

SENIOR UPDATE

Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this message finds you and yours well. It's been a busy year creating and implementing polices and programs to responsively support our seniors. I want to share with you some of the legislation passed this year to improve the quality of life for our older residents. If you have questions or if I can be helpful to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-240-8585 or email me at Kara.Rochelle@cga.ct.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you!

All my best,

Kara Rochelle

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Representative Rochelle proudly helped pass legislation this session that:



- * Establishes a new Dementia Services Coordinator position to service CT residents with dementia
- * Strengthens patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlines the process for filing complaints
- * Expands eligibility for seniors to participate in adult day services, serving those with early onset dementia
- * Expands Medicaid coverage for services such as primary healthcare, physical therapy, and more
- * Increases funding by \$2.5m for elderly nutrition and Meals on Wheels
- * Allows banks to freeze transactions when they suspect a senior is being scammed
- * Requires homemaker companion companies to provide notice to their clients before they abruptly close, and prohibits any increases in rates without 60-day notice to clients
- * Eliminates even more retirement income taxes

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Ansonia Senior Center

203-736-5933

Derby Senior Center

203-736-1484

TEAM, Inc.

203-736-5420

Agency on Aging of South Central CT

203-785-8533

Medicare

800-633-4227

Center for Medicare Advocacy

800-262-4414

Office of the Healthcare Advocate

866-466-4446

Department of Social Services

855-626-6632

The Elder Justice Hotline

860-808-5555

United Way Infoline (General Assistance)

Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

Department of Rehabilitation Services

800-537-2549

BHcare - Mental Health Services

203-736-2601

Ansonia Police Department (Non-Emergency)

203-735-1885

Derby Police Department (Non-Emergency)

203-734-1651