

## Programs and services

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## Agency Mission Statement

**Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life for all Hamden residents by providing educational, recreational, and social services through coordinated or direct services.**

**We enable Hamden residents to acquire or maintain self-sufficiency by providing assistance and support systems which allow them to function independently as productive members of the community.**

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## **Hamden Community Services**

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## Descriptions of Programs

### **Hamden Food Bank:**

Provides a three day emergency supply of food once a month for Hamden residents. Proof of residency, family size, and appointments are required.

### **Camp Scholarship Program:**

Camp scholarships are available to Hamden children to offset cost of summer camp. Proof of residency and income is required. Accepting applications in April.

### **Fuel & Energy Assistance:**

A satellite office of CAANH; appointment are available to Hamden residents who meet the guidelines of CAANH. Appointments are accepted October thru March.

### **Summer Free Lunch Program:**

Free nutritious meals and snacks for kids and teens, 18 years or younger. Monday thru Friday in the summer months of July and August.

### **Relocation Services:**

Emergency assistance for Hamden residents displaced by fire or housing code violations.

### **Rent & Utility Assistance:**

Available to Hamden residents who meet the program guidelines.

### **Public Computer Lab:**

Open to the public for printing and resume making. It is open every day from 12-4 pm daily.

## Program Description Cont.

### **WIC:**

You must be a CT resident as well as a parent, stepparent, guardian or foster parent of a child, 5 years old or younger, with a medical or nutritional need. Call WIC office at 203-789-3563 for an appointment.

### **Thanksgiving Food Baskets:**

Proof of Hamden residency and family size is required to receive Thanksgiving food baskets.

### **Hamden Kids Toy Drive:**

Holiday toys are distributed to Hamden families who meet the program guidelines.

### **The Diaper Bank:**

Diapers are distributed to Hamden residents who meet the program guidelines.

### **Backpack Program:**

Supports our fight against weekend hunger for Hamden children who meet program guidelines.

### **Facility Use:**

Available for community events Monday - Friday.

### **Health and Nutritional initiatives:**

Good nutrition plays an important role in the optimal growth, development, health and well-being of individuals in all stages of life. Healthy eating can reduce the risk of chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some types of cancer.

### **Financial Literacy:**

By understanding how a checking account works, what using a credit card really means, and how to avoid debt. As well as understanding credit and debt management and the knowledge that is necessary to make financially responsible decisions that are integral every day.

## **Community Health Network of Connecticut (CHNCT):**

HUSKY Health coverage to eligible children, parents, relative caregivers, elders, individuals with disabilities, adults without dependent children, and pregnant women.

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