

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CASH AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

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Greenwich Department of Social Services
Town Hall, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-622-3800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The department provides financial aid to residents of Greenwich who are in need. It also provides referrals to Federal and State assistance programs and to private sources of aid. Call for an appointment.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Christ Church - West Annex

248 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-622-9208 Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – for clients; 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – for donations

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is a non-denominational organization that provides supplementary food and clothing for families and individuals. Eligibility is determined through referral or documentation of income.

CONNECTICUT MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

BILL PAYER PROGRAM

Southwestern CT Agency on Aging

10 Middle Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Toll Free: **1-800-811-9808**, 203-333-9288

Trained volunteers provide assistance to low-income older and disabled individuals who are at risk because they cannot manage their financial affairs. The volunteers provide help with monthly bill paying, budgeting and record keeping.

This program is co-sponsored with AARP.

FEE: None

ON-LINE BENEFITS CHECK-UP

Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging

Website: www.SWCAA.org Click on the \$ **Benefits Check Up** icon.

CREDIT COUNSELING

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING

1-800-450-2808

Non-profit statewide community service offers financial counseling, dept management.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

ENERGY ASSISTANCE (CEAP)

Greenwich Department of Social Services
Town Hall, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-622-3800 Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This program is designed to help low-income individuals and families pay their winter heating bills. Cash payments are available for households where heat is included in the rent. Seniors may apply at the Department of Social Services for Federal, State and privately funded energy assistance programs. Applications may also be made at the Senior Center. Hours may vary. Please call for appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Income limits vary depending on family size.

TAX RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE

ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS' TAX RELIEF ACT (State Program)

Town Hall, Tax Assessor's Office, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-622-7885 Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Website: www.opm.state.ct.us

This program arranges tax abatement for a Greenwich taxpayer 65 or over who is a property owner and who has lived in his house for at least one year. There is an income limitation: check the above Website and click on GRANTS/SERVICES. Applicants must file between February 1st and May 15th for previous year.

ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Town Program)

Town Hall, Tax Assessor's Office, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-622-7885 Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This program arranges tax abatement for a Greenwich taxpayer 65 or over who is a property owner or co-op owner and who has lived in his house for a least one year as their primary residence. Must apply first for tax relief under other programs available (see State program). There is an income limitation that changes periodically and includes adjusted gross income plus tax exempt interest and Social Security. Applicants must file between February 1st and May 15th.

ELDERLY RENTERS' TAX RELIEF ACT

Renter's Rebate Program

Greenwich Department of Social Services

Town Hall, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-622-6458 Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This is a program for rent refund for elderly 65 and over or disabled who have resided in Connecticut for at least one year. There is an income limitation for unmarried persons and for married couples that includes Social Security.

Applicants must file between May 15th and September 15th and must provide income information, rent and utility receipts.

Call the number above for income information and an appointment.

VETERAN'S TAX EXEMPTION

Veterans who file their DD-214 papers with the Town Clerk prior to October 1st will receive a property tax exemption of off their assessment of real estate or automobile (if disabled or over 65 years of age and meet an income requirement the exemption will be increased). Contact the Assessor's office for further information at 203-622-7885.

TAX PREPARATION

AARP - INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Income tax assistance for elderly and low-income taxpayers is given by persons qualified and trained in income tax preparation. Active service is available from early February until April 15th. Site locations are announced in January.

Counseling service is part of AARP Tax Aide/TCE Program. Call the Commission on Aging, **203-862-6710**, or the Senior Center, **203-862-6700**, for further information.

FEE: None

INSURANCE COUNSELING

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING PROGRAM

Commission on Aging/Family Centers, Inc.
299 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830
203 862-6710 Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Call to arrange a personal and confidential meeting with a volunteer counselor to review your Medicare supplementary health insurance options and/or Medicare Prescription Drug options.

FEE: None

CONNECTICUT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT – CONSUMER AFFAIRS 800-203-3447 (toll free), 860-297-3900

Call for information and complaints about all forms of insurance.

FEE: None

GERIATRIC CARE MANAGERS

A **geriatric care manager** is a health and human services professional, such as a gerontologist, nurse, social worker, or psychologist with a specialized focus on issues related to aging and elder care. **Geriatric care managers** work privately with older adults and their families to create a plan of care that meets the needs of the older adult. They will meet with you to help you understand your loved one's needs and to learn what resources and options are available to meet those needs.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERIATRIC CARE MANAGERS, INC.

1604 N. Country Club Road, Tucson, AZ 85716

520-881-8008, (520) 325-7925 Fax

Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MST, Monday thru Friday, except for holidays.

Contact the agency for referral to a professional geriatric care manager.

THE CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER

PO Box 122, Cos Cob, CT 06807-0122

203-861-9833 Day, evening and weekend appointments are available

Website: www.CaregiverResourceCenter.com

The Caregiver Resource Center provides a spectrum of services including: facilitating family meetings, assessment, development of an individualized care plan, research on available resources, coordination of services, monitoring the senior's evolving needs, serving as a liaison between the senior, family members and care providers, crisis intervention, advocacy and support. Services are provided at the senior's place of residence.

FEE: Call the number above for information.

CARE MANAGING, L.L.C.

Lois Cea, RN, President
PO Box 39, Rowayton, CT 06853
203-831-8500

Assessment and Implementation of care needs with live-in caregiver services. Individualized care planning and coordination of in-home or alternate living arrangements. Helping family members cope with elder care concerns and providing a link to community services. Offering expertise on medical, social, financial and legal issues. Healthcare advocacy.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZER

Judith Heft and Associates, LLC
2289 Bedford St. Unit A11, Stamford CT 06905
917-494-3986, (203) 978-1857 (Fax)

Website: www.judithheft.com

Assists seniors with handling routine financial transactions, maintaining and reconciling bank accounts, resolve billing discrepancies, submitting and reviewing routine medical claims, organizing home files, compiling year-end tax information for client's CPA. Bonded and Notary Public.

WAVENY CARE CENTER

Joan Merrill
3 Farm Road, New Canaan, CT 06840
203-966-8725

RETIREMENT AND PENSION ASSISTANCE

THE NEW ENGLAND PENSION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Toll Free: **1-888-425-6067**, or **617-287-7307**, npln@umb.edu

The Project offers counseling and recovery assistance regarding pension benefits to which you are entitled. It can help you understand pension plan provisions, address eligibility problems and locate pension benefits. Services are provided to residents of Connecticut at no charge.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

2 Landmark Square, Suite 105, Stamford, CT 06901

203-359-0030 or **1-800-772-1213** Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Social Security Administration processes applications for Social Security account numbers, takes applications for retirement, survivors and disability benefits. It also takes applications for and administers the Medicare program and the SSI (Supplemental Security Income) program.