



**Connecticut Department of Public Health**

*Virtual Children's Health Bureau*

**Directory of Children's Health Programs**

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### **Abstinence-Only Education**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/aoe2.htm>

Provides community-based abstinence-only education, to promote abstinence from sexual activity among racially and ethnically diverse nine to fourteen year-old males and females. The program includes peer counseling, adult mentoring, after-school supervision and parent/guardian involvement whenever possible.

### **AIDS Prevention**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, AIDS & Chronic Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7801

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/AIDS/HPAIDS.html#HIV%20Prevention>

Provides information about HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance and printed materials.

### **AIDS Surveillance and Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Programs**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7900

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/AIDS/HPAIDS.html#HIV/AIDS%20Surveillance%20and%20Vital%20Hepatitis%20Prevention>

Provides information about HIV and AIDS surveillance, and prevention and surveillance information for viral hepatitis B and C. For example, conducts the statewide perinatal hepatitis B case management program. The program also offers speakers, telephone assistance and printed educational materials.

### **Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools**

Regulatory Services Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7367

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/asbestos/asbestos\\_schools.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/asbestos/asbestos_schools.htm)

Requires local education agencies to inspect and manage asbestos containing materials in elementary and secondary, public and non-public schools. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance and printed materials.

### **Asthma Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Health Education, Management and Surveillance Section  
(860) 509-7751

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/new\\_asthma/asthma\\_home.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/new_asthma/asthma_home.htm)

Provides information on asthma regarding surveillance data, clinical management, public and professional education and the environment. The program provides technical assistance regarding asthma-related community initiatives to health care facilities, physician offices, schools, childcare centers, and local health departments. The program, in conjunction with community stakeholders, has developed and is implementing a Statewide Asthma Plan. The Asthma Program offers speakers and educational materials and resources in English and Spanish.

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### **Birth Certificates, Adoptions and Establishing Paternity (Vital Records)**

Planning Branch, Health Information Systems & Reporting Section  
(860) 509-7896 (Vital Records)

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/PB/HISR/Vital\\_Records.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/PB/HISR/Vital_Records.htm)

Registers births and issues birth certificates for identification purposes. Administrates enumeration of birth program and collects medical and demographic data on parents and children for morbidity studies. Encourages and promotes unwed parents to establish paternity and maintains registry of paternities. Processes adoptions for children born in Connecticut and out of the country and adopted by Connecticut residents. The program has materials printed in English and Spanish available to the public.

### **Breastfeeding Initiative**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/HPFamHS.html>

Provides, supports and promotes breastfeeding through public awareness, provision of information, resources and training. The program offers telephone assistance, printed materials in English and Spanish, and child day care training on breastfeeding.

### **Cancer Surveillance Program**

Planning Branch, Health Information Systems & Reporting Section  
(860) 509-7163

Provides data regarding incidence and survival for various pediatric cancers. Committed to improving rates of follow-up for patients under the age of 21. Responds to requests for information from the public and medical or scientific researchers regarding cancer incidence in various populations. Provides data analysis for other programs regarding cancer clusters. Publishes articles.

### **Child Day Care Licensing**

Regulatory Services Branch, Community Based Regulation Section  
(860) 509-8045; Toll free (800) 282-6063 or (800) 439-0437

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Day\\_Care/day\\_care.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Day_Care/day_care.htm)

Licenses child day care centers, group day care homes and family day care homes. Provides technical assistance to license applicants and licensees. Monitors licensed facilities, conducts complaint investigations. This program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials in English and Spanish. Also available are workshops, technical assistance, on-line fillable application forms on the DPH CT-clic licensing website.

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### **Childhood Lead Poisoning Preventive Program**

Regulatory Services Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7745

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Lead/lead\\_program.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Lead/lead_program.htm)

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) strives to reduce the incidence of lead poisoning in the children of Connecticut by using a three-pronged approach: education and intervention, surveillance, and case management. The CLPPP health education staff provides trainings and educational seminars to individuals and groups that work with families or children; offers educational support and materials to local health departments; and works with health care providers, HUSKY managed care organizations, schools, and community leaders to target high-risk populations. The CLPPP surveillance team identifies individual cases of children with lead poisoning, tracks clinical case management of children with elevated blood lead levels, and identifies trends in various communities with high lead exposure. The CLPPP's Case Manager provides oversight to local health departments and districts in the areas of clinical management and follow-up of children with elevated blood lead levels.

### **Children with Special Health Care Needs**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/cyshcn/cyshcn-medical%20home%20site.htm>

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program provides care coordination, advocacy and family support to any child with a special health care need. The program also offers limited respite support based on available funds, and transition services to adult care. Families may also qualify to receive payment for certain durable medical equipment and other extended services/goods if their income is less than or equal to 300% of the federal poverty level.

### **COMADRONA**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

Program services include: outreach, comprehensive case management, risk assessment and planning, referral and linkage to needed services, health education and provision of advocacy, social and emotional support to Latino(a) and African-American pregnant/postpartum women and their infants residing in the greater Hartford area. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials in English and Spanish.

### **Community Health Centers**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/Womens\\_Health/community\\_health\\_centers.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/Womens_Health/community_health_centers.htm)

Comprehensive healthcare (preventive, primary care, episodic care, and disease management) for children and adolescents regardless of ability to pay or insurance coverage. The program offers telephone assistance and speakers.

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### **Early Childhood Partners Initiative**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8066

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/HPFamHS.html>

This planning initiative will design and implement a comprehensive, integrated early childhood system of care to support families and communities in their development of children who are socially, emotionally, and physically healthy and ready to learn at school entry. This is a partnership of public, private, and non-for-profit organizations. The initiative focuses on five key areas: access to comprehensive pediatric care services and medical homes, social and emotional development of young children, early care and education, parenting education, and family support. The Early Childhood Partners Implementation Plan will be completed in September 2005 and will guide the service system integration, create standard operational outcomes across state and non-state agencies, and implement and evaluate the processes to assure that the initiative's goals are met.

### **EMS for Children**

Commissioner's Office, Office of Emergency Medical Services  
(860) 509-7973

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/EMS/index.htm>

Integration of pediatric treatment protocols and special considerations into the EMS system. The program offers telephone assistance, printed materials in English and Spanish, and pre-hospital education and training.

### **Environmental Engineering Program**

Regulatory Services Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7296

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Sewage/sewage\\_program.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Sewage/sewage_program.htm)

The primary function is administration of Connecticut's on-site sewage disposal program (septic systems). Properly installed and functioning systems prevent possible nuisance conditions and threats to public health from domestic sewage. The program offers telephone assistance.

### **Environmental & Occupational Health Assessment Program**

Regulatory Services Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7740

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/EOHA/HPPEOH.html>

Information on mercury in fish, indoor air quality (Tools For Schools), and environmental health education curriculum for children. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, materials printed in English and Spanish, and the Environmental Health House of Hazards Quiz.

### **Epidemiology Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7994

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/epidemiio.htm>

The Epidemiology Program conducts surveillance for more than 30 infectious diseases of public health importance, acute disease outbreak investigations, epidemiological studies, training, and public education programs to develop, evaluate, and promote prevention and control strategies for infectious diseases, many of which affect the health of children.

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### **Family Planning**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/Womens\\_Health/family\\_planning\\_services.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/Womens_Health/family_planning_services.htm)

Provides adolescent reproductive health services regardless of ability to pay or insurance coverage. The program offers speakers and telephone assistance.

### **Food Protection Program**

Regulatory Services Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7297

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Food/food\\_protection.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Food/food_protection.htm)

Prevention of food borne diseases in children. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials in English, Chinese and Spanish.

### **Genetic Newborn Screening Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8081 or (860) 509-8057

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/NBS/NBS.htm>

CT State Statutes mandate the screening of all newborns born in CT for several, rare, genetic and metabolic diseases prior to discharge from the birthing facility or within the first 4 days of life. Early screening and identification of newborns at risk for selected genetic and metabolic diseases, helps ensure that medical treatment can be promptly initiated to avert complications and prevent irreversible problems such as mental retardation and death. With the utilization of the new Tandem Mass Spectrometry Instruments located in the CT DPH Laboratory, the panel will be expanded from 11 to 38 diseases. All infants identified with abnormal screening results are referred to state designated Regional Treatment Centers for comprehensive testing, counseling, education, treatment, and follow-up services. This program provides: educational programs, printed materials, and technical assistance for health professionals, families, and the general public.

### **Health Care Access Project for Pregnant Women, Mothers, and Children (CHAP)**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

Conduct activities designed to increase access to health care for pregnant women, mothers and children. The project is designed to increase health care access for this population by identifying the existing gaps and barriers that delay or prevent health care access. The program evaluates needs and gaps in services for this target population.

### **Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification**

Health Care Systems Branch, Health Systems Regulation Section  
(860) 509-7400

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BHCS/Bureau/facilities.htm>

Regulatory oversight of healthcare facilities including licensure, certification, complaint investigation and regulatory action; the facilities include children's hospitals, general hospitals, clinical laboratories, funeral homes, hospices, hospitals for persons with mental illness, intermediate care facilities/mental retardation, maternity homes/hospitals, mental health facilities and substance abuse facilities. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance and printed materials.

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### **Health Care Practitioners Licensure, Certification, and Regulation**

Health Care Systems Branch, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section  
(860) 509-7603

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/Licensure/licensure.htm>

This office licenses and certifies practitioners including physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, dietitians, funeral directors, barbers/hairdressers, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech pathologists, social workers, and psychologists. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials.

### **Health Care Quality, Statistics, Analysis & Reporting (HISR)**

Planning Bureau, Health Information Systems & Reporting Section  
(860) 509-7120

The Health Care Quality, Statistics, Analysis & Reporting unit functions as the lead within the agency for analysis of vital statistics, hospital discharge, and hospital quality of care data and the preparation of state population estimates. HCQSAR staff are responsible for analyzing trends related to causes of infant and childhood mortality, as well as poor pregnancy outcomes and associated risk factors. The unit provides data and technical assistance related to the collection, analysis and interpretation of health data to support this agency, other state agencies, government officials, local health directors, other community health providers, and the public. Annual reports of birth, death and hospital discharge data are used to monitor trends and disparities in community health status by state and local health officials and providers. Staff also develops and produces comparative health care quality reports for hospitals and other health care institutions.

The main goals of HCQSAR reports and technical assistance are: 1) to reduce leading causes of premature death and avoidable hospitalizations and to improve pregnancy outcomes through the systematic assessment of population trends and disparities in mortality, morbidity, and preventable risk conditions; and 2) to improve the health of Connecticut residents by promoting quality improvement in Connecticut's health care delivery system.

### **Healthy Choices for Women and Children (HCWC)**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/healthy\\_choices\\_for\\_women.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/healthy_choices_for_women.htm)

Case management, care coordination, counseling, prevention services, parenting support and home visiting for pregnant and postpartum women who are residents of the greater Waterbury area who abuse or remain at risk for abusing alcohol and/or other drugs.

### **Hepatitis Prevention**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases Section, AIDS Surveillance and Viral Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Program  
(860) 509-7900

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/Hepatitis/hepatitis\\_home\\_page.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/Hepatitis/hepatitis_home_page.htm)

Plan prevention activities, provide information, maintain the viral hepatitis B and C registries and evaluate initiatives. Conduct the perinatal hepatitis B case management program, special focus on adolescents and a "Vaccinate Before You Graduate" Hepatitis B vaccination campaign, youth education such as the STOP Hepatitis Mobile Theater, provider education, community information, telephone assistance, and printed materials.

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### **HIV/AIDS Surveillance and Viral Hepatitis Prevention**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7900

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/2003/final%20pages/aids\\_surv\\_home\\_Z.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/2003/final%20pages/aids_surv_home_Z.htm)

Information for pregnant women regarding perinatal hepatitis B, and Perinatal HIV. The program conducts case management for pregnant women who have hepatitis B and their children; surveillance data about hepatitis B, C, and HIV in Connecticut; telephone assistance; and, printed materials.

### **Home Health Agency Licensure**

Health Care Systems Branch, Health Systems Regulation Section  
(860) 509-7400

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/Licensure/licensure.htm#H>

Biennial licensure inspections and complaint investigations of home health agencies for individuals who received skilled care or treatment in their home setting, including children. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials.

### **Immunization Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7929

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/immuniza.htm>

This program focuses on 12 vaccine preventable childhood diseases. Activities include: expanding access to vaccines for medically underserved children, enhancing community awareness and participation through public information campaigns, providing education and training for providers, providing outreach and referral services, establishing partnerships with community based organizations to achieve and maintain high immunization coverage levels within their community, providing childhood vaccines and maintaining a statewide-computerized registry that maintains immunization records on children up to six years of age.

### **Injury Prevention Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Health Education, Management and Surveillance Section  
(860) 509-8074

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/injury\\_prevention.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/injury_prevention.htm)

#### **1. Intentional Injury Program (Youth Violence Prevention)**

Activities focus on positive change in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to violence and its precursors. The program(s) incorporate skill development and problem solving activities that teach and model non-violent conflict resolution for children and youth. The program offers information about resources useful in the development of violence prevention activities for children and adolescents.

#### **2. Unintentional Injury Program**

This program provides technical assistance and resources for the development of child and adolescent injury prevention activities including motor vehicle, home, recreation, and teen worker safety.

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### **Laboratory Services**

Commissioner's Office, Laboratory  
(860) 509-8500

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/Laboratory/state\\_laboratory.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/Laboratory/state_laboratory.htm)

The DPH Laboratory tests specimens for childhood lead, safe drinking water and newborn screening for local health departments, private physicians, public utilities and hospitals. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials in English and Spanish.

### **Lead Environmental Management Unit**

Regulatory Services Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7299

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Lead/lead\\_program.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Lead/lead_program.htm)

Provides a wide range of program activities that relate to lead poisoning prevention and in particular, childhood lead poisoning prevention. Monitors blood lead level case files and lead-related environmental health hazards. Works in partnership with local health departments when a child has been lead poisoned, to ensure that lead hazards are identified and properly abated. Regulates lead hazard identification and abatement/remediation activities and the professionals who provide lead consultant and lead abatement services. Provides testing and monitoring support in concert with the state laboratory. Collects and analyzes environmental health data related to lead exposure. Provides education outreach to local health departments and the public. Offers speakers, telephone assistance, and materials printed in English and Spanish.

### **Maternal Child Health Information and Referral Services (MCHI&R) or Infoline**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/mchirs.htm>

Toll-free information 24 hour/7 day and referral service through a contract with the United Way of Connecticut. The free telephone access point provides information on health care and support services for the state's pregnant women, women, fathers, parents, families and children of all ages including children and youth with special health care needs. The program offers telephone assistance, printed materials in English and Spanish. Beginning in January 2004 the Child Development Infoline will serve as a primary access point for screening and referrals to the CSHCN Centers.

### **Mental Health – AIDS**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, AIDS & Chronic Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7801

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/AIDS/hcss.htm>

Mental health services offered to HIV/AIDS affected children and families.

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### **Newborn Hearing Screening Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-7505; TTY Service: (860) 509-7191

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/EHDI.htm>

To assure that all infants born in Connecticut receive a hearing screening, early diagnosis and intervention services. This program offers speakers, telephone assistance, materials printed in English and Spanish, newsletters, and video tapes available in English, Spanish and Closed Captioned.

### **5 A Day Nutrition Education Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Health Education, Management and Surveillance Section  
(860) 509-7803

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/HEI/Captain5ADayWebsite.htm>

Targets parents, preschool children, and teachers in Head Start and School Readiness programs through workshops using the "Adventures of Captain 5 A Day Kit," which engages children in imaginative and fun activities. The Kit contains a leader's guide, poster, and three nutrition education modules: Fruit and Vegetable Adventures, Healthy Bones Adventures, and Physical Activity Adventures. Each module contains an audiocassette and activity cards featuring songs, music and movement activities, games, crafts, recipes, and letters home to parents. Parents are taught about food budgeting, purchasing, preparation and safety through home visits and family homework assignments using the "Supermarket Smarts: The 5 A Day Way" curriculum (English and Spanish). Both sets of materials fit together to maintain and strengthen the home-school connection for reinforcement of nutrition concepts and positive, healthful eating behaviors.

### **Obesity Prevention and Control Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Health Education, Management and Surveillance Section  
(860) 509-7817

The DPH Obesity Program was formally reestablished on September 1, 2005. The Program's first priority was to finalize the State Obesity Plan, which was developed through a collaborative process over the past several years. The Plan, entitled *Connecticut's Plan for Health Promotion Through Healthy Eating and Active Living*, is now complete and focuses on nutrition and physical activity interventions strategies that are population-based, such as social marketing, and environmental and policy changes. Four venues to implement strategies, which include health care providers, schools, worksites, and communities, are targeted in the Plan. The Program's current priorities involve dissemination of the Plan, as well as beginning to implement strategies as set forth in the Plan. The Program will strengthen existing partnerships and build new collaborations to implement Plan recommendations.

### **Statewide Oral Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-7809

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/bch/oralhealth/index.html>

Implement effective culturally appropriate oral health promotion, and disease prevention programs that adopt, adapt, and enhance "best practices." The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, printed materials in English and Spanish, and oral health training of non-dental health and human services providers including physicians, nurses, nutritionists, childcare workers and others.

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### **Perinatal Initiative – AIDS**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, AIDS & Chronic Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7830

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/AIDS/HPAIDS.html>

HIV counseling and testing services for pregnant women are conducted in the prenatal clinics at St. Francis/Mt. Sinai Hospital in Hartford, Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, and Bridgeport Hospital. Women who test HIV positive are offered treatment options to reduce the chances of their babies being born with HIV and are followed through their pregnancy by the program.

### **Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Management Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases, AIDS Surveillance and Hepatitis Program  
(860) 509-7900

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/Hepatitis/hepatitis\\_home\\_page.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/Hepatitis/hepatitis_home_page.htm)

Conducts statewide case management and follow-up of Hepatitis B surface antigen positive pregnant women, their infants, children, household contacts and sexual partners.

### **Practitioner Investigations Unit**

Health Care Systems Branch, Health Systems Regulation Section  
(860) 509-7400

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/DPH\\_Main/About\\_DPH/BHCS/bhcs.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/DPH_Main/About_DPH/BHCS/bhcs.htm)

This unit conducts investigations of health care professionals and makes referrals to the Department of Public Health's Legal Office as necessary. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials.

### **Radon School Testing Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7367

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Radon/radon\\_program.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Radon/radon_program.htm)

Provide radon testing devices and technical assistance to school administrators. The program offers telephone assistance and printed materials.

### **Recreation Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Environmental Health Section  
(860) 509-7296

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/EHS/Recreation/index.htm>

Review and approve all public pools in Connecticut. Provide technical assistance to local health departments in the analysis and monitoring of bathing water quality at public bathing areas.

### **Rape Crisis & Prevention Services Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8074

[http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/Womens\\_Health/Sexual\\_assault\\_prevention.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/Womens_Health/Sexual_assault_prevention.htm)

Provides full and confidential services to sexual assault victims and their families. Services include crisis intervention, support and advocacy, survivor groups, 24-hour hotline, emergency transportation, community education, training, prevention and coordination.

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### **School Based Health Centers**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8057

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/HPFamHS.html#School%20&%20Primary%20Health%20Unit>

School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are comprehensive primary health care facilities located within or on the grounds of schools. The Centers are created to build the capacity of the school to provide comprehensive, primary preventive health and mental health services, health promotion and health education activities. The teams of health professionals offer services in order to prevent and reduce high-risk behaviors. SBHC clinicians provide a broad range of physical and mental health services, and in some cases, dental care.

### **School Infirmaries Licensure**

Health Care Systems Branch, Health Systems Regulation Section  
(860) 509-7400

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/Licensure/licensure.htm#S>

The Division conducts biennial licensure inspections and complaint investigations of school infirmaries; the infirmaries, which are licensed, provide evaluation and treatment services for routine health problems including accommodations for short-term overnight stays.

### **Sexually Transmitted Disease Program (STD)**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases Division  
(860) 509-7920

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/sexually.htm>

Provide prevention, counseling and testing services to adolescents. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials in English and Spanish.

### **Sickle Cell Transition Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8081

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/HPFamHS.html>

The program was developed to assist adolescents with sickle cell disease to make a smooth transition from pediatric to adult primary care and hematology providers. The program offers group and individual counseling, and educational sessions designed to provide adolescents with the knowledge and skill necessary to navigate in an adult-centered medical environment.

### **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Family Health Section  
(860) 509-8081

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/Family%20Health/HPFamHS.html>

The SIDS program provides SIDS information and the offer of in-home bereavement services for families referred from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) who have experienced an infant death from SIDS. The program also provides public awareness activities regarding SIDS and SIDS risk reduction activities and limited training to health and other professionals to enhance their ability to meet the needs of families/care takers who have experienced a death from SIDS. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials in English and Spanish.

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### **Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Health Education, Management and Surveillance Section  
(860) 509-7802

<http://www.tobacco-ct.state.ct.us/index.shtml>

The program provides guidance and direction on: preventing youth from starting to smoke, using cessation services such as the CT Quit Line (1-866-END-HABIT), the statewide ban, the dangers of secondhand smoke to adults and children, and identifying and addressing groups that are disproportionately affected by tobacco use. The program also works with health care providers on preventing tobacco use and treating tobacco addiction. A variety of educational materials are available in English and Spanish to promote tobacco-free lifestyles and to educate communities about the Economic and health costs, and consequences of tobacco use.

### **Tuberculosis Control Program**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Infectious Diseases Section  
(860) 509-7722

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/infectiousdise/tubercul.htm>

Provide prevention, screening and treatment for Tuberculosis. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials.

### **Tumor Registry**

Planning Branch, Health Information Systems and Reporting Section  
(860) 509-7163

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/OPPE/hptumor.htm>

The Registry collects data on cancers diagnosed in Connecticut residents, including pediatric cases. It is one of one of only eleven central cancer registries in the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results program of the National Cancer Institute. The data are available to monitor cancer incidence and trends, identify priorities and target prevention and control programs, and aid in research studies.

### **Water, Drinking Water Division**

Regulatory Services Branch, Drinking Water Section  
(860) 509-7333

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Water/DWD.htm>

The Division regulates the purity and adequacy of public water systems and public drinking water supplies statewide. This includes regulation of public water systems that are schools and day care centers. The Division has placed special emphasis on ensuring proper drinking water quality and infrastructure at schools and day care centers. These facilities serve sensitive populations such as infants and young children who are more risk prone to the effects of certain contaminants such as bacteriological parameters, nitrate/nitrite, and lead. Information for children and adults on drinking water conservation and drinking water source protection is available. The program offers printed materials in English and Spanish. See the Drinking Water Division's web page for a link to EPA's Drinking Water for Kids web site specific to children.

## *Virtual Children's Health Bureau - Directory of Children's Health Programs*

### **Well Child Clinic Licensure**

Health Care Systems Branch, Health Systems Regulation Section  
(860) 509-7400

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/Licensure/licensure.htm#WXYZ>

Biennial licensure inspections and complaint investigations of well child clinics; these clinics, provide evaluation, treatment and immunizations to children. The Well Child Clinics are for children without adequate medical insurance. The program offers speakers, telephone assistance, and printed materials.

### **WIC Program -- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children**

Public Health Initiatives Branch, Health Education, Management and Surveillance Section  
(860) 509-8084 or Toll-free: (800) 741-2142

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BCH/wic1/index.htm>

The WIC Program provides specific supplemental foods for good health and nutrition during critical times of growth and development, and nutrition education and counseling. In addition, we emphasize the relationship between good nutrition and good health, assist nutritionally at-risk individuals in achieving a positive change in food eating habits, and provide referrals for health care and other services. The program is for nutritionally at-risk pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to five years of age.

### **Youth Camp Licensing**

Regulatory Services Branch, Community Based Regulation Section  
(860) 509-8045; toll free at (800) 282-6063 and (800) 439-0437

[www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Youth\\_camps/youthcamps.htm](http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Youth_camps/youthcamps.htm)

Licenses Youth Camps provides technical assistance to license applicants and licensees. Monitors licensed programs and conducts complaint investigations. The program provides speakers, telephone assistance, printed materials and on-line fillable application forms on the DPH CT-clc Licensing website.