

Section V

Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

CTWorks Career Centers

Description:

The Connecticut Department of Labor's CTWorks Career Centers offer services to job seekers and employers. There are 14 Career Centers located in convenient locations statewide. Consumers are not charged for the services provided by the Center regardless of their employment status. Career services include: employment searches, assistance with writing and critiquing resumes, skills assessments, guidance on interviewing techniques, workshops on career transitions, videos and information on local job fairs. Telephones, faxes and internet access for employment searches and e-mail correspondence are available for consumers use.

The Department of Labor also offers Career Express, a mobile Career Center that is equipped with eight computer work-stations and high-speed internet access that can provide job skills development services and resources to individuals and employers statewide. The Career Express is equipped with a wheelchair lift and is fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Individuals seeking assistance with finding employment or workers.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

Contact the CTWorks Job Centers listed below or visit the website at <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/ContactInfo/CTWorks/Directory.htm> .

Bridgeport:
2 Lafayette Square
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Telephone: 203-455-2700
Fax: 203-455-2780

Danbury:
152 West Street
Danbury, CT 06810
Telephone: 203-731-4144
Fax: 203-731-2854

Danielson:
95 Westcott Road
Danielson, CT 06239
Telephone: 860-412-7000
Fax: 860-412-7010

New Britain:
260 Lafayette St.,
New Britain, CT 06053
Telephone: 860-827-6200
Fax: 860-827-6210

Enfield:
620 Enfield St.
Enfield, CT 06082
Telephone: 860-741-4295
Fax: 860-741-4290

New London:
Shaw's Cove 6
New London, CT 06320
Telephone: 860-439-7400
Fax: 860-439-7420

Hamden:
37 Marne Street
Hamden, CT 06514
Telephone: 203-859-3200
Fax: 203-859-3120

Norwich:
113 Salem Turnpike, North Building
Suite 200
Norwich, CT 06360
Telephone: 860-859-5600
Fax: 860-859-5610

Hartford:
3580 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120
Telephone: 860-256-3700
Fax: 860-256-3580

Torrington:
685 Main St
Torrington, CT 06790
Telephone: 860-496-3300
Fax: 860-496-3310

Meriden:
85 West Main Street
Meriden, CT 06451
Telephone: 203-238-6148
Fax: 203-238-6696

Waterbury:
249 Thomaston Ave.
Waterbury, CT 06702
Telephone: 203-437-3380
Fax: 203-437-3290

Middletown:
645 South Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457
Telephone: 860-745-5000
Fax: 860-745-5090

Willimantic:
1320 Main Street, Tyler Square
Willimantic, CT 06226
Telephone: 860-465-2120
Fax: 860-450-7527

Related Information:

[Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services \(DMHAS\) – Employment Services, refer to page XV – 32.](#)
[Senior Job Banks, refer to page V – 19.](#)

Foster Grandparents Program (FGP)

Description:

The Foster Grandparent program enables volunteers, age 60 and older, to work with special needs children and youth. Foster grandparents are trained to work with children who are disadvantaged, have disabilities or are at-risk. Foster grandparents volunteer in places such as schools, daycare or Head Start Centers, libraries, hospitals, residential institutions or homes.

All volunteers receive in-service training, assistance with transportation, hot meals while in service, an annual physical examination and accident insurance.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be age 60 or older.
- To receive a stipend, single persons' incomes must not exceed \$13,537 couple's incomes must not exceed \$18,212.

Service Areas:

Ansonia	Groton	New London
Ashford	Guilford	Newtown
Beacon Falls	Hamden	North Branford
Bethany	Hampton	North Haven
Bethlehem	Hartford	North Stonington
Bozrah	Killingly	Norwich
Branford	Lebanon	Oakville
Bridgeport	Ledyard	Old Lyme
Brooklyn	Lisbon	Orange
Canterbury	Lyme	Oxford
Chaplin	Madison	Plainfield
Cheshire	Manchester	Plymouth
Colchester	Mansfield	Preston
Columbia	Meriden	Prospect
Coventry	Middlebury	Pomfret
East Hartford	Milford	Putnam
Eastford	Monroe	Salem
East Haven	Montville	Scotland
East Lyme	Morris	Seymour
Easton	Mystic	Shelton
Fairfield	Naugatuck	Southbury
Franklin	New Britain	Southington
Griswold	New Haven	Sprague

Stratford
Sterling
Stonington
Terryville
Thomaston
Thompson
Tolland

Torrington
Trumbull
Voluntown
Wallingford
Waterbury
Waterford
Watertown

West Haven
Willington
Windham
Wolcott
Woodbridge
Woodbury
Woodstock

Program Year:
April 1 – March 31

Contact Information:

Contact the office that provides service in the town(s) for which there is an interest:

Greater Hartford Area
Nutmeg Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Inc.
30 Laurel Street, Suite 3
Hartford, CT 06103
Telephone: 860-525-5437 Ext. 112
Fax: 860-525-5437
Website:
www.nutmegbigbrothersbigsisters.org

Towns Served:

East Hartford
Hartford
Manchester
Middletown
New Britain

FGP Bridgeport
Child Guidance Center of Greater Bridgeport
180 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Telephone: 203-394-6529 Ext. 3044
Fax: 203-384-8835
Website: www.cgccb.org

Towns Served:

Bridgeport
Easton
Fairfield
Monroe
Stratford
Trumbull

FGP Central Naugatuck Valley
New Opportunities Inc.
232 North Elm Street, 3rd Floor
Waterbury, CT 06702
Phone: 203-575-4245
Fax: 203-575-4318
Website: www.newopportunitiesinc.org

Towns Served:

Beacon Falls	Oakville	Torrington
Bethlehem	Plymouth	Waterbury
Cheshire	Prospect	Watertown
Middlebury	Southbury	Wolcott
Morris	Southington	Woodbury
Naugatuck	Tarryville	
Newtown	Thomaston	

Eastern CT Senior Corps Programs
401 West Thames Street, Unit 201
Norwich, CT 06360-7155
Telephone: 860-889-1365 Ext. 6518
Fax: 860-889-6962
Website: www.tvcca.org

Towns Served:

Ashford	New London	Salem
Bozrah	North Stonington	Scotland
Brooklyn	Norwich	Sprague
Canterbury	Old Lyme	Sterling
Chaplin	Plainfield	Stonington
Colchester	Pomfret	Thompson
Columbia	Eastford	Tolland
Coventry	East Lyme	Voluntown
Killingly	Franklin	Waterford
Lebanon	Griswold	Willington
Ledyard	Groton	Windham
Lisbon	Hampton	Woodstock
Lyme	Mystic	
Mansfield	Preston	
Montville	Putnam	

FGP of South Central CT
One Long Wharf Drive
New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-752-3059
Fax: 203-785-8873
Website: www.aoapartnerships.org

Towns Served:

Ansonia	Meriden	Seymour
Bethany	Milford	Shelton
Branford	New Haven	Wallingford
East Haven	North Branford	West Haven
Guilford	North Haven	Woodbridge
Hamden	Orange	
Madison	Oxford	

Related Information:

[Senior Companion, refer to page V – 16.](#)

[Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, refer to page V – 7.](#)

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Description:

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides persons age 55 and older opportunities to participate in their communities by sharing their knowledge and skills through meaningful volunteer work. Connecticut's 10 RSVP programs link older adults with community organizations seeking assistance. Volunteers provide valuable services in day care centers, nursing homes, hospice programs, hospitals, home health agencies and schools. They also participate in mentoring and tutoring programs as well as being community organizers for special projects. Liability insurance is provided by the program.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be age 55 or older.

Service Areas:

Statewide.

Program Year:

July 1 – June 30

Contact Information:

RSVP, Eastern Fairfield County
263 Golden Hill Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: 203-576-8048
Fax: 203-576-8330
Email : walter.boyer@bridgeportct.gov

Towns Served:

Bridgeport
Easton

Fairfield
Monroe

Shelton
Stratford

Greater Bristol Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
55 South Street
Bristol, CT 06010
Telephone: 860-584-9533
Fax: 860-582-5224
Email: rsvpbristol@yahoo.com

Towns Served:
Bristol
Burlington

Plainville

Plymouth

RSVP of Northern Fairfield County
66 North Street
Danbury, CT 06710
Telephone: (203) 885-1076, Ext. 803
Fax: (203) 790-9693
Email: davism@cacd-cao.org

Towns Served:
Bethel
Brookfield
Danbury

New Fairfield
Newtown
Redding

Ridgefield
Sherman

Greater Hartford and Mid-State Retired Senior Volunteer Program
90 Retreat Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone: 860- 760-3088
Fax: 860-760-3305
Email: marywi@crtct.org

Towns Served:
Andover
Avon
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
Columbia
Coventry
Cromwell
East Hartford
Ellington

Enfield
Farmington
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Manchester
Newington
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Somers

South Windsor
Stafford
Suffield
Tolland
Vernon
West Hartford
Willington

Durham
East Hampton

Haddam
Higganum
Middlefield

Middletown
Portland

RSVP of Southern New London & Windham County
Thames Valley Council for Community Action
83 Huntington Street, Unit 201
New London, CT 06320
Telephone: 860-889-1365 Ext. 254
Fax: 860-889-6962
Email: cvisco@tvcca.org

Towns Served

Ashford
Brooklyn
Canterbury
Chaplin
Columbia
Coventry
East Lyme
Eastford
Essex
Groton
Hampton

Killingly
Ledyard
Lyme
Mansfield
New London
North Stonington
Old Lyme
Old Saybrook
Plainfield
Pomfret
Putnam

Scotland
Sterling
Stonington
Thompson
Union
Waterford
Willington
Windham
Woodstock

Central Connecticut RSVP, Inc.
830 Corbin Avenue
P.O. Box 578
New Britain, CT 06050
Telephone: 860- 224-7117
Fax: 860-224-8365
Email: rsvpnb@yahoo.com

Towns Served:

Berlin
Meriden
New Britain

Southington
Wallingford

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Southwestern CT
98 South Main Street
Norwalk, CT 06854
Telephone: 203-899-2441
Fax: 203-854-1870
Email: tklein@neon-norwalk.org

Towns Served

Darien
Greenwich
Norwalk

New Canaan
Stamford
Weston

Westport
Wilton

RSVP of New London County

47 Town Street
Meadows Center
Norwich, CT 06360
Telephone: 860-822-4227
Fax: 860- 892-7098
Email: lrygielski@ucfs.org

Towns Served:

Baltic
Bozrah
Colchester
East Haddam
Franklin

Griswold
Lebanon
Lisbon
Norwich
Preston

Sprague
Salem
Voluntown

RSVP of Central Naugatuck Valley

232 North Elm Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
Telephone: 203-575-9779, Ext. 220
Fax: 203-755-8254
Email: mzwang@newopportunitiesinc.org

Note: RSVP of Northwestern Connecticut merged with RSVP of Central Naugatuck Valley

Towns Served:

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Bethlehem
Cheshire
Derby
Canaan
Cornwall
Goshen
Harwinton
Kent
Lakeville
Litchfield

Middlebury
Morris
Naugatuck
New Hartford
North Canaan
Norfolk
Oakville
Oxford
Plymouth
Prospect
Seymour

Sharon
Southbury
Thomaston
Torrington
Warren
Washington
Waterbury
Watertown
Winsted
Wolcott

RSVP of South Central Connecticut
One Long Wharf Drive
New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-752-3059
Fax: 203-933-7078
Email: jlifrieri@aoapartnerships.org

Service Area:

Bethany	Madison	Orange
Branford	Milford	Wallingford
East Haven	New Haven	West Haven
Guilford	North Branford	Woodbridge
Hamden	North Haven	

Related Information:

[Foster Grandparents Program, refer to page V – 3](#)
[Senior Companion Program, refer to page V – 16.](#)
[Volunteer Assistance Program, refer to page V – 20.](#)

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

Description:

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) offers employment and training opportunities to interested older persons who wish to remain in the workforce. The program attempts to match older workers' interests and abilities with positions in community services agencies. The goal of the SCSEP is to assist older workers with the transition into unsubsidized employment.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be age 55 or older.
- Annual income cannot exceed 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; refer to [Appendix F](#).

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

July 1 – June 30

Contact Information:

Jennifer Gorman
Department of Social Services
Aging Services Division
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Telephone: 860-424-5643
Toll Free: 800-443-9946
Website: www.ct.gov/agingservices

Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut, Inc.
One Long Wharf Drive
New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-785-8533
Email: rwebb@aoapartnerships.org

Towns Served:

Branford
East Haven
Hamden

New Haven
North Branford
Orange

West Haven
Woodbridge

Easter Seals Capital Region and Eastern CT.

22 Prestige Park Cr

East Hartford, CT 06108

Telephone: 860-728-1061 x 231

Email: ppylpyszyn@escrec.org

Towns Served:

Andover
Ashford
Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bristol
Brooklyn
Bolton
Canterbury
Canton
Chaplin
Colchester
Columbia
Coventry
Easton
East Granby
East Hartford
East Lyme
East Windsor
Ellington
Enfield
Farmington
Franklin
Glastonbury
Granby
Griswold

Groton
Hampton
Hartford
Hartland
Hebron
Killingly
Lebanon
Ledyard
Lisbon
Lyme
Manchester
Mansfield
Marlborough
Montville
New Britain
Newington
New London
North Stonington
Norwich
Old Lyme
Plainfield
Plainville
Pomfret
Preston
Putnam
Rocky Hill

Salem
Scotland
Simsbury
Somers
South Windsor
Southington
Sprague
Stafford
Sterling
Stonington
Suffield
Thomaston
Tolland
Union
Vernon
Voluntown
Waterford
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Willington
Windham
Windsor
Windsor Locks
Woodstock

Education Connection

P.O. Box 909

355 Goshen Road

Litchfield, CT 06759

Telephone: 860-567-0863

Email: binkley@educationconnection.org

Towns Served:

Barkhamsted	Kent	Salisbury
Bethlehem	Litchfield	Sharon
Bridgewater	Morris	Sherman
Brookfield	New Fairfield	Thomaston
Canaan	New Hartford	Torrington
Colebrook	New Milford	Warren
Cornwall	Norfolk	Washington
Danbury	North Canaan	Watertown
Goshen	Plymouth	Winchester
Harwinton	Roxbury	Woodbury

Jewish Family Service of Stamford

733 Summer Street, 6th Floor

Stamford, CT 06901-1208

Telephone: 203-921-4161

Email: iklocker@ctjfs.org

Darien	New Canaan	Weston
Easton	Norwalk	Westport
Fairfield	Stamford	Wilton
Greenwich		

Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging

10 Middle Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Telephone: 203-333-9288

Email: lparker@swcaa.org

Towns Served:

Bridgeport	Stratford
Easton	Trumbull
Fairfield	Weston

Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.
401 West Thames Street, Unit 201
Norwich, CT 06360
Telephone: 860-889-1365
Email: cvisco@tvcca.org

Towns Served:

Colchester	Groton	Lyme
East Lyme	Lebanon	Montville
Franklin	Ledyard	New London
Griswold	Lisbon	North Stonington

Norwich
Old Lyme
Preston

Salem
Sprague
Stonington

Voluntown
Waterford

The Workplace, Inc.
350 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Telephone: 203-610-8520
Email: jbarcley@workplace.org

Towns Served:

Ansonia
Beacon Falls
Bethany
Bethel
Branford
Bridgeport
Brookfield
Cheshire
Chester
Clinton
Cromwell
Danbury
Deep River
Derby
Durham
Easton
East Haddam
East Hampton
East Haven

Essex
Fairfield
Guilford
Haddam
Hamden
Killingworth
Madison
Meriden
Middlebury
Middlefield
Middletown
Milford
Monroe
Naugatuck
New Fairfield
New Haven
Newtown
North Haven
Old Saybrook

Orange
Oxford
Prospect
Ridgefield
Seymour
Shelton
Sherman
Southbury
Stratford
Trumbull
Wallingford
Waterbury
Westbrook
West Haven
Weston
Wilton
Wolcott

Related Information:

[CTWorks Career Centers, refer to page V – 1.](#)

[Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services \(DMHAS\) – Employment Services, refer to page XV – 32.](#)

[Senior Job Banks, refer to page V – 19.](#)

Senior Companion Program (SCP)

Description:

Senior Companions contribute a minimum of 15 to 40 hours per week helping older adults with physical and/or mental impairments. Companions may help individuals by shopping for them, providing relief to family caregivers or escorting them to doctor's appointments. An important aspect of the program is the human caring and companionship that develops in a sustained relationship. Companions are part of comprehensive care plans, which help homebound older adults to continue to live independently. They also serve in institutions, working with individuals who are about to return to their homes. Senior Companions also act as advocates, linking persons to appropriate community services.

Senior Companions who meet income requirements may receive a modest tax-free stipend. Companions who do not meet income guidelines may volunteer but do not receive financial benefits. All Senior Companions receive an initial 20 hours of orientation supplemented by monthly in-service training, a transportation allowance, hot meals while in service and an annual physical examination.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be age 60 or older.
- To receive a stipend, single persons' incomes cannot exceed \$13,537, married couples' incomes cannot exceed \$18,212.

Service Areas:

Ansonia	East Lyme	Milford
Ashford	Franklin	Montville
Beacon Falls	Griswold	Morris
Bethany	Groton	Mystic
Bethlehem	Guilford	Naugatuck
Bozrah	Hamden	New Haven
Branford	Hampton	New London
Brooklyn	Killingly	Newtown
Canterbury	Lebanon	North Branford
Chaplin	Ledyard	North Haven
Cheshire	Lisbon	North Stonington
Colchester	Lyme	Norwich
Columbia	Madison	Oakville
Coventry	Mansfield	Old Lyme
Eastford	Meriden	Orange
East Haven	Middlebury	Oxford

Plainfield
Plymouth
Pomfret
Preston
Prospect
Putnam
Salem
Scotland
Seymour
Shelton
Sprague

Sterling
Stonington
Southbury
Southington
Terryville
Thomaston
Thompson
Torrington
Tolland
Voluntown
Wallingford

Waterbury
Waterford
Watertown
West Haven
Willington
Windham
Wolcott
Woodbridge
Woodbury
Woodstock

Program Year:
April 1 – March 31

Contact Information:

Eastern Connecticut
SeniorCorps Programs
401 West Thames Street, Unit 201
Norwich, CT 06360
Telephone: 860-889-1365
Fax: 860-889-6962
Website: www.tvcca.org

Towns Served:

Ashford
Bozrah
Brooklyn
Canterbury
Chaplin
Colchester
Columbia
Coventry
Eastford
East Lyme
Franklin
Griswold
Groton
Hampton

Killingly
Lebanon
Ledyard
Lisbon
Lyme
Mansfield
Montville
North Stonington
Norwich
Old Lyme
Plainfield
Pomfret
Preston
Putnam

Salem
Scotland
Sprague
Sterling
Stonington
Thompson
Tolland
Voluntown
Waterford
Willington
Windham
Woodstock

SCP Central Naugatuck Valley
232 North Elm Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
Telephone: 203-575-4214
Fax: 203-757-4318
Website: www.newopportunitiesinc.org

Towns Served:

Beacon Falls	Oakville	Torrington
Bethlehem	Plymouth	Waterbury
Cheshire	Prospect	Watertown
Middlebury	Southbury	Wolcott
Morris	Southington	Woodbury
Naugatuck	Terryville	
Newtown	Thomaston	

SCP South Central Connecticut
One Long Wharf Drive
New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-752-3059
Fax: 203-752-0048
Website: www.aoapartnerships.org

Towns Served:

Ansonia	Meriden	Orange
Bethany	Milford	Oxford
Branford	New Haven	Seymour
East Haven	North Branford	Shelton
Guilford	North Haven	Wallingford
Hamden	North Branford	West Haven
Madison	North Haven	Woodbridge

Related Information:

[Foster Grandparents Program, refer to page V – 3.](#)
[Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, refer to page V – 7.](#)

Senior Job Banks

Description:

Senior Job Banks assist older individuals in finding employment. Staff members work with older adults who want to re-enter the job market as well as those who have never worked but wish to seek employment for the first time. Senior Job Banks maintain information on employers that are seeking older workers and on older workers who are looking for employment so that they can match older persons to appropriate job openings.

Jobs registered with the Senior Job Banks vary; they may be full- or part-time positions.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Years:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be at least age 55 or at least 60, depending upon the program. Contact the specific program to determine which age applies.

Service Areas:

Darien

Easton

Fairfield

Greenwich

New Canaan

Norwalk

Stamford

Weston

Westport

Wilton

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

Jewish Family Service of Stamford
733 Summer Street, 6th Floor
Stamford, CT 06901-1208
Telephone: 203-921-4161
Fax: 203-921-4169
Email: iklocker@ctjfs.org

Related Information:

[CTWorks Career Centers, refer to page V – 1.](#)

Volunteer Assistance Program

Description:

The Volunteer Assistance Program is comprised of older adults and other volunteers who educate consumers about scams and assist them in resolving disputes with businesses. Volunteer Advocates assist the Attorney General's Office by responding to consumer inquiries, mediating disputes and working to obtain refunds for consumers who have not been able to resolve disputes with businesses and who may be the victims of fraudulent or other unlawful practices. In the past the program has also published brochures and videos as part of a massive consumer education campaign to prevent older adults and others from being scammed.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Individuals who are detail oriented and committed to protecting the rights of consumers.
- Individuals with high ethical and professional standards.
- Non-lawyers are encouraged to apply.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

Volunteer Assistance Program
Office of the Attorney General
110 Sherman Street
Hartford, CT 06105
Telephone: 860-808-5420

Related Information:

[Retired and Senior Volunteer Program \(RSVP\), refer to page V – 7.](#)