

With help from Choices at Home, Lawrence Barrett was able to modify his bathroom, adapting the bath tub with a cut-away, to ensure his wife's safety.

What types of home modification will the program pay for?

Up to \$4,000 per family is available to:

- install a ramp or stairglide
- adapt a bath tub
- widen a doorway
- purchase other health-related items

Funding for these options is provided through a grant from the Administration on Aging that is administered by the Department of Social Services, Aging Services Division.

How do I apply?

Please call the Respite Care Managers at 203-785-8533 if you are interested in Choices At Home.

Our Service Area

Choices at Home serves the following towns and cities in Connecticut: Ansonia, Bethany, Branford, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge.



Shaynise Rose, Care Manager Assistant, with Julia Slosar and Carol Farrell. Using the Choices at Home program, Julia hired her son-in-law to assist with her husband's care.



Choices At Home

Gives family caregivers flexibility and control in managing their daily lives.

Choices at Home offers the option of hiring a person of your choice to provide care for you or a family member.

- **you** decide who to hire
- **you** decide when they work
- **you** decide what they do

Choices at Home also offers funding for home modifications.

Choices at Home

Supporting individuals who need care with self-directed help and home modifications

In South Central Connecticut Call

203-785-8533





Who is eligible?

Family caregivers who qualify for either the Connecticut Statewide Respite Program or the National Family Caregiver Program.

Who can I hire?

Family, friends or anyone else of your choosing, except the spouse or the conservator of the person who needs care.

What type of service can the person provide?

The person you hire should be capable of meeting your need for personal care, general housekeeping or companionship.

How much can I pay the person who provides care?

You can pay between \$8.00 and \$13.00 per hour.

How much service can I receive each year?

Up to \$3,500 per year, based on an assessment of your need and availability of funds.

Will I have to contribute toward the cost of my care?

You may be required to make a co-payment.

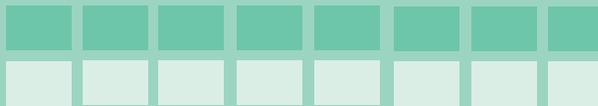
How will the person I hire be paid?

AASCC will forward funds to a fiscal intermediary. On your behalf, the fiscal intermediary:

- issues payroll checks to the person who provides the care
- manages your budget
- completes and files required federal and state tax forms
- pays employer taxes on your behalf



Joan Smith and Tatiana Dukes, Care Manager. Through Choices at Home, Joan was able to hire her husband to help provide daily care for her mother.



How is my budget determined?

A care manager will assess your needs. How much you can spend will be based on this assessment. Priority will be given to those with the greatest need and the fewest resources.

What will the care manager do?

The care manager will:

- explain your care options
- develop a plan of care with you
- refer you to the fiscal intermediary
- review and modify the care plan over time
- be available for ongoing guidance and support

What happens if I am not happy with the person I hire?

You can fire that person and re-hire.

