



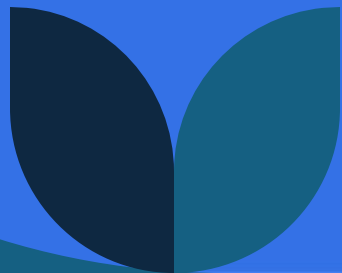
# CONNECTICUT

Children & Families



**"The Department of Children and Families' Vision is that CT's children are safe and sound and that they live with loving and supportive families"**

- DFC serves children regardless of immigration status.
- Does not report to federal immigration authorities based on DCF's confidentiality policy guidelines as well as CT Law regarding confidentiality.
- This Resource Guide contains community supports available to both undocumented and legal residents that reside in CT.



# Food Pantries/Food Banks

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- There are several food pantries and food banks throughout CT.
- CT Foodshare/SNAP assistance
- [Find Food/Apply for Snap - online link](#)
- Below is an online resource with a database of CTs resources for food pantries, food banks, soup kitchens and other food help.
- [Food Pantry Database online link](#)



# Health Care/Behavioral Health Resources

## Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQRCs)

- Medical Care
- Dental Care
- Mental Health Care
- Payments on sliding scale to people without health insurance.
- There are 138 FQRCS in CT.
- [FQRCs by City](#)



# Healthcare/Behavioral Health Care Resources (continued)

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- [Child Health Clinic for Refugee](#) at CT Children's Medical Center (CCMC).
- Community Health Care Center of CT
- [CHC online link \(service locations\)](#)
- United We Dream
- [United We Dream - CT Mental Health Directory CT](#)
- Yale Refugee Health Program – Provides medical care for refugees arriving in the Greater New haven area.
- [Yale Refugee Program](#)



# Healthcare/Behavioral Health Resources (continued)



- [Catholic Charities](#) - behavioral health services to adults, children, adolescents, and families.
- [Wheeler Clinic](#) - behavioral health services to adults, children, adolescents and families.
- [Intercommunity Health Care](#) - Primary care/behavioral health services to adult's children, adolescents and families.
- [Community Health Resources](#) - behavioral health primary care services to adults, children, adolescents and families.
- [The Latino Enrichment Organization](#) - behavioral health/primary care/dental care services to adults, children, adolescents and families.
- [Hispanic Health Council](#) - migrant health clinic provides primary care services, family wellness, maternal and child health care.
- [Hartford Health Care Institute of Living](#) - inpatient and outpatient psychiatric care of adults, children and adolescents.
- [The Village for Families and Children](#) - behavioral health, parenting and early childhood services for children, adults and adolescents.



# Childcare/Early Childhood Education

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- [Care4Kids](#) - helps low to moderate income families in CT pay for childcare.
- [Childcare/Camps](#)
- [CT Office of Early Childhood \(OEC\)](#)
- [Birth to Three](#) is part of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part C for "Early Intervention". This program offers development screenings for children under three.





# Education - DACA

- DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program) does not exist anymore for new applicants.
- Currently, people previously admitted to DACA can apply to renew their protections from detainment and removal, but there can be no new applicants or decisions made on pending applications.
- [My Undocumented Life](#) is a website for up-to-date information and resources for undocumented students, families and allies.

# Transitional Housing/Emergency Shelter

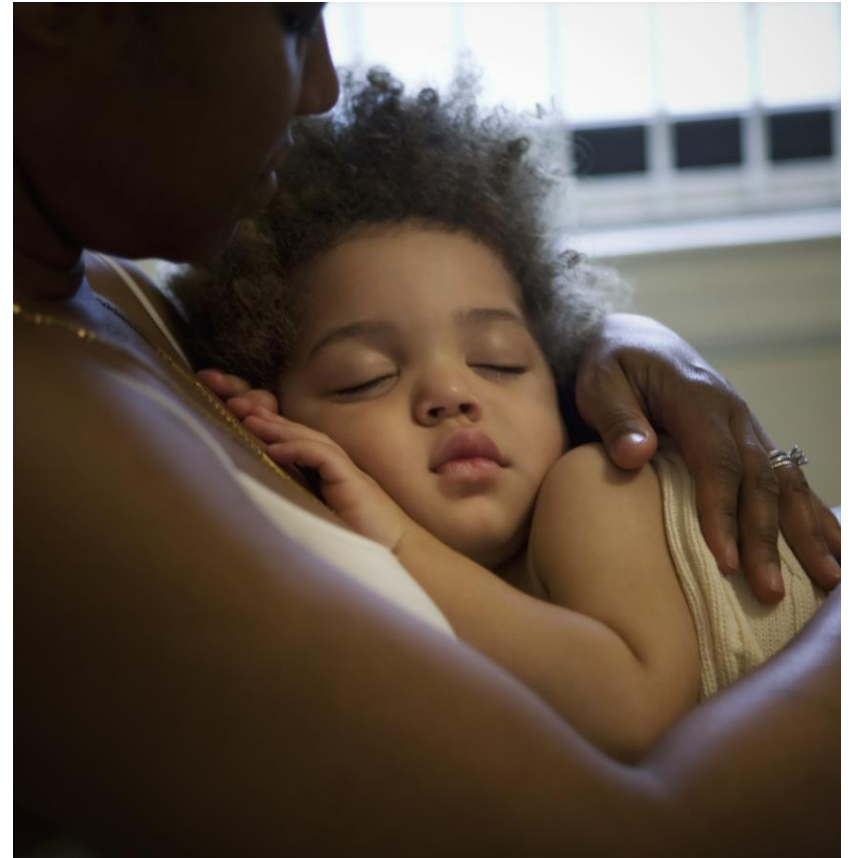
- CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)
- Emergency shelters and community outreach programs for homelessness, transitional housing/supportive housing.
- [Shelter/Community Programs list by city](#)
- [UniteCT Workforce Rental Assistance Program](#).
- Currently, UniteCT paused accepting new appointments. Existing applications will continue to be processed as normal.



# Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Public Safety

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- Domestic Violence Supports
- [Interval House](#)
- Victims of Crime Act Program (VOCA)
- [CT Council of Family Service](#) Provides case management services to promote safety, self-sufficiency and resiliency for persons in CT who have suffered directly or indirectly.
- [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) - Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team (HART)
- [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children NCMEC](#) -online safety education program
- [Department of Children and Families](#) - make a child abuse or neglect report 1-800-842-2288
- [Prevent Suicide](#) - 988 LIFELINE





## Immigration Legal Remedies Available to Victims of Abuse and Neglect

- [The DCF Immigration Hub](#) contains additional resources including, but not limited to information on:
  - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
  - U-Visas
  - T-Visas
  - Violence Against Women Act Visas

# Know Your Rights/Red Cards

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- American Civil Liberties Union – ACLU
  - [Know Your Rights - online link](#)
- Red Cards
  - Explain in several different languages how people can exercise their rights.
  - [Red Cards - online link](#)



# Immigration Assistance Programs

- [Center for Children's Advocacy](#)
- [Building One Community](#) is a community resource which offers adult literacy/English learning, family services (case management), academic enrichment services and more.
- [CT Family Preparedness Plan](#) is a toolkit to assist families who have concerns about immigration enforcement, particularly in regards to the possibility of the deportation or detainment of guardians and the impact that it could have on children.
- [Refugee Welcome CT](#) - is a data hub with community resources in CT



# Refugee Assistance Program/Legal Aid

1. The office of Community Services of the Department of Social Services (DSS) is responsible for disbursing federal funds related to the resettlement of refugees in CT.
2. DSS regional offices administer the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) programs for refugees for up to 12 months from their date of entry to the U.S.
3. DSS also provides refugees with temporary family assistance/cash assistance/medical coverage and food stamp assistance under those public assistance programs since refugees qualify as legal non-citizens.

IRIS – Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services

[IRIS online link](#)

CIRI - CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants

[CIRI online link](#)

GHLA - Greater Hartford Legal Aid

[GHLA online link](#)

NHLAA - Greater New Haven Legal Services

[NHLAA online link](#)

CTLegal - CT Legal Services

[CT Legal online link](#)

Jewish Family Services

[Jewish Family Services online link](#)

# Becoming a DCF Foster Parent

- DCF Policy allows for undocumented people to become licensed to provide foster care for family and kin.
- Applicants who are undocumented need to pass FBI background checks.
- An Individualized Tax ID number is needed from the IRS.
- The IRS used to keep taxpayer information private, but as of 3/24/25 they announced that they will share information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). A lawsuit in the district court of Washington DCF is challenging this, but a recent attempt at a restraining order failed.
- [DCF Foster Cares Services](#)

