



Helpful Information

We are all feeling the impact of the current economic crisis. Many of us are suddenly confronted with new difficulties and are unsure where to look for help. I have been working very hard at the state legislature to pass laws and create services to help folks cope with these tough times. I have taken this opportunity to provide information about some commonly sought services in Bridgeport.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on these programs or any other issue.

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Call the 211 Infoline

- » Infoline is a toll-free help line that is available 24 hours a day.
- » It's the confidential, free and multilingual way to locate services in your area—legal assistance, child care services, elder care, energy assistance, suicide prevention, eligibility requirements for state programs, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc.
- » Caseworkers are trained in crisis intervention.
- » Infoline is not for emergency police, fire or medical assistance.

Help with Prescription Drug Coverage

ConnPACE Plus helps senior citizens and people with disabilities pay for prescription drugs. You must meet certain income conditions, but if qualified ConnPACE can help with prescription co-pays and pay Medicare part B premiums.
800.423.5026

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

Free Legal Services

Statewide Legal Services provides free legal advice on matters ranging from housing problems to bankruptcy. They can make referrals if you require legal representation.
800.453.3320

CT Lawyers Legal Aid to the Elderly can help seniors with legal problems, including Social Security and Medicare issues, as well as estate planning services.
860.273.8164

Useful Numbers

Area Agency on Aging	203.333.9288
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
Unclaimed Property Hotline	800.833.7318
Bridgeport City Hall	203.576.7200

Credit Counseling

Even the most responsible consumers are now facing the problem of increasing debt. Consumer Credit Counseling Services is a non-profit organization providing free financial counseling, bankruptcy counseling and money management skills.
888.845.5669