

Community Resource Guide

Avon Public Schools does not endorse or represent any of the the following resources. This non-comprehensive list is provided to families who are seeking local resources. For further information please contact your school's counselor, psychologist or social worker.

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2-1-1 is your one-stop connection to the local services you need, from utility assistance, food, housing, child care, after school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and much more. 2-1-1 is always ready to assist you find the help you need. Dial 2-1-1 or search online.

<https://www.211ct.org/>

Suicide Prevention

Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Service

<https://www.empsct.org/>

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Wheeler Clinic Helpline

Plainville, CT

Provides phone counseling to deter individuals from attempting suicide. 24 hours

860-747-3434

National Suicide Prevention Line (Lifeline)

1-800-273-8255

Birth to Three

Connecticut Birth to Three

<https://www.birth23.org/>

1-800-505-7000

Birth to Three supports families when they have concerns about their children's development.

Social Services

Avon Social Services

Director of Social Services in Avon: Alan Rosenberg 860-409-4346

Youth Services Coordinator: Susan Alexe 860-409-4394

<https://www.avonct.gov/social-services>

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

<https://portal.ct.gov/DCF>

Gifts of Love

<http://www.giftsoflovect.org/>

Avon, CT

860- 676-2323

Gifts of Love provides assistance to working individuals and families experiencing a temporary financial crisis so they can achieve or maintain self-sufficiency. Gifts of Love accomplishes this by providing basic needs – food, clothing, furniture, household items, heating assistance – and offering life-skill educational programs.

Goodwill

<http://www.goodwill.org/>

860- 677-0771

Avon, CT

Long-standing nonprofit chain with a range of pre-owned clothing, furniture, housewares & more.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

<https://portal.ct.gov/dss/SNAP/Supplemental-Nutrition-Assistance-Program---SNAP>

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps, helps eligible individuals and families afford the cost of food at supermarkets, grocery stores and farmers' markets.

Child Care

Care 4 Kids

<https://www.ctcare4kids.com/>

Rocky Hill, CT

1-888-214-5437

The goal of the Care 4 Kids program is to make child care affordable for low to moderate income families in Connecticut. The program is a partnership between the State of Connecticut, the families in the program and the providers who take care of the children.

211 Child Care

<http://www.211childcare.org/>

Child care programs in state of Connecticut

Financial Assistance

https://www.needhelpayingbills.com/html/connecticut_assistance_program.html

Programs can help with rent, utility bills, provide food, free foreclosure and mortgage assistance, and other bills.

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1552>

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a Federally-funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills.

AIDS Project, Hartford

Offers hotline and support services for those who have tested HIV positive

860- 247-2437

Cancer Support:

CancerCare

1-800-813-HOPE

Clinics and Counseling Centers

The Bridge Family Center

<http://www.bridgefamilycenter.org/>

West Hartford- 860-521-8035

Avon-860-404-5322

Hartford Hospital-Institute of Living

instituteofliving.org

100 Retreat Ave.

Hartford

860-545-7000

Jewish Family Services

<http://jfshartford.org/m/home.html>

West Hartford, Ct.

860-236-1927

Rushford

<https://rushford.org/>

Multiple locations including Avon, part of Hartford Health Care

877- 577-3233

University of Connecticut Health Center

<https://health.uconn.edu/psychiatry/child-and-adolescent-psychiatry-outpatient-clinic/>

West Hartford, CT

860-523-3745

Village of Families and Children

<http://thevillage.org/>

Hartford, Ct

860-297-0560

Wheeler Clinic

<https://www.wheelerclinic.org/>

Plainville, CT.

888-793-3500

Drugs / Alcohol

Al-Anon

<https://al-anon.org/>

Narcotics Anonymous

<http://ctna.org/>

Healthcare

Husky Health Care

<https://www.ct.gov/hh/site/default.asp>

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

LGBTQ & Gender Identity

Your Turf

<https://www.hglhc.org/our-causes>

A support group and social network for gay and lesbian youth aged 16 to 21

- Support Group
- Discussions
- Social Events
- Dances
- Guest Speakers
- Outings

Further information: call the

Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective

860-278-4163

True Colors, Inc.

<http://www.ourtruecolors.org>

Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services of Connecticut

860-649-7386

Grief Counseling

The Cove

<http://www.covect.org/>

Meriden, CT

A support program for grieving children and their families.

203-634-0500

State and Local Group Links

Avon Special Education Parent Teacher Association

<http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/pine-grove-elementary/organizations/pages/septa>

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Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

<https://www.ct.gov/dmhas/site/default.asp>

National Group Links

National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

<http://www.nasponline.org/>

The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) is a professional association that represents more than 25,000 school psychologists, graduate students, and related professionals throughout the United States and 25 other countries. The world's largest organization of school psychologists, NASP works to advance effective practices to improve students' learning, behavior, and mental health. Our vision is that all children and youth thrive in school, at home, and throughout life.

American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA)

<https://www.asha.org/>

ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 198,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiologic treatment, including hearing aids. Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems, including swallowing disorders.

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

<https://www.socialworkers.org/>

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with more than 120,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

<https://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) supports school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, career and social/emotional development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. ASCA provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to school counselors around the globe.