

BETTOR CHOICE & PROBLEM GAMBLING SERVICES CONTACT LIST
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Bettor Choice Programs are gambling-specific treatment programs funded by the State of Connecticut. Services are offered at more than 16 locations in Connecticut through community agencies. Most programs offer a variety of outpatient services including: individual, group, and budget counseling for both problem gamblers and family members, psychiatric evaluation for both gamblers and family members, and couples and family counseling.

You can speak with a gambling counselor or find the nearest Bettor Choice Program by dialing 860.344.2244 or toll free at 866.440.4375. You can also call one of the programs listed below. When you call, make sure to specify that you are looking for help and information about problem gambling.

REGION 1 – Southwest CT

POSITIVE DIRECTIONS

Bob Vietro

420 Post Road, West
Westport, CT 06880

203-227-7644, ext. 126 (All referrals)

Fax: 203-227-0037

E-Mail: info@positivedirections.org

CONNECTICUT RENAISSANCE

Melodie Keen

4 Byington Place.
Norwalk, CT 06852

141 Franklin Commons
Stamford, CT

203-866-2541, ext. 3005 (All referrals)

E-Mail: melodie@ctrenaissance.com

RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAMS

Lillian Pagan

480 Bond Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

203-366-5817, ext 100 (All referrals)

Fax: 203-394-6790

If after 5pm, please ask for extension 109.

E-Mail: [cordelia.scudder\(Dee\)@rmpinc.org](mailto:cordelia.scudder(Dee)@rmpinc.org)
Stella.ntate@rmpinc.org

SPANISH SPEAKING SERVICES

CASA (Chemical Abuse Services Agency)

Intake Coordinator: 203-339-4112

arturor@casainct.org

REGION 2 – South Central CT

THE CONNECTION, INC., BETTOR CHOICE PROGRAM

Jeremy Wampler

CVH, P.O. Box 351, Russell Hall
Middletown, CT 06457

860-344-2244 (All referrals)

Toll Free: 866-440-4375

Fax: 860-344-2360

E-Mail: jwampler@theconnectioninc.org

One Long Wharf, 3rd floor
New Haven, CT 06511
203-624-1188

Note: Short term in-patient services also available when approved by Mary Lou Costanzo, Clinical Director, phone 860.262.5984.

REGION 3 – Eastern CT

UNITED COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES

Fred Fetta

47 Town Street, Meadows Plaza
Norwich, CT 06360

860-823-3094 (All referrals)

Fax: 860-892-2320

400 Bayonet Street
New London, CT

Routine business calls:

Fred Fetta: 860-892-7042, ext. 367

Cindy Friedman 860-892-7042 ext. 368

Dian Martin: 860-892-7042, ext. 366

John Ricci: 860-892-7042, ext. 396

E-Mail: ffetta@UCFS.org

E-Mail: cfriedman@UCFS.org

E-Mail: dmartin@UCFS.org

E-Mail: JRicci@UCFS.org

REGION 4 – North Central CT

WHEELER CLINIC

Pat Devendorf

645 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

860-523-9788, ext.104 (All referrals)

Fax: 860-232-5049

E-Mail: pdevendorf@wheelerclinic.org

Donna Z., Peer Counselor

860-523-9788, ext. 136

Services also available in Plainville, CT

REGION 5 – Northwest CT

MCCA

Scott Nelson

228 Meadows St., 2nd floor, Suite 201(Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

Waterbury, CT 06702

203.597.0643 ext. 1806

snelson@mccaonline.com

Barry Comen

38 Old Ridgebury Road (Thursday)
Danbury, CT 06810

203.792.4515 ext.1209

Fax: 203.748.2632

Note: You can reach the director, clinical director, and prevention coordinator of DMHAS Problem Gambling Services at the following phone numbers and email addresses:

Lori Rugle 860.262.6610

Mary Lou Costanzo 860.262.5984

Susan McLaughlin 860.262.5983

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