

The Milford Department of Human Services assists with the following additional Community Services:

HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS



Around the holidays, the Department of Human Services receives donations of gifts and food baskets from individuals and agencies within the community. The Outreach Workers and Youth & Family Services staff collaborate with local organizations to distribute these donations to families in need.

CAMP HAPPINESS SUMMER CAMP

The Department of Human Services serves as the fiduciary for the Camp Happiness scholarship program. Outreach staff works with Camp Happiness staff to assist families with special needs children to attend summer camp.

RUNNING START PROGRAM

The Department of Human Services and Youth & Family Services partner with the Milford Public Schools and the community to provide K-5 students in need with shoe vouchers for the start of the school year. The program supports both financial hardship and youth wellness. Contact our office for more information at (203) 783-3253.



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Milford Youth & Family Services
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES



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THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Human Services was established by city ordinance and is responsible for the administration of social service programs for the City of Milford. The function of this department is to administer and coordinate social services programs, locate gaps in services, identify appropriate resources and provide long range planning for disadvantaged, low-income and disabled persons in the City of Milford. The Department of Human Services also administers, coordinates and provides Youth & Family Services for the City of Milford. The Milford Department of Human Services is funded predominantly by the City of Milford. Additional funding is obtained through state and community-local grants.

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

At the Department of Human Services, Community Outreach Workers provide case management for Milford residents in need. They evaluate and assess clients' immediate concerns and help obtain access to local, state, and federal programs. Outreach staff works with local agencies and service providers to facilitate case coordination and referrals. The objective of the department is to serve and support families and individuals toward the goal of self sufficiency.

***ADVOCACY**

***OUTREACH AND REFERRAL**

***INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION**

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) benefits thousands of homeowners and renters throughout the state. This Federal program is designed to provide financial assistance to needy households in an effort to make energy costs more affordable during the winter heating season. The CEAP is designed to help with costs related to a resident's main heating source such as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, or wood. Households eligible for the winter heating program may also be eligible to receive weatherization assistance. Depending on need and eligibility, this program can also provide assistance with minor home improvements that help to conserve energy and, in turn, lower heating bills. As a courtesy to Milford residents, the Department of Human Services serves as an intake site on behalf of the local Community Action Agency, TEAM, Inc. To inquire about eligibility or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Department of Human Services at (203) 783-3253.



RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM

Renters' Rebate is a state funded reimbursement program for elderly or totally disabled Connecticut renters. This program is designed to supplement rent and utility payments. Elderly or disabled individuals who rent apartments, rooms, live in cooperative housing, or in mobile homes may be eligible for the program. The amount awarded is calculated based on the previous year's rent and utility payments. The Department of Human Services serves as an intake site for the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. Applications are processed at the Milford Senior and Disabled Housing facilities and the Milford Senior Center as announced each year. Limited appointments are available at the Department of Human Services, as needed.

SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Department of Human Services is a designated distribution site for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. This supplemental food program provides vouchers to eligible seniors which may be redeemed at local designated Farmers' Markets throughout Connecticut. The vouchers give seniors the opportunity to purchase locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. The program is administered by the State Department of Agriculture.



FOOD REFERRALS

The Community Outreach staff at the Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Milford Food Bank, assists Milford residents who are facing economic difficulties accessing supplemental food. Additionally, the Department of Human Services works to educate, inform, and enlighten the community about the issues of food insecurity through our outreach services. Case management is also provided to explore the underlying issues which initially created the need for the food referrals, as well as to provide the appropriate referrals to impact the core situation. If you, or someone you know is in need of food please contact the Department of Human Services at (203) 783-3253 and ask to speak with one of our Community Outreach Workers.

