

# IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>United Way - General Assistance</b>	<b>2-1-1</b>
<b>Department of Social Services</b>	<b>855-626-6632</b>
<b>Tax Department</b>	<b>800-382-9463</b>
<b>Consumer Protection</b>	<b>800-842-2649</b>
<b>Department of Veterans' Affairs</b>	<b>866-928-8387</b>
<b>Office of the Healthcare Advocate</b>	<b>866-466-4446</b>
<b>Medicare</b>	<b>800-633-4227</b>
<b>Center for Medicare Advocacy</b>	<b>800-262-4414</b>
<b>Connecticut Insurance Department</b>	<b>800-203-3447</b>
<b>CT Fair Housing Center</b>	<b>860-247-4400</b>
<b>Connecticut Legal Assistance</b>	<b>860-344-0380</b>
<b>New Britain Senior Center</b>	<b>860-826-3553</b>

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

## Peter Tercyak

REPRESENTING NEW BRITAIN | 26TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

First, I want to thank you for your support as it is my honor to serve another term as your state representative. I will continue to work diligently to improve our social and economic state as the goal is to better our quality of life.

To help keep you both informed and engaged in the legislative process, you may receive updates on the actions taken by the legislature, particularly on the issues directly affecting our community. I hope you find this information to be of use and please know that I will represent New Britain to the best of my ability.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Tercyak".

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State Representative Peter Tercyak  
Receives the AARP Legislative  
Achievement Award

## THE CONSUMER LAW PROJECT 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, dispute of goods or services purchased and unfair and undisclosed loan terms. For more information, call 1-800-296-1467. Spanish-speaking staff is available.



## OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

The Office of Advocacy and Assistance (860-616-3683) helps veterans, as well as their eligible dependents, to obtain benefits available under federal, state and local laws. Based on legislation passed a couple of years ago, the legislature also established a Veterans Service Contact with each town. For more information, call New Britain Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department - Veteran Affairs at 860-826-3362.



## CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR ELDERS (CHCPE)

This program is appropriate for low-to-moderate-income families caring at home for someone 65 or over, who would otherwise be at risk of nursing home placement. There are different levels of eligibility based on income and/or assets. For more information, and to receive an application or make a referral, call the Alternate Care Unit at CT's Department of Social Services 1-800-445-5394.



## THE WAY TO GO CT MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

This program is sponsored by the Federal New Freedom Funds and the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Their goal is to help senior citizens, veterans and people with disabilities navigate transportation options by creating a point of access for all services available. For more information, please call 860-667-6207 or go online to [info@waytogoct.org](mailto:info@waytogoct.org).



## STATE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Community Choices program is an information hub that links older adults, person with disabilities and caregivers to the services and supports they need. They offer help with: Short Term Care Management, Care Transitions, Application Assistance, Long Term Care Planning, and Benefits Screening. They can also connect people with services they may need like Adult Day Care, etc. The Community Choices program has been renamed the Aging and Disability Resource Center program. This change conforms the program to others around the country that have adopted the same name to identify them as being the single points of entry into the long-term supports and services system in Connecticut for older adults and people with disabilities. For information about your Medicare and health insurance coverage, call a counselor at 800-994-9422.

## 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. To do so or for additional information, contact the probate court in which you were appointed guardian. Berlin-District Probate Court: 860-826-2696.

## READY TO WORK PROGRAM

This program provides job skills training to low-income individuals age 55 and older in Connecticut. To qualify, you must be unemployed and have an annual family income that is not more than 125% of the federal poverty income guidelines (single/\$14,588 and family of three/\$24,738).

Participants are placed in temporary training assignments to gain on-the-job work experience and will work 20 hours a week at the training sites for which they will be paid minimum wage. The program is designed to help our older workforce learn new job skills, assist in resume development and the search for a job, increase opportunities to obtain jobs in the private sector and change stereotypes about older workers through public education and demonstrated success.

For additional information about Ready to Work, please contact Jennifer Gorman at 860-424-5643 or at [Jennifer.Gorman@ct.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Gorman@ct.gov)