

RESOURCE GUIDE
FOR
IMMIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES IN CONNECTICUT



FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISIT: [HTTPS://ACTION-LAB.ORG/REFUGEE-NEEDS/](https://action-lab.org/refugee-needs/)

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RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



A guide to assist you with your resettlement process, education, housing or employments assistance, Covid 19 services and other helpful information.

IMMIGRATION AND ACCULTURATION



Refugee Assistance Program in Ct

provides refugees with temporary family assistance/cash assistance, medical coverage, and food stamp assistance

<https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Refugee-Assistance-Program>



SAGA (State Administered General Assistance)

Provides cash to individuals who are unable to work for medical or other prescribed reasons

<https://uwc.211ct.org/saga-state-administered-general-assistance/>



Jewish Federation of CT

40 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105, (860) 727-5701, www.jfact.org



Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants,

670 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605, (203) 336-0141

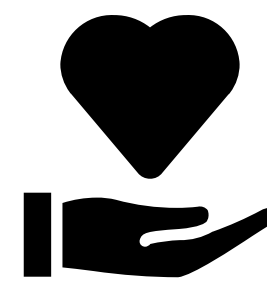
<https://cirict.org/>



Catholic Charities Migration

Refugee and Immigration Services, 35 Groton Street, Hartford, CT 06106, (860) 297-7800

www.ccaoh.org



Connecticut Coalition of Mutual Assistance Associations,

2074 Park Street, Hartford, CT 06106, (860) 236-6452

ct.coalition@yahoo.com



Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services

235 Nicoll Street, New Haven, CT 06511, (203) 562-2095

www.irisct.org



Immigration & Divorce Lawyer Serving the, Hartford, Danbury & Stamford, CT Areas

1234 Summer St, Suite 501, Stamford, CT 06905 | 169 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810, 100 Pearl Street, 14th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

<https://www.rpatellaw.com/immigration-law>



Connecticut Legal Services (New

Britain Office) Help completing forms, Filings with USCIS

s 16 Main St., 2nd Floor, New Britain, CT 06051, (860) 225-8678

<http://www.connlegalservices.org>

EDUCATION



Hartford Public Schools Registration

330 Wethersfield Ave, 1st Floor,
Hartford, CT 06114. Please call 860-695-
8876 to schedule an appointment,
if assistance is needed.

[https://www.hartfordschools.org/regist-
ration/](https://www.hartfordschools.org/registration/)



Hartford Public Library

ESL classes & Citizenship classes
offered year-round at the library and in
online courses produced by the library.
Main Library will also help with
completing naturalization/citizenship
forms, Address 500 Main Street,
Hartford, CT 06103

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



Connecticut State Department

GED Office

450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 508
Hartford, CT 06103-1841

Phone: (860) 807-2110 or (860) 807-2111

Email: ged@ct.gov

[https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Adult-
Ed/GED/Getting-a-GED-in-
Connecticut/Contact](https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Adult-Ed/GED/Getting-a-GED-in-Connecticut/Contact)

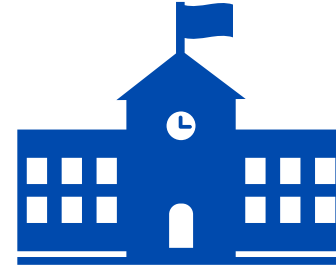


Hartford Public Library The American Place

Computer training is part of the
Library's resources as well

500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103

[https://tap.hplct.org/computer-
training-page/](https://tap.hplct.org/computer-training-page/)



WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Town Hall Building, 50 South Main
Street, Room: 162. West Hartford, CT
06107 Phone: 860 561-6620

[https://www.whps.org/offices-and-
programs/school-registration-and-
residency](https://www.whps.org/offices-and-programs/school-registration-and-residency)



Adult Education Center in Hartford

Capital Community College's ESL
Program

International Hartford

James Rodriguez, ESL Administrator
(860) 906-5203

[https://www.capitalcc.edu/academics/a-
cademic-departments/humanities-
department/english-as-a-second-
language-esl-program/](https://www.capitalcc.edu/academics/academic-departments/humanities-department/english-as-a-second-language-esl-program/)



Computer Skills Center

Online video tech lessons. Video
courses are the fastest and easiest way
to learn how to use a computer.

[https://www.learningexpresshub.com/
home?AuthToken=6e0d8e8b-319b-
4c03-8cc3-9226befff35f](https://www.learningexpresshub.com/home?AuthToken=6e0d8e8b-319b-4c03-8cc3-9226befff35f)



Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center,
Connecticut's Resource for Children
with Disabilities; Empowering and
Educating Families

<https://cpacinc.org/whats-new.aspx>



Adult Education Center in Hartford

110 Washington Street

Hartford 06106, 860-695-5840

[https://adulthood.hartfordschools.org/ind-
ex.php](https://adulthood.hartfordschools.org/index.php)

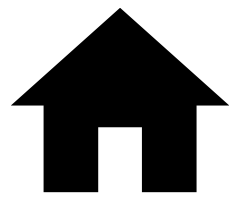
HOUSING



Connecticut State Department of Housing

Everything you need to know about housing in C

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Gold-Bar/Programs>



Welcome to the Housing Choice Voucher Program (also known as Section 8)

The Section 8 Mainstream Housing Opportunities Program for Persons with Disabilities

<http://cthcvp.org/>



Connecticut Fair Housing Center -

Greater Hartford Renters' Guide can help you through your next move

<https://www.ctfairhousing.org/movingforward/>



Housing Development Fund, Inc.

Connecticut homebuyer programs, including downpayment assistance, for residents in Fairfield, New Haven, and Litchfield counties

<https://hdfconnects.org/>



HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)

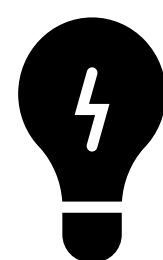
Combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans with VA case management services

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash



TALK TO A HOUSING COUNSELOR

Want advice on buying a home, renting, default, foreclosure avoidance, credit issues, or reverse mortgages? HUD sponsors housing counseling agencies throughout the country to provide free or low-cost advice. Search online for a housing counseling agency near you, or call HUD's interactive voice system at: [\(800\) 569-4287](tel:8005694287).



The Connecticut Energy Assistance

Program designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower-income households CT

<https://portal.ct.gov/dss/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating>



Connecticut Housing Finance Authority

homebuyer programs, including downpayment and closing cost assistance

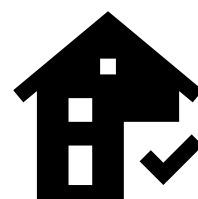
<https://www.chfa.org/homebuyers/all-homebuyer-mortgage-programs/>



Rental Assistance Program (RAP) CHIF/USDA Rural Services

Homeownership Program - State/federal partnership that provides mortgage assistance to first-time homebuyers

<https://capitalforchange.org/>



Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

provides security deposit assistance to eligible households

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Additional-program-pages/How-to-Apply-for-RAP-and-Section-8>



Connecticut Housing Choice Voucher

Program locate open waiting lists throughout Connecticut

<http://www.cthcvp.org>



CT Housing Search

find the accessible, affordable, and market-rate rental housing

<http://cthousingsearch.org/>



2-I-I Infoline - rental housing search

Find assistance with housing issues accessible, affordable and market-rate rental housing

<https://www.2I1ct.org/>

EMPLOYMENT



JOB SEEKER SERVICES

State of Connecticut Department of Labor offers a variety of job services options, visit <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/gendocs/JobSeekers.html>



Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)

Through career counseling, job skills training, and outreach to employers, IRIS helps clients prepare for, start, and succeed in jobs.

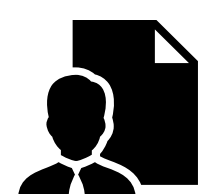
<https://irisct.org/>



SCT Jobs and Resources

Discover job openings in Connecticut and see who's hiring including online training.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Services/Jobs-and-Employment>



American Job Center

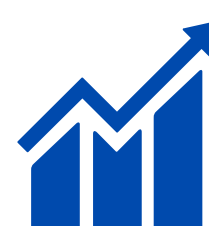
American Job Centers offer no-cost services to job seekers, in convenient locations throughout the state. Check out the employment & training opportunities <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/JobCenterCT/Index.htm>



American Job Center

Offer a myriad of services for job seekers. Address 500 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103

<https://portal.ct.gov/ajc>



My Next Move (Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor)

Learn more about your career options: explore tasks, skills, salary information, and more

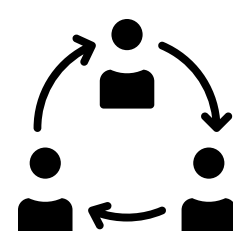
<https://www.mynextmove.org/>



The American Place (Hartford Public Library)

Provides industry-recognized certificate training, GED preparation services, English as a second language, and a nationally recognized U.S. Citizenship program.

<https://tap.hplct.org/>



International Hartford

Supporting immigrants and refugees to start small businesses

<https://interhartford.org/>



City Seed/Sanctuary Kitchen, New Haven,

Foodservice training and employment of refugees to do food service <https://www.sanctuarykitchen.org/>



Forge City Works (Billings Forge)

Food Service training and internships in their café/catering.

<https://www.forgecityworks.org/>



The cottage Food industry in CT

Cook or bake certain lower-risk foods from home, sell them from home directly or at a Farmer's Market.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCP/Food-and-Standards-Division/Cottage-Food/Cottage-Food-Home>

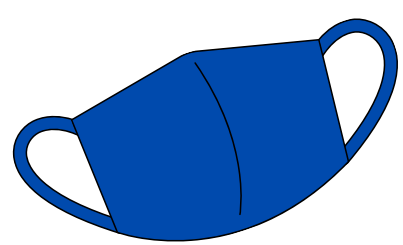


Small Business Administration (SBA)

SBA is dedicated to helping small business owners and entrepreneurs build, grow and recover through counseling, loans, and other beneficial resources required.

<https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/ct/hartford/resources>

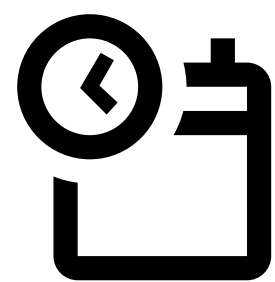
COVID 19



WHAT IS COVID-19?

Health and prevention

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Health-and-Safety>

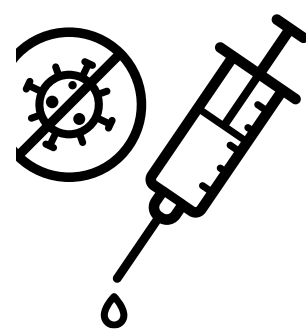


Schedule Your COVID-19 Vaccine :

<https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>

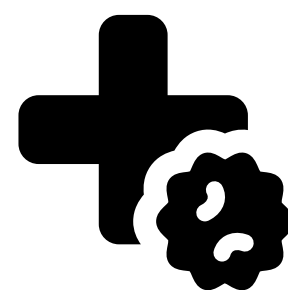
Or here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal>



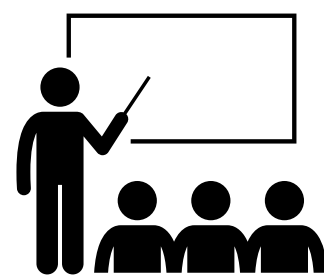
Or visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/COVID-19-Vaccination-Phases>



Connecticut COVID-19 Response From emergency loans to mortgage assistance to tax extensions, and additional support and relief.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Relief-and-Support>



Special Education Guidance and Resources for COVID-19

A page that will provide information for special education leaders, school personnel, and families about Coronavirus (COVID-19) and special education.

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Bureau-of-Special-Education/Coronavirus>



Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker

The State of Connecticut's COVID-19 case report

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>

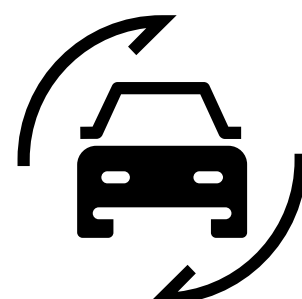
TRANSPORTATION



CTtransit is the Connecticut Department of Transportation

Learn how to ride a bus in CT and everything you need to know about bus stops.

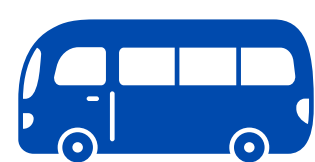
<https://www.cttransit.com/how-ride>



Connecticut's Official State Website

Provides every way possible to get around in CT,

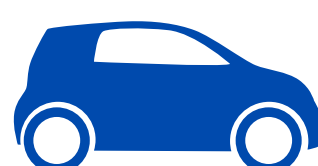
<https://portal.ct.gov/Services/Driving-and-Transportation/Getting-Around?page=1>



CTrail | Passenger Rail Service in Connecticut

Now you can purchase CTrail tickets for Shore Line East and Hartford Line rail service,

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Publictrans/Bureau-of-Public-Transportation/CTrail>



Driving and Transportation Information

IDS, DMV, transportation service, and more.

<https://portal.ct.gov/dmv>