



We are all feeling the impact of the current economic crisis. Many of us are concerned about job security and the possibility of unemployment, so I am proud that we have worked very 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 if you are looking for a job.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the programs described here or any other matter I can help you with.



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### Federal Stimulus Plan

#### Helping the unemployed

- Increasing 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 premiums for 9 months for eligible workers

### CT JOBcentral

An online job bank where individuals can search for jobs, as well as upload their resume and access various employment-related information.

[www.jobcentral.org/ct](http://www.jobcentral.org/ct)

### Unemployment Insurance

For an in-depth explanation of unemployment insurance and benefits call the Middletown Unemployment Office.

860.344.2993 | [www.ctdol.state.ct.us](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us)

### CTWorks 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 Middletown to provide guidance and services to those seeking employment.

860.754.5000

### CT Job and Career Connection

Online resource for individuals seeking employment by providing self-assessment tools to find the right occupation, general information about various careers and various links to search for jobs and employers.

[www.ctjobandcareer.org](http://www.ctjobandcareer.org)



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