insurance: (800)203-3447 CHOICES Program: (800)994-9422

AGENCY/PROGRAM and SUMMARY	CONTACT INFORMATION
MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER, SAMHSA NATIONAL SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	(800) 789-2647 (1-877-SAMHSA-7) (866) 889-2647 (TTY)
National mental health information and referral line.	
NEAT MARKETPLACE	(866) 526-4492
http://www.neatmarketplace.org Used, restored assistive devices and medical equipment/supplies for sale.	
NORD – NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR RARE DISORDERS <a href="https://rarediseases.org/">https://rarediseases.org/</a> - Information about rare disorders; Also provides prescription assistance for certain drugs.	(800)999-6673
OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE  www.ct.gov/oha  Mediates disputes between managed care companies and beneficiaries; Informs callers on rights and how to appeal a decision.	1-866-HMO-4446
PARTNERSHIP FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE  www.pparx.org  Phone or web-based information on free or discounted prescription assistance programs that are offered by pharmaceutical companies, and federal and state programs.	Website; or call 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669)
PCA (PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT) WAIVER PROGRAM, SOCIAL WORK DIVISION, CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  The PCA Waiver Program funds personal care aides for income/asset eligible adults ages 18-64 with severe and permanent physical disabilities who want to live independently.	Call DSS offices and suboffices and ask for the Social Work Unit
PLANNED PARENTHOOD	To find nearest clinic
www.plannedparenthood.org Reproductive health care services for both males and females on a sliding fee basis and provides HIV services.	(800)230-PLAN
PUBLIC HEALTH, CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF (DPH)  www.ct.gov/dph  Provides information about licensing status of medical facilities and practitioners, investigates complaints; administers funding for public and community health programs.	(860)509-8000 (860)509-7191 (TTY)
RYAN WHITE PART A PLANNING COUNCIL – GREATER HARTFORD	(860)688-5818
RYAN WHITE PART A PLANNING COUNCIL - NEW HAVEN AND FAIRFIELD COUNTIES	(866)990-1203
SAGA CASH State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program provides cash assistance for adults with very low income/low assets who do not qualify for other state or federal assistance programs.	(855)626-6632 (800)842-4524 (TTY)
SOCIAL SERVICES CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF (DSS) – DSS Client Information & Benefits Line <a href="http://portal.ct.gov/dss">http://portal.ct.gov/dss</a> Administers Medicaid, Medicaid and SAGA Cash programs, etc	(855)626-6632 (800)842-4524 (TTY)

AGENCY/PROGRAM and SUMMARY	CONTACT INFORMATION
SOCIAL SERVICES CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF (DSS) – FAIR HEARINGS  Applicants and clients may appeal benefit decisions by requesting a fair hearing in writing within 60 days from date DSS mails the client a notice of action. Send request to:  DSS Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 0610.	(860)424-5760 – within Hartford calling area (800)842-4524 outside Hartford calling area  Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings (OLCRAH) Requesting A Hearing (ct.gov)
STATEWIDE LEGAL SERVICES  www.slsct.org  Advocacy and legal representation for low income individuals and families in relation to public welfare health insurance programs such as HUSKY, Medicaid, Healthy Start, SAGA.	(800)453-3320
STD NATIONAL HOTLINE  National 24 hr. hotline managed by the Centers for Disease Control gives information and referrals to callers with questions about HIV and AIDS, and other STDs.	(800)CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) (888)243-6348 (TTY)
If you are in a life threatening situation, dial 9-1-1. If you are in crisis, dial 2-1-1 in Connecticut. Outside Connecticut call at 1-800-273-8255 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (For Spanish – 1-800-273-8255, Press 2)  Connecticut's 24 hour suicide prevention hotline. 2-1-1 is accredited by the American Assn. of Suicidology.	Dial 2-1-1
TREVOR HELPLINE  www.thetrevorproject.org  24 hour crisis hotline for gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning youth.	(866)488-7386
VETERANS AFFAIRS, CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM  www.connecticut.va.gov/  Primary health care, behavioral health care, and prescription drug  program for eligible veterans.	VA Health Benefits Call Center (866)808-7921 Eligibility Office at West Haven Medical Center (203)932-5711, Ext. 3328