JOBS & FORECLOSURES

We have all been feeling the impact of the current economic crisis. Many of us are concerned about job security, the possibility of unemployment or even foreclosure. I am proud that we have worked hard at the state legislature to pass laws and create services that can help folks cope with these tough times. I have taken this opportunity to provide information about programs that might be helpful to you or someone you know.

I believe that if we work together we can all make it through these difficult times. Please don't hesitate to contact my office at 1.800.842.8267 if you have any questions about the programs described here or any other matter I can help you with.

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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 Bridgeport to provide guidance and services to those seeking employment.
203.455.2700

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 | 877.571.2432

Useful Numbers

Area Agency on Aging	860.887.3561
Congressman Jim Himes	866.453.0028
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
Norwalk City Hall	203.854.7900
Unclaimed Property Hotline	800.833.7318
US Veterans' Benefits	800.827.1000

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