

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

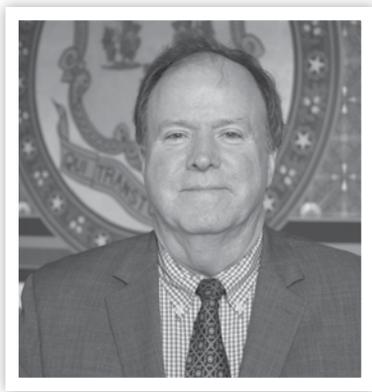
General Assistance	2-1-1
Department of Social Services	855-626-6632
Tax Department	800-382-9463
Consumer Protection	800-842-2649
Department of Veterans' Affairs	866-928-8387
Office of the Healthcare Advocate	866-466-4446
Medicare	800-633-4227
Center for Medicare Advocacy	860-456-7790
Connecticut Insurance Department	888-203-3447
CT Fair Housing Center	888-247-4401
Statewide Legal Services of CT	800-453-3320

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Dear Neighbor,

I trust everyone is enjoying the warmer weather as much as I am.

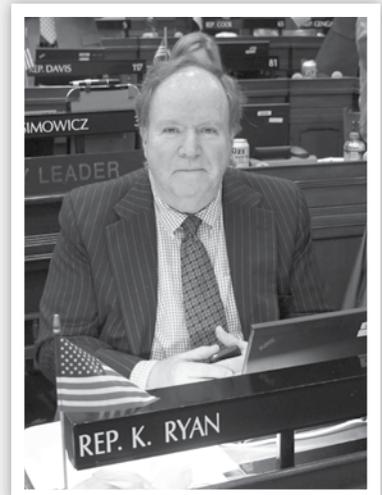
As your State Representative, I want to share with you some information and keep you abreast of some new laws and programs that may interest you. A more detailed update will be available once the Legislature adjourns in June.

If you should need any assistance or have any questions regarding a state program or service, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Ryan".

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ANTHEM DATA BREACH

The Department of Consumer Protection recommends that all Anthem customers check their credit reports, as well as all financial, medical and insurance statements for signs of identity theft. Anthem is working with AllClear ID, an identity protection provider, to offer 24 months of identity theft repair and credit monitoring services to current or former members dating back to 2004. If you notice any suspicious activity, call 877-263-7995 and an investigator will work to recover financial losses, and restore your credit rating and identity. The state has setup an informational website on the Anthem breach: www.ct.gov/anthemadvice.

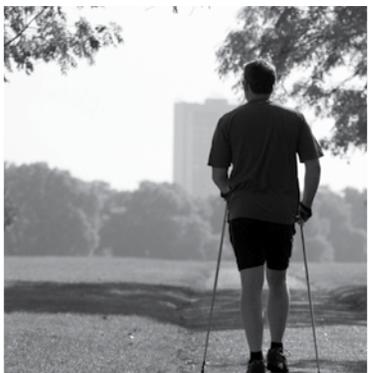


FREE CONSUMER LEGAL SERVICES FOR ELDERS

The Consumer Law Project for Elders (a project of Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.) provides free legal assistance to Connecticut residents age 60 or over who have questions about consumer rights, debt or collection problems, receipt of bills for items never purchased, identity theft, bankruptcy, and unfair and undisclosed loan terms. For more information, call 1-800-296-1467

CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS

Many seniors are blessed with family members who can provide needed care within the home, rather than having to go to a nursing home, but that can be burdensome, and costly. There is help available from the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. For information, brochures, and applications, call the Alternate Care Unit at the CT Department of Social Services 1-800-445-5394.



THE CHOICES PROGRAM

Need help with understanding Medicare and other health insurance options? CHOICES (Connecticut Health insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling, Eligibility Screening) is an information source for services available to people age 60 and over, and those with disabilities. CHOICES can also provide referrals to state agencies for particular service needs. You can contact a counselor at 1-800-994-9422 for information about your Medicare and health insurance coverage.

KINSHIP FUND AND GRANDPARENTS AND RELATIVES RESPITE FUND

Under current law, the Kinship Fund and Grandparents and Relatives Respite Fund are available to people appointed guardians by the Probate Court, not just by the Superior Court as under prior law. The Probate Court administrator is currently responsible for administering the funds. If you or someone you know is a relative who is an appointed guardian of a child and does not receive foster care payments or subsidized guardianship benefits from the Department of Children and Families, you may apply for grants from these funds. Applications are available at the clerk's office of the Probate Court. For more information, visit the Connecticut Probate Courts online at www.ctprobate.gov.



READY TO WORK PROGRAM FOR AGES 55 AND UP

Job skills training is available for people 55 and older. To qualify, you must be unemployed and have an annual family income that is not more than \$14,588/ single, \$19,663/family of two, and \$24,738/family of three. Temporary training assignments are made to gain on-the-job work experience for 20 hours a week at minimum wage. For additional information please contact the Thames Valley Council for Community Action at (860) 425-6603.