

Where to go for help

Planned Parenthood

www.ppct.org
For the Planned Parenthood Center
nearest you, call 1-800-230-PLAN

Bridgeport

211 State Street, 2nd floor, (203)366-0664

Hartford

1229 Albany Ave, (860)728-0203

West Hartford

1030 New Britain Ave, (860)953-6201

New Haven

345 Whitney Ave, (203)503-0450

Information

National HIV/AIDS Hotline 1-800-342-AIDS

National STD Hotline 1-800-227-8922

Breaking the Cycle

(860)236-4872
www.teenpregnancyhartford.org

Center for Children's Advocacy

(860)570-5327
www.kidscounsel.org
click on "Teen Legal Rights"

School-Based Health Centers

Bridgeport

Bassick High School
(203)576-7995, Room 111

Central High School

(203)576-7383, Room 103

Harding High School

(203)576-7021, Teen Health Center

Regional Vocational Aquaculture

(203)576-8004, Nurse's Office

Hartford

Bulkeley High School
(860)695-1014, Room 214

Hartford Public High School

(860)695-1359, Room 106

Weaver High School

(860)695-1800, Room 1192

New Haven

Hill Regional Career High School
(203)946-2262

Hillhouse High School

(203)946-8555

Riverside Education Academy

(203)946-7184

Wilbur Cross High School

(203)946-8742

Community Health Centers

Bridgeport

Bridgeport Community Health Center
982 East Main St, (203)696-3260

Greater Bridgeport Adolescent

Pregnancy Program
158 Mill Hill Avenue, (203)368-0780

Park City Primary Care Center

64 Black Rock Ave, (203)579-5000

Ralphola Taylor Center

790 Central Ave, (203)332-4567

Southwest Community Health Centers

743 South Ave, (203)330-6010
510 Clinton Ave, (203)366-4000
1046 Fairfield Ave, (203)330-6054

Hartford

AIDS Project Hartford
110 Bartholomew Ave, (860)951-4833

Adolescent Medicine

Gengras Ambulatory Building
1000 Asylum St, Suite 1026
(860)714-4355

CCMC Adolescent Medical Clinic

282 Washington St, (860)545-9300, press 1

Charter Oak Health Center

21 Grand St, (860)550-7500

Community Health Services

500 Albany Ave, (860)249-9625

Hartford Health Department

131 Coventry Street
HIV (860)543-8822 **STD** (860)543-8820

Hartford Hospital Women's

Ambulatory Health Services
80 Seymour Street, (860)545-2780

Latinos Contra Sida

184 Wethersfield Ave, (860)296-6400

New Haven

Dixwell Health Center
226 Dixwell Ave, (203)503-3400

Fairhaven Community Health Center

374 Grand Ave, (203)777-7411

Hill Health Center

400-428 Columbus Ave, (203)503-3000

Women's Health Services

911 State St, (203)789-1272

Safe Haven Locations

Bridgeport

Bridgeport Hospital
267 Grant St, (203)384-3566

St Vincent's Medical Center

2800 Main St, (203)576-5171

Hartford

Connecticut Children's Medical Center
282 Washington St, (860)545-9000

Hartford Hospital

80 Seymour St, (860)545-5000

St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center

114 Woodland St, (860)714-4000

New Haven

Hospital of Saint Raphael
1354 Chapel St, (203)789-3464

Yale-New Haven Hospital

20 York St, (203)688-3333

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Birth Control, Abortion, and Safe Havens.

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STD Testing

How old do I have to be to get tested or treated for a sexually transmitted disease (STD) on my own?

- You can get tested and treated for an STD by your doctor or at a clinic at any age.
 - If you are 12 or under, the doctor or clinic has to report your name, age and address to the Department of Children and Families (DCF).
- Will my parents find out?**
- You have a legal right to be tested and treated for an STD without having to ask or tell your parents.
 - A doctor's office or a clinic that tests you for an STD cannot even send a bill to anyone but you. Most clinics will not require you to pay the full amount. You should ask the doctor about this.
 - The doctor's office or clinic is required by law to report certain diseases to the Department of Public Health. But, the information will still be confidential.

HIV/AIDS

Can I get tested or treated for HIV/AIDS confidentially?

Testing

- You have the right to be tested for HIV/AIDS without your parent's consent.
- A doctor can warn your partner if you test positive, but only if your partner also has the same doctor, and the doctor believes that your partner is at risk of becoming infected, and the doctor believes that you won't tell your partner on your own.

Treatment

- If you are under 18, the doctor will have to get your parent's permission to treat you for HIV/AIDS, unless the doctor thinks you would not get treatment if your parents found out.

Birth Control

Can I get birth control services confidentially?

- You can obtain birth control or emergency contraception in Connecticut at any age without your parent's permission.
- Emergency contraception (the morning after pill) is also a form of birth control.
- Some doctors or clinics may ask you to inform your parents before they will prescribe any type of birth control for you, but this isn't required by law.

Abortion

Do I need my parent's permission to get an abortion?

- Parental consent is not required for a minor to get an abortion in Connecticut. While a doctor or clinic may speak with you about the possibility of involving your parents in the decision, the final decision is yours and will be kept confidential.
- If you are under 16, the doctor is required to explain the choices available to you, but s/he is not allowed to persuade or force you into a decision. You will have to sign a form indicating that you received information about your choices.

Safe Havens for Newborns (If you can't keep your baby)

What if I have a baby and can't take care of it?

- You can voluntarily give up custody of your infant (age 31 days or younger) to the nursing staff of an emergency room. You will not be subject to arrest for abandonment.
 - You can still be arrested and criminally prosecuted if abuse or neglect has occurred.
- What will happen to my baby when I leave the hospital?**
- Within 24 hours of the time you leave the hospital, the nurse must contact DCF. DCF will take immediate custody of your baby and will develop a permanent plan for the child. This plan will involve a court hearing to apply for legal termination of your parental rights to free the child for adoption.
 - The court will schedule a hearing within 30 days of DCF's application. Termination of parental rights can be granted at the first hearing.

School-Based Health Clinics

Do I have the same rights to confidential health care at school?

- All of the same confidentiality and privacy protections that apply to private medical providers also apply at your school clinic.
- The only difference is that your school clinic requires your parent's signature before you can be treated for anything (not just STDs or birth control) by the clinic. The form requesting your parent's signature for any treatment is usually filled out at the beginning of the school year, but can be filled out at any time.

If you have questions about your legal rights, contact CCA's Teen Legal Clinic at (860)570-5327 or go www.kidscounsel.org

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