

CHERISH Elder Shelter Program

Description:

The CHERISH Elder Shelter Program is an emergency shelter program that provides short-term, safe housing for victims of domestic abuse who are age 60 or older. The domestic abuse can be physical, emotional, verbal or financial; it occurs in the victim's home and is perpetrated by a person known to the victim. The CHERISH program also provides counseling, advocacy with court procedures in cases of arrest and emotional support. In addition, it offers educational programs about elder abuse to the community including police departments, hospitals, senior centers, church groups and civic groups. It offers a support group for women age 60 and older who are victims of abuse, home visits, assistance with finding appropriate permanent housing and with obtaining restraining orders and referrals to other agencies, including those that provide legal assistance and to the Department of Social Services' Protective Services for the Elderly Program.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Any person age 60 or older who resides in Connecticut and is in need of shelter services.
- Families and concerned individuals are encouraged to call for information and referrals.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

N/A

Contact Information:

For information on services:

CHERISH Program

Telephone: 203-736-2601 Ext. 354

For brochures or additional information. Write or email:

CHERISH
Umbrella Domestic Violence Program
435 East Main Street
Ansonia, CT 06401
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Related Information:

[Homeless Shelters, Transitional Housing/Shelters and Emergency Shelters, refer to page XII – 21.](#)

[Protective Services for the Elderly Program, refer to page XIV – 20.](#)

[Security Deposit Guarantee Program, refer to page XII – 46.](#)