

Are you having trouble paying your bills? Do you need help getting out of debt?



Credit counseling and repair services in Connecticut can help you get out of debt and take control of your money. Start by calling one of the agencies below for free financial counseling.

Statewide

Consumer Credit Counseling Services:
For locations call.....1-866-889-9347

UConn Cooperative Extension System:
South/Central CT.....(203) 407-3160
Western/Eastern CT.....(203) 207-8440

Remember: Ask questions before deciding on a debt consolidation or management plan. For a list of questions and more information go to www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/fiscal.htm.

Do you want to buy a home but don't think you can afford it?

There are free homeownership classes available that will guide you through the process of applying for a mortgage and budgeting. Many of these programs can help you find low-rate loans.

Bridgeport

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust:
Call.....(203) 332-7977, x101

Habitat for Humanity.....(203) 333-2642

Hall Neighborhood House(203) 345-2027

Housing Development Fund ...(203) 969-1830

Statewide

ACORN Housing.....(203) 366-4180

CT Housing Finance Authority:
Call.....(860) 571-3502

Consumer Credit Counseling Service:
Call for locations.....1-866-889-9347

Housing Education Resource Center:
Call.....(860) 296-4242, x101

People's Bank.....1-800-772-1090



Would you like to learn how to make the most out of your money?

Many nonprofit agencies offer money management and basic credit classes for free. Call the agencies below for class information.

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Career Resources, Inc.....(203) 334-5627

FSW.....(203) 368-4291

Statewide

AARP.....1-866-295-7279

CT Light & Power.....(860) 721-4007

Center for Financial Education:
Call for locations.....(203) 389-6462

UConn Cooperative Extension System:
South/Central CT.....(203) 407-3160
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Are you saving and saving,
but feel like it's not
adding up?


An Individual Development Account
might be right for you!

What is an IDA?

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are a great way to save money and learn about budgeting. When you create an IDA, you commit to putting aside money into a savings account. This money is then "matched"—meaning the program will also deposit money into your account. For example, if you save \$25, the IDA program will deposit \$50, and you will have \$75 in your account! Using IDA savings you can buy a home or car (if you need it to go to work), put a deposit on an apartment, create a small business, or invest in a post-secondary education. IDA participants must enroll in financial education classes. To apply, call one of the agencies listed below.

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ABCD, Inc.....(203) 366-8241
FSW.....(203) 368-4291

 For more information contact the Connecticut Department of Labor, by calling (860) 263-6794, or go to www.ctdol.state.ct.us/.



The Connecticut Association for Human Services wants all children and families to have the resources to become economically self-sufficient. Those who cannot achieve self-sufficiency should have access to basic needs, including nutrition, education, and health care.

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IT'S YOUR MONEY!



Claim it!
Save it!
Grow it!

Services in Bridgeport to
Help You Save Money and
Build Assets

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