

SOCIAL SERVICES

FRIENDSHIP AND SOCIAL GROUPS

DENOMINATIONAL VISITS

Most local churches and synagogues offer friendly visiting to the homebound upon request. For a listing of Religious Communities,

<http://www.greenwichchamber.com/worship.asp>

GREENWICH HOSPITAL PASTORAL HOME CARE PROGRAM 5 Perryridge Road, Greenwich, CT 06830 203-863-3000 Greenwich Hospital Pastoral Home Care Program is a community outreach program that responds to the needs of people who are homebound. The pastoral coordinator and Chaplain work closely with representatives of local churches and synagogues to deliver a program of pastoral care to Greenwich residents. The program is interfaith in nature and reaches people in the community who might otherwise be isolated.

FEE: None

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

1 Holly Hill Lane, Greenwich, CT 06830 203-622-

1881 Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Website:**

www.jfsgreenwich.org

Friendly visitors program. Home visits by a social worker. Individual counseling for the elderly and their adult children. Information and referral. Participates in Elder Support Network.

FEE: Sliding scale for some services.

PARISH NURSE AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

108 Sound Beach Ave., Old Greenwich, CT 06870

203-637-1791, ext. 21

Services available to the community include: blood pressure screening, consultation and information on a variety of health topics, support for healthy lifestyle changes, health education programs, support groups and referral to community resources. The Parish Nurse is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on many Sunday mornings.

SIENA COMMISSION ON AGING

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center 13 Riverside Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878 **203-637-2710** (24 hour response) This ministry at St. Catherine's Parish reaches all homebound who desire to be visited and who would like to receive the Eucharist.

Birthday and Christmas cards are also sent. Volunteers visit the homebound as well as those in local nursing homes and Greenwich Hospital.

FRIENDLY CONNECTIONS

FAMILY CENTERS, INC.

20 Bridge Street, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-661-8841 Website: www.familycenters.org

Telephone Groups: This program links people together via telephone conference call groups. The groups include recreational, discussion, support and educational topics. No special equipment is necessary, only a telephone. Call for complete schedule of groups. **FEE: None**

Special Groups: Recovery, Low Vision and Caregivers.

Friendly Callers: Friendly Callers volunteers call for a social conversation. Call for more information.

Friendly Visitor Program: Trained and supervised volunteers provide weekly home visits (of 1-2 hours) for homebound elderly persons who are lonely and isolated due to frail health. Volunteers provide friendship and a link to the outside world. Volunteers help with correspondence, play cards, or simply provide conversation.

HOME-BASED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

AT HOME IN GREENWICH

20 Bridge Street, Greenwich, CT 06830

203-629-2822 x.3141 Website: www.athomeingreenwich.org

At Home In Greenwich is a non-profit membership organization founded to give Greenwich seniors both the practical means and the confidence to live their lives to the fullest in their own homes as they grow older. Provides problem-solving, information, specific referral to Town services, vetted commercial services, volunteers, social activities such as trips, book clubs, potluck suppers.

Call for information about membership fees.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

GREENWICH SENIOR SERVICES (Toll Free) **1-866-309-1966** (or local) **203-622-7979**

GREENWICH COMMISSION ON AGING

299 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830 **203-862-6710** Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Commission on Aging is the Town department dedicated to the needs of the elderly. It is a community resource to older adults and their families that responds to questions on aging issues and services. The Commission office can locate resources in Greenwich and surrounding areas as well as provide information on state and national resources. Printed materials are available free of charge on various aging issues including housing, health care, finance, insurance counseling, transportation, social services and recreation.

COMMUNITY ANSWERS AT GREENWICH LIBRARY

101 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830 **203-622-7979** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trained volunteers give answers to a wide range of questions and provide information and referral to people with problems. Community Answers also maintains a Community Calendar of Greenwich events.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, INC.

26 Palmer's Hill Road, Stamford, CT 06497

203-353-8550 Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Provides local access to peer support, information and referral for people with disabilities.

GREENWICH HEALTH AT GREENWICH HOSPITAL

203-863-4444 Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Responds to calls for information and referral on health services. Printed materials are available.

INFOLINE

211, or 1-800-203-1234, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week,

Trained staff members are available 24 hours a day to provide human service information, help in locating services, and crisis intervention.

GREENWICH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Municipal Agent for the Elderly, Town Hall, Third Floor

101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT 06830

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

Provides information about benefits and services and assistance in applying.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal

860-808-5318

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

184 Windsor Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut 06095

860-602-4000

Maintains confidential registry of people who are blind in Connecticut and provides, within available resources, comprehensive low vision services, specialized education services, life skills training, case management, and vocational services to individuals of all ages who are legally blind. The agency assists them in acquiring the skills and

support services necessary to be independent.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR THE BLIND OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Senior Services of Stamford, 945 Summer Street, Stamford, CT 06905 **203-324-6611**
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A regional program that provides services entirely through volunteers who work either directly or indirectly with visually handicapped persons. Volunteers are trained to encourage blind clients to function independently and to fully utilize their abilities. Services provided include: readers, drivers, friendly visitors, shopping assistants and home clerical assistants. All volunteers receive a two-hour orientation.

SAFETY IN THE HOME

AARP 55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE

Greenwich Hospital, 5 Perryridge Road, Greenwich, CT 06830
203-863-4277, 888-305-9253
Call to pre-register.

LIFELINE CONNECTICUT at FCA

137 East Avenue, 2nd Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851 **203-853-8444, 1-800-330-9747**, Fax: 203-831-2904 **Website:**
www.familyandchildrensagency.org

Lifeline is a personal emergency alarm and response system that links seniors or disabled individuals to 24-hour emergency assistance at the push of a button enabling them to live independently in their own homes. Licensed and bonded.

FEE: Fee for service. Sliding scale fee with income verification.

FILE OF LIFE

Greenwich Emergency Medical Service (GEMS)
1111 East Putnam Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878
203-637-7505 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Medical information is stored in a file on the refrigerator door. Rescue workers will check the File of Life for pertinent health data. Free kits may be obtained by calling Greenwich Emergency Medical Service.

FEE: None

PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

GREENWICH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Town Hall, Third Floor 101 Field Point Road Greenwich, CT 06830 **203-622-3800**

Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The department intervenes in suspected cases of abuse, neglect (including self-neglect) or exploitation. Intervention may involve only an initial contact or may consist of arranging for needed services, ongoing monitoring of the situation or arranging for appointment of a conservator.

FEE: None

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 1-888-385-4225 Protective Services for the Elderly (PSE)

This program is designed to safeguard people 60 years and older from physical, mental and emotional abuse, neglect and abandonment and/or financial abuse and exploitation. DSS social workers devise a plan of care aimed at assuring an elders' safety while preserving the person's right of self-determination. Staff may help the person remain in the living situation he or she prefers, safeguard legal rights, prevent bodily injury or harm, determine service needs and then mobilize resources to provide necessary services.

The Social Work service plan may include crisis intervention, arranging for and coordinating any of the following services: adult day-care, companionship, counseling, homemaker, home health care, home-delivered meals, long-term care or, if necessary, emergency convalescent placement.

In extreme cases, DSS can seek court authorization to provide services to a person who appears to "lack the capacity" to give consent to reasonable and necessary services to assure personal safety. Under certain circumstances, the Department may apply to the Probate Court for the appointment of a Conservator whose role is to make decisions on behalf of an incompetent person.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

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