

This is a list of support services relevant to our student population. The following agencies provide support services to children, parents and families for a variety of needs. Please contact them with your concerns.

### **After School, Weekend and School Vacation Activities for Young Children**

#### **Wilson Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center**

**(860) 241-9622**

444 Albany Street  
Hartford, CT 06112

<http://www.ghymca.org/branch.cfm?bid=09>

- Check with the suburban districts to see if they have local opportunities (e.g. YMCA branches; Little League); only works if parents have transportation.

#### **CREC Family Resource Center**

**(860) 244-0376**

Located at **Wilson Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center**

444 Albany Street  
Hartford, CT 06112

**Contact: Eric Crawford**  
**Email: [ecrawford@crec.org](mailto:ecrawford@crec.org)**

<http://www.crec.org/family-resource-center/index.php>

- The CREC Trude Mero Family Resource Center creates a welcoming community and a one-stop service center for families and students who attend CREC's regional magnet schools or suburban schools through the Hartford Region Open Choice Program. By offering a meeting space for parents and educators and information sessions and forums on school and child development issues at a location that is close to families' homes, the center provides opportunities for families to participate more fully in their child's education.

### **Community Resources**

#### **211 Infoline**

Website: <http://www.211ct.org>

- 2-1-1 is your one-stop connection to the local services you need, from utility assistance, food, housing, child care, after school program, elders care, crisis intervention and much more
- <http://www.211childcare.org/viewmap> for Hartford County
- Click on CAMP REFERRALS for information and referrals about summer camps in Connecticut.

#### **American Red Cross**

**(877) 287-3327**

- Help finding an open shelter and post-emergency recovery

#### **Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation**

[www.bobscares.org/index.php?id=2972&title=letter-of-procedures](http://www.bobscares.org/index.php?id=2972&title=letter-of-procedures)

- Write a letter with the family's name and ages (everyone) and what happened. It does not need to be long and send it to: Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation, 428 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06042.
- You will need to attach agency's 501C3 Form (The agency that wrote the request.)
- They will mail you a gift card for the family right away to assist with mattresses or furniture.

#### **CREC Cares**

111 Charter Oak Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Website: [http://www.crec.org/foundation/cares\\_application.pdf](http://www.crec.org/foundation/cares_application.pdf)

- Employee contributions towards this fund will be used to provide aid to students, families and other CREC community members who have experienced an emergency, disaster, or some other personal or financial hardship. Situations that may qualify for assistance include:
  - Accidental or illness
  - Death of an immediate family member
  - Natural disaster (flood, tornado, etc.)
  - Critical illness (fire, theft, etc.) that cause a dramatic disruption in income or loss of primary residence

**CT LEA Homeless Liaison Catalogue 2016-2017****860-807-2058**<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=333702>

- Every Connecticut school district/local educational agency (LEA) is identified here with a designated staff person responsible for ensuring the identification, school enrollment, attendance, and opportunities for academic success of students in homeless situations.
- If an issue cannot be resolved or if you require further assistance in matters relating to the Education of Homeless Children and Youths Program, please contact Louis Tallarita at the Connecticut State Department of Education at [louis.tallarita@ct.gov](mailto:louis.tallarita@ct.gov).

**The Hartford Welcome Center**

Families and Youth in Transition

Email: [Shelimar.Ramirez@hartfordschools.org](mailto:Shelimar.Ramirez@hartfordschools.org)**(860) 695-8504/695-8554**

Contact: Shelimar Ramirez

- Assists families throughout Hartford Public Schools that are currently in a displaced situation. Families currently experiencing displacement can be in any of the following situations: living in a shelter, living in a double up (living with someone), or living in a motel. The program offers a variety of services for families including uniforms, transportation, school supplies, parent trainings and community outreach.

**Domestic Abuse and/or Sexual Assault****Connecticut Coalition against Domestic Violence****1-888-774-9200**<http://www.ct.gov/ag/lib/ag/currentissues/domesticviolenceresources.pdf>**Interval House**

PO Box 340207

Hartford, CT 06134

[www.intervalhousect.org](http://www.intervalhousect.org)**24-Hour Hotline: (860) 527-0550****Interval House East/West: (860) 645-4033****TDD/TTY: (860) 249-5384****Statewide Hotline: 1-888-774-2900**

- Womenshare, Kidshare, and Mothersshare support groups are offered to battered and formerly battered women and their children.
- Child care provided.

**Sexual Assault Crisis Services****1-888- 999-5545**

- Hotline and Referrals

**Food and Clothing****SNAP/Food Stamps****(855) 424-5581**

Department of Social Services

3850 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06120

- Intake hours: M, T, F 8:30 am – 4:30 pm; W, Th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Provide eligible households the means to buy food. In Connecticut, families use an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to buy food from authorized retail food stores.
- The amount of SNAP benefits a household can receive depends on income, number of people in the household, and certain deductible criteria.

**Women, Infants and Children – WIC****(860) 757-4680**

Main Office – Health &amp; Human Services Department

131 Coventry Street

Hartford, CT 06112

**M, T, Th & F: 8 am – 5 pm****Wed: 8:00 am – 6:45 pm**

- Provides services for mothers during pregnancy and children birth to 5 years of age. Provides information on breastfeeding nutrition. Provides formula, vegetables, milk, cereal, beans, tuna, and peanut butter.

**Housing Services****Eviction Protection Services****(860) 560-5881**

- Funds for people under negative conditions. May assist with a security deposit.

**Federal Department of Housing and  
Urban Development (HUD)**

**(860)240-4800**

- Subsidized mortgage payments for families struggling with divorce, unemployment and other situations.

**Section 8 Vouchers**

**(800) 842-1508**

- Subsidized housing within the Hartford community.

**Inpatient or Partial Hospital Treatment**  
*(Substance Abuse and/or Psychiatric)*

**Achievement Centered Therapy**

**(860) 785-2901**

1001 Farmington Ave, Suite 304  
West Hartford Center, CT 06107  
<http://www.achievementcenteredtherapy.com>

**Child Health and Development Institute**

**(860) 679-1519**

270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 367  
Farmington, CT 06032  
<http://www.chdi.org/>

**Child Trauma Clinic at UCONN Health Center**

**(860) 523-3745**

UConn Health Psychological Trauma Clinic  
65 Kane Street  
West Hartford, CT 06119

**Connecticut Mental Health Center**

**(203) 974-1173**

34 Park Street  
New Haven, CT 06519  
<https://medicine.yale.edu/psychiatry/care/cmhc/>

**Family Resource and Development Center, LLC**

**(860) 856-5667**

41 North Main Street  
West Hartford, CT 06107  
[www.frdcllc.com](http://www.frdcllc.com)

**The Bridge Family Center**

**(860) 613-6084**

1022 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06107  
[www.bridgefamilycenter.org](http://www.bridgefamilycenter.org)

**Institute for Hispanic Families**

**(860) 527-1124**

45 Wadsworth Street  
Hartford, CT 06106  
**Fax: (860) 724-2539**  
<http://mental-health-facilities.healthgrove.com/l/8191/Catholic-Charities-Inc-Institute-for-the-Hispanic-Family>

- Outpatient or Partial hospitalization mental health facility, youth with serious emotional disturbance, transition-age (18-25), adults with serious mental illness, persons with mental health and substance abuse disorders, forensic clients, and mental health issues.

**Mount Sinai Hospital - Adolescent & Alcohol Abuse Services**

**(860) 714-3500**

50 Blue Hills Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112

**Radiance Innovative Services**

**(860) 948-1631**

880 Asylum Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106  
**Email:charles@risct.com**  
[www.risct.com](http://www.risct.com)

**The Cove Center**

250 Pomeroy Avenue, Suite 107  
Meriden, CT 06450  
[infor@covect.org](mailto:infor@covect.org)

**(800) 750-Cove**

**Legal Services and Family Division Courts****Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund**

Physical Location: 146 Wyllys Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
Mailing Address: One Hartford Square West, Hartford, CT 06106  
**Email:** [cwealf@cwealf.org](mailto:cwealf@cwealf.org)

**(860) 247- 6090**

- Through these programs, CWEALF initiates services to educate and empower women and girls to ensure they have the tools, knowledge and avenues to reach their goals.
- With special expertise in family law, sex discrimination in employment and education, hate crimes and LGBT civil rights, CWEALF is dedicated to ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women and low-income people. As one of the oldest women's rights organizations in the country, CWEALF is a vital resource to women and policy makers in Connecticut.

**Children's Law Center**

30 Arbor Street  
Hartford CT 06106  
<http://www.clcct.org>  
Email: [clc@clcct.org](mailto:clc@clcct.org)

**(860) 232-9993**

- A unique organization whose core service is providing legal advocates to children in highly contentious family court cases. Our services are unduplicated by any other agency or private organization in the state.

**Family Services Office**

90 Washington Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

**(860) 706-5170**

**Hartford Probate Court**

250 Constitution Plaza  
3<sup>RD</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT 0610  
[www.ctprobate.gov](http://www.ctprobate.gov)

**(860) 757-9150**

- Connecticut's Probate Courts are responsible for a broad range of cases involving children, seniors, persons with mental illness and adults with intellectual disability. The mission of the Probate Court system, given the sensitive nature of the matters that we handle, is to provide an approachable forum for families to resolve their cases in a fair, prompt and economical manner.

**Referral Information and Resource Agencies****African Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities, Inc.**

60-B Weston Street  
Hartford, CT 06120  
[www.afcamp.org](http://www.afcamp.org)

**(860) 548-9959/(860) 842-7303**  
[afcamp@sbcglobal.com](mailto:afcamp@sbcglobal.com)

**Big Y Homework Line**

- Free help with homework over the phone.

**(800) 866-2449**

**Connecticut Clearing House**

- Library and resources for parents and agencies. Materials and curriculums available.

**(800) 232-4424**

## Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation

(860) 757-9530

<http://dfcyr.hartford.gov/images/dir/FRD2016.pdf>

- Hartford Family Resources Directory lists over 350 organizations in Hartford that provide family resources to our children, youth and adult population.

## Hartford Public Library (Downtown Branch)

(860) 695-6300

500 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06103

### **Resources for Hartford Immigrants & Refugees**

<https://www.hplct.org/library-services/immigration-citizenship>

## Programs that Help People in Connecticut

[http://www.cahs.org/programs\\_that\\_help\\_people](http://www.cahs.org/programs_that_help_people)

- Programs That Help People in Connecticut is a resource guide produced by the Connecticut Association for Human Services and funded by Eversource. It is widely used by clients and service providers seeking information on programs available for clients throughout the state. This manual is updated bi-yearly with over 100,000 copies distributed to date.

## Safelinkwireless.com

Connecticut Department of Social Services is offering a federal program where they give out cell phones to people who meet their requirements. Families are given a cell phone and 60 minutes each month.

## Intervention Resources

PBIS World

<http://www.pbisworld.com>

Intervention Central

<http://www.interventioncentral.org>

CT parent Information and Resource Center

<http://www.ctpirc.org/s/>

RTI Action Network

A Program of the National Center for Learning Disabilities

<http://www.rtinetwork.org/>

[www.thehomeworkguru.com](http://www.thehomeworkguru.com)

The Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention

<http://www.challengingbehavior.org/>

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

<http://www.csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/www/wwwb9.html>

## Books for Families Experiencing Divorce

### ***Dinosaurs Divorce: A Guide for Changing Families***

By Laurie & Marc Brown

### ***My Stick Family: Helping Children Cope with Divorce***

By Natalie Reilly

### ***Let's Talk About It: Divorce***

By Fred Rodgers

**Two Homes**

By Claire Masurel

**Divorce Happens to the Nicest Kids**

By Michael Prokon

**Divorce is Not the End of the World: Zoe's and Evan's Coping Guide for Kids**

By Zoe & Evan Stern

**I Don't Want to Talk About It**

By Jean Ransom

**My Family's Changing: A First Look at Family Break Up**

By Pat Thomas

**On the Day His Daddy Left**

By Eric Adams & Kathleen Adams, LCSW

**It's Not Your Fault, Koko Bear: A Read-Together Book for Parents and Young Children During Divorce**

By Vicki Lansky

**At Daddy's on Saturday**

By Linda Girard

**Books for Adopted Families****I Feel Different: A Book About Being Adopted**

By Kathy Stinson

**Did My First Mother Love Me?**

By Kathryn Miller

**Let's Talk About It: Adoption**

By Fred Rogers

**My New Family**

By Pat Thomas

**You're Not My Real Mother!**

By Molly Friedrich

**We Adopt You, Benjamin Koo**

By Linda Walvoord Girard

**Barkley and Eve Book Series**

By Karen L. Carney

Activity and coloring book series helping children understand and cope with life's inevitable challenges (divorce, death, cancer, hospice, funerals, etc.)

**1-800-563-5677**

**[safeplacetogrieve.com](http://safeplacetogrieve.com)**