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## Working Together for a Safer Community

The Greater Hartford Reentry Council (GHREC) invites you to an informational meet and greet on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 5 pm at the State Capitol in the Old Judiciary Room. This event will showcase the collaborative reentry efforts in our Hartford community. A short program with special guest speakers starts at 2:30. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Sue Gunderman at 860-412-7321 or [sgunderman@qvcc.edu](mailto:sgunderman@qvcc.edu).

## Voter Registration Online Available

Connecticut recently launched a web application that allows residents to register to vote. The system is available to citizens 18 and older who hold a Connecticut driver's license or an identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. You may also use the system to change your name and/or address on your current registration record, and more. Log on to [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov) or use the direct link <https://voterregistration.ct.gov>.

## Summer Camps for Kids with Special Needs

Are you wondering, "What will I do for summer programming?" Come to a presentation hosted by the CT Family Support Network. You'll have a chance to meet people from camps, find out about other activities and more. The dates are:

- **Fairfield** - March 24, 5-7 pm, in partnership with Fairfield Public Library. Call Karleen Craddock: 203-400-0105 or [keraddock@ctfsn.org](mailto:keraddock@ctfsn.org)
- **Hartford** - March 27, 5-7 pm. In partnership with AFCAMP at HARC, 900 Asylum Ave. Call Pam Scott-Ashe: 860-548-9959 or [psscottashe@afcampa.org](mailto:psscottashe@afcampa.org)
- **Danielson** - April 3, 6:30-8:30 pm. Cornerstone Church, 247 Broad St. Call Heather Graveline: 860-546-9289 or [hgraveline@ctfsn.org](mailto:hgraveline@ctfsn.org)

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Your contributions help CABHN:

- ☆ Host our annual legislative breakfast (March 19)
- ☆ Attend outreach events
- ☆ Host monthly CABHN meetings

The campaign ended March 8th. But, you can still help. You can donate to CABHN anytime on our webpage <http://larcc.org/cabhn>.

## Dental Clinic April 25 & 26 - Opens 6 am

This clinic at the XL Center in Hartford is open to all on a first-come basis. *Services include:* Cleanings, fillings, x-rays, extractions, and more. *For info:* call 860-863-5940 or visit CT Mission of Mercy at [www.cfdo.org](http://www.cfdo.org).

**Free**

CABHN & FES  
Legislative  
Breakfast

**Wednesday  
March 19**  
8:30 - 10:30 am  
Legislative Office Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atrium

See page 3 for more.

## New Federal Poverty Guidelines Mean New HUSKY Eligibility Levels

The new federal poverty guidelines that went into effect March 1 mean new income eligibility levels for HUSKY. This chart is a rough calculation of those new levels. But there are also new rules about who counts as a family/household member and other adjustments. **If you think you and your family might qualify for HUSKY**, go to [www.accesshealthct.com](http://www.accesshealthct.com) and find out.

Enrollment for HUSKY is always open. Open enrollment for Connecticut's health insurance exchange, Access Health CT, closes on March 31 but you can apply for HUSKY online any time during the year.

### Note for advocates, providers, etc...

CT Voices for Children has updated its HUSKY Eligibility Manual and it is available online at [www.ctvoices.org](http://www.ctvoices.org).

2014 Income Eligibility for HUSKY Programs							Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
Healthcare is for →	Adults who don't have kids to take care of	Children & Parents or Caregivers	Pregnant Women	Children Only	Elderly or Disabled		
Family size ↓	Incomes must be below:						
1	\$16,105	\$23,457	* see note	\$37,694	\$ 9,920	\$11,670	
2	21,707	31,617	\$ 41,370	50,808	13,371	\$15,730	
3	27,310	39,778	52,048	63,922	16,822	\$19,790	
4	32,913	47,939	62,726	77,036	20,273	\$23,850	
5	38,516	56,099	73,403	90,149	23,724	\$27,910	
6	44,119	64,260	84,081	103,263	27,175	\$31,970	
7	49,721	72,420	94,759	116,377	30,626	\$36,030	
8	55,324	80,581	105,437	129,491	34,077	\$40,090	
Program name →	HUSKY D	HUSKY A	Pregnant Women	HUSKY B	HUSKY C		
Percentage of FPL for eligibility →	Up to 138% of FPL	Up to 201% of FPL		From 201% of FPL	About 85% of FPL. Formula is complicated.		
* A pregnant woman counts herself plus the number of babies she is expecting when determining family size. For example, if she is carrying twins, the pregnant woman would count as three people.							

## Report Released: State of the Child in Bridgeport Shows struggles continue, but some areas improve

The Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (BCAC) recently released its 28th annual *State of the Child in Bridgeport* report. Using the most current data available, the report compares the well-being of children in Bridgeport to children statewide focusing on the areas of poverty, economic insecurity, child care and early childhood education, education, health, and safety.

Overall, data in the report reflects how children and families in the area continue to struggle with a lack of economic resources, underfunded schools, lack of access to health care, and violence. However, there are some areas where conditions for Bridgeport children are improving or, in some cases, are better than conditions statewide, including:

- The number of Bridgeport students graduating within four years is up by more than 10 percentage points from 2010 to 2012.
- Bridgeport schools' students arrest rate of 5.0 per 1,000 students is lower than the statewide rate of 5.7 per 1,000 students.
- Bridgeport's rate of uninsured children fell from 10% in 2011 to 8.5% in 2012.
- From 2011 to 2012, juvenile arrests for violent crime in Bridgeport decreased by 14.1%.

"The improvements reflected in this year's *State of the Child* may seem slight, but taken together they definitely signal progress for Bridgeport's children and families. We're happy to be able to highlight areas of growth because it shows that by working together, change is possible."  
 – Mary Pat Healy,  
 BCAC Executive Director

BCAC will provide community education around the issues and data in the report by: hosting *State of the Child* information sessions; highlighting different issue areas through community forums; speaker events, and more.

You can download the report from BCAC's website, [www.bcacct.org](http://www.bcacct.org).

## Volunteer Attorneys at CT Courts

The CT Judicial Branch has volunteer lawyers who will meet with people who are representing themselves in family or foreclosure matters. Meetings are at the courthouse for up to 2 hours. It is first come, first served. Here's a sample:

### FAMILY MATTERS

- **Hartford.** Wednesdays, 9 - 11, Hartford Superior Court, Rooms 129 & 130 (Lower Level)
- **Waterbury.** Two Fridays a month, 9-11. Waterbury Superior Court, Rooms 9.05 & 9.06. (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- **Stamford.** Thursdays, 9:30 - 12:30, Stamford Superior Court, (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

### FORECLOSURE

- **Hartford.** Tuesdays, 9 -11, Hartford Superior Court, Room 103
- **Waterbury.** Wednesdays 9-11, Waterbury Superior Court (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

To confirm the schedule, please call 860-263-2734. Visit [www.jud.ct.gov](http://www.jud.ct.gov) for the complete schedule.