



## SHELTER IN THE ECONOMIC STORM

*Protecting Your Home and Job Assistance*

The economy has affected all of us, but some more than others.

If a member of your family has been laid off, you may face loss of income, health coverage, or your home.

We have worked hard at the state legislature to pass laws and create services that can help us through tough times.

In addition to state programs, I have listed federal initiatives that might be helpful to you or someone you know.

Although the economy is beginning to improve, the next year will be a challenge.

But if we work together, we can weather these difficult times.

Please contact my office at 1.800.842.8267 if you have questions about the programs described here.



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## State Resources **JOBS & FORECLOSURES**

### CT Works Career Centers

These are regional, one-stop career centers providing job skill development services including job search strategies, resume writing and editing, interviewing techniques, and career exploration.

A regional Career Center is located in Hamden to provide guidance and services to those seeking employment.

203.859.3200

### Federal Stimulus Plan

#### Helping the unemployed

- Increasing unemployment benefits by \$25 per week
- Continuing the extended unemployment benefits program through Dec. 31, 2009—qualifying eligible applicants for a total of 72 weeks of benefits
- Paying 65 percent of COBRA healthcare premiums for 9 months for eligible workers

### Mortgage Assistance

In 2008, we created three new programs to help families stay in their homes.

The Connecticut Families program can help qualified homeowners refinance their adjustable rate mortgages into 30 year fixed rate mortgage.

The Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (EMAP) provides emergency mortgage assistance payments to certain borrowers who are facing temporary financial hardship.

The Homeowner's Equity Recovery Opportunity program (HERO) can negotiate, for eligible homeowners, the ability to purchase mortgages directly from lenders.

For further information on program eligibility guidelines:  
[www.chfa.org](http://www.chfa.org) | 877.571.2432

### Useful Numbers

Area Agency on Aging	203.785.8533
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro	203.562.3718
ConnPACE	800.423.5026
Consumer Protection	800.842.2649
CT Veterans Affairs	800.550.0000
CT Tax Department	860.297.5962
DSS Elder Services	866.218.6631
Healthcare Advocate	866.466.4446
Infoline	211
Medicare Hotline	800.633.4227
City Hall, New Haven	203.946.8200
Unclaimed Property Hotline	800.833.7318
US Veterans' Benefits	800.827.1000

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