

Resources

LGBT

New Haven Pride Center
203-387-2252 newhavenpridecenter.org

True Colors
888-565-5551 ourtruecolors.org

Legal Assistance

Medical-Legal Partnership at YNH
203-688-0113 kidscounsel.org/mlpp

New Haven Legal Assistance
203-946-4811 nhlegal.org

Statewide Legal Services
800-453-3320 slsct.org

Maternal and Infant Health

Diaper Bank
203-934-7009 thediaperbank.org

Healthy Start
203- 946-8456
cityofnewhaven.com/Health/Maternal.asp

Nurturing Families Network
800-505-7000
cityofnewhaven.com/Health/Maternal.asp

Planned Parenthood
203-865-5158
plannedparenthood.org

Mental Health Resources

Clifford Beers Clinic
203-772-1270 cliffordbeers.org

Cornell Scott Child & Family Guidance Clinic
203-503-3055 cornellscott.org

Yale Child Study Center Outpatient Clinic
203-785-2513
medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/children

CT Behavioral Health Partnership
877-552-8247 ctbhp.com

EMPS (Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Service)
Call 211

Substance Abuse/Smoking Cessation

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Hotline
800-662-HELP

Alcoholics Anonymous
203-624-6063 ct-aa.org

Smoking Quitline
800-QUIT-NOW

Teen Resources

Big Brothers. Big Sisters
203-366-3766 bbbs.org

Boys and Girls Club of New Haven
203-787-0187 bgcnewhaven.org

Center for Children's Advocacy
860-570-5327 speakupteens.org

Centro San Jose
203-777-6771 ccaoh.org/locations.html

Leadership, Education, Athletics Partnership (LEAP)
203-773-0770 leapforkids.org

Youth Continuum
203-562-3396 youthcontinuum.org

Letters Requesting Services

Be sure to include:

1. Medical condition, treatment, and prognosis
2. Specific nature of the problem
3. The rule, law, or requirement that applies
4. How 2 and 3 relate to the patient's condition
5. Request for action

Sample Letter:

Dear Principal Overwhelmed,

I am writing to request that you address the education needs of Patricia Patient, daughter of Mother Patient, who is a fourth grade student at Can't Educate our Students Elementary School.

According to my review of Patricia's records, her educational performance has fallen far below the expected level for a child in the fourth grade, and as a result, we believe that Patricia is a student who requires intensive educational and academic supports.

We kindly request that the school institute a Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting to begin the process of testing and evaluating Patricia for eligibility for special education services.

We look forward to working with you and are happy to provide the school with medical records necessary to support the goal of providing appropriate educational services to Patricia at this time.

Please contact me at xxx-xxx-xxxx if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Pat Pediatrician

Center for Children's Advocacy Medical-Legal Partnership Project

Advocacy for Your Patients
New Haven Area Resources

BIG 6 Questions

1. Do you have enough food?
2. Is your housing safe?
3. Do you have enough money for basic needs?
4. Do you have problems getting your health insurance to pay for services and medication?
5. Is your child getting an appropriate education?
6. Do you have a disabled child who needs support at home, in school, in the community?

Help Eligible Families Get Benefits

- Don't be afraid to ask difficult questions
- Maximize income from alternative sources (food stamps, fuel subsidies, etc)
- De-stigmatize use of government benefits
- Encourage families to reapply or appeal if denied
- Document patients' need for services
- Contact the school, landlord, or caseworker
- Use an agency's chain of command to get answers

Refer a Patient who Needs Services

- Identify the problem
- Refer family directly to resources
- Contact clinical social worker at 203-688-2195
- Refer to Attorney Alice Rosenthal
Medical-Legal Partnership Project
Yale New-Haven Hospital
203-688-0113 or alice.rosenthal@ynhh.org

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Advocacy Services

Family Centered Services (formerly 4Cs)
203-624-2600 cccfnh.org

YNHH Family Resource Center
203-688-3060 ynhh.org

Asthma

Community Asthma Integrated Resources
203-248-8997 pedicair.org

Putting on AIRS
203-783-4813 ct.gov/dph

Triggers Be Gone - DPH in-home assessment
203-946-6365

Child Abuse and Trauma

DCF Child Abuse Hotline
800-842-2288

YNHH Child Abuse Program (DART)
203-688-2468 ynhh.org

YNHH Sexual Abuse Clinic
203-688-2392
medicine.yale.edu/pediatrics/general/childabuse/clinic.aspx

Child Care

All Our Kin
203-772-2294 allourkin.org

Care-4-Kids
888-214-KIDS ctcare4kids.com

Child Care Info Line (United Way)
800-505-1000 211childcare.org

Child Support

Child Support Infoline
888-233-7223

CT Child Support Call Center
800-228-KIDS

Bureau of Child Support Enforcement
203-974-8000 ct.gov/dss

Disability/Developmental Delay

Center for Disability Rights
203-934-7077 cdr-ct.org

Help Me Grow - Child Development Hotline
800-505-7000
ctunitedway.org/CDI/HelpMeGrow.html

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
203-974-3000 ct.gov/brs

Department of Developmental Services
203-974-4200 ct.gov/dds

Office of Protection and Advocacy
800-842-7303 ct.gov/opapd

Social Security Administration
National 800-772-1213 ssa.gov
New Haven 866-331-5281

Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault

CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence
888-774-2900 ctcadv.org

Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven
203-789-8104 dvsgnh.org

Education

New Haven Public Schools nhps.net
Superintendent 203-936-5200
Registration 203-946-7415
Student Services (Special Education) 203-946-7019
Early Childhood Education 203-946-5353
Parent Advocate 203-946-5087

New Haven Reads
203-752-1923 newhavenreads.org

State Department of Education
860-713-6543 sde.ct.gov

West Haven Public Schools
203-937-4300 whschools.org

CT Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)
800-445-2722 or 203-776-3211 cpacinc.org

FAVOR
860-563-3232 favor-ct.org

Office of Protection and Advocacy
800-842-7303 ct.gov/opapd

Food and Nutrition

CARE Program
203-737-5832

Department of Social Services (DDS)
855-626-6632

SNAP (Food Stamps)
203-974-8000 ct.gov/dss

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)
203-688-5150 or 203-789-3563 fns.usda.gov/wic

YNHH Breastfeeding Program
203-688-3925 ynhh.org

Food Banks, Pantries and Soup Kitchens

Call 211

Fuel and Utility Assistance

Community Action Agency
203-285-8018 caanh.net

Operation Fuel
Call 211 operationfuel.org

Salvation Army
203-624-9891 ctri.salvationarmy.org

Health Insurance

HUSKY Health Infoline
877-CT-HUSKY huskyhealth.com

Office of the Healthcare Advocate
866-HMO-4446 ct.gov/oha

Access Health CT
203-889-2000 accesshealthct.com

Housing

Livable City Initiative
203-946-8386 cityofnewhaven.com/LCI

Housing Authority of New Haven
203-498-8800
cityofnewhaven.com/EconomicDevelopment/Housing

Department of Public Health
203-946-8174 ct.gov/dph

Furniture Assistance

Helping Hands
203-298-0499 helpinghandsctfb.com

Furniture Co-Op
203-492-4866 newreach.org/the-furniture-co-op

Liberty Community Services
203-495-7600 libertycs.org

Immigrant and Refugee Resources

International Institute of CT
203-336-0141 immigrationadvocates.org

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services
203-562-2095 irisct.org

JUNTA for Progressive Action
203-787-0191 juntainc.org/en

Unidad Latina en Accion (ULA)
203-606-3484 ulanewhaven.org

Centro San Jose
203-777-6771 ccaoh.org/locations.html

Job Resources and Training

CT Works
203-867-4030 capitalworkforce.org

Employment Infoline
800-528-7442

