

*"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."
~Pablo Picasso*

Branford Community Resource Guide

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Branford School Readiness



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We hope that this will serve as a go-to resource guide for the Branford community.

About the Branford School Readiness Council

Email: branfordschoolreadiness@gmail.com

Mission:

The mission of the Branford School Readiness Council is to provide a system of support for all young children to enhance their school readiness and improve their developmental and educational outcomes. The Council's emphasis is to bring together parents, schools, and community organizations to collaborate on issues related to early child care and education.

What is School Readiness?

School readiness and high-quality preschool programs provide the necessary building blocks for children to be successful in kindergarten. According to the National Institute for Early Education Research, children who attend high-quality preschool programs enter kindergarten with better pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills. Preschool programs also foster important executive function skills by teaching children how to socialize, take turns, contribute to a group, sit, listen, and share the teacher's attention.

School Readiness in Branford

School readiness is a state-funded initiative administered by the CT Office of Early Childhood that gives income-eligible families the opportunity to access high-quality preschool programs. Currently, Branford has two School Readiness Programs: The Branford FRC at Indian Neck School and Branford Early Learning Center. Both programs are Accredited by NAEYC (National Association of Education of Young Children). Full-day, full-year school readiness slots are available to Branford children ages 3 to 4 years old who meet income eligibility guidelines.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Dial 911 for immediate medical or emergency assistance.

Sign up for local emergency notifications. Text 'Branford' to 99411.

Ambulance	203-481-8200
Branford Fire Dept.	203-488-7266
Branford Police Dept.	203-481-4241
FEMA Disaster Assistance	800-621-3362
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
Youth Police Officer	203-481-4241

HOTLINES

2-1-1 of CT (children, health, social services)

Animal Poison Control	888-426-4435
Child Abuse & Neglect	800-842-2288
Child Development Infoline	800-505-7000
Domestic Violence	888-774-2900
Maternal Mental Health	833-852-6262
Navigating Mental Health - NAMI Crisis Line	800-467-3135
Suicide Crisis Hotline - Call or Text: 9-8-8	

TOWN OF BRANFORD

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/>

Branford Town Hall	203-488-8394
Building Dept.	203-315-0674
Chamber of Commerce	203-488-5500
Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter	203-315-4125
Education Dept.	203-488-7276
Emergency Management	203-433-8260
Health Dept.	203-481-4233
Parks & Recreation	203-488-8304
Public Works	203-488-4156
Registrar of Voters	203-483-3998
Solid Waste and Recycling	203-315-0622
Tax Collector	203-315-3334
Town Clerk & Registrar	203-315-0678

EMERGENCY ROOMS

Yale New Haven Hospital System <https://www.ynhh.org/>

Children's Hospital, 1 Park St., New Haven, CT	203-688-4242
Saint Raphael Campus, 1450 Chapel St., New Haven, CT	203-789-3000
York St. Campus, 20 York St., New Haven, CT	203-688-4242
Shoreline Medical Center, 111 Goose Ln., Guilford, CT	203-453-7900

URGENT CARE

Connecticut Orthopedics Urgent Care (Walk-In) 203-407-3550

84 N. Main St., Branford CT 06405

<https://www.ct-ortho.com/>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 3 pm-8 pm; Saturday, 9 am-4 pm; Sunday, 9 am-1 pm

DOCS Urgent Care & Primary Care - Branford 475-221-6002

1100 W. Main St., Branford CT 06405

<https://docsmedicalgroup.com/docsurgentcare/branford/>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-6 pm & Saturday-Sunday, 10 am-2 pm

Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth Urgent Care 860-207-8942

1061 W. Main St., Branford CT 06405

<https://www.gohealthuc.com/hartford/locations/branford>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-8 pm & Saturday-Sunday, 9 am-5 pm

CHILD CARE: CENTER-BASED, FAMILY-BASED AND SCHOOL-AGE BEFORE-AFTER-SCHOOL

2-1-1 Child Care - <https://search.211childcare.org/> 800-505-1000

Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm. Online searchable directory of statewide licensed child care providers that can be searched by location, type, and ages of children.

CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC) 860-500-4412

450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

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

OEC is a state agency that oversees a network of programs and services to help young children and families thrive by supporting providers, teachers, and other professionals dedicated to caring for and educating children. Services include childcare and camp licensing, a registry for ECE professionals, grants for ECE providers to subsidize cost of child care and provide families with affordable childcare options, provides child development information and research, and training resources for parents and early childhood professionals.

Child Care Centers (Branford)

ABC Learn with Me Inc. 203-488-1506

172 Cedar St., Branford, CT 06405

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

Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 am- 6 pm

Provides full-service programs for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

Branford Early Learning Center, Inc. (BELC)

203-488-4512

16 Birch Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordearlylearningcenter.com/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am- 5 pm

BELC is a CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC) funded agency under the School Readiness and Child Day Care Grants. Provides services for children ages 8 weeks to pre-k. Each child is served breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack as part of the Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Fees are based on a sliding scale. **BELC is Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).**

Branford Family Resource Center (FRC)

203-481-5066

12 Melrose Ave., Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordschools.org/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 7am – 6pm.

Branford FRC is Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and provides full-day, full-year care to children ages 3-5 years. The FRC Preschool receives funding from the CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC) agency under the School Readiness Grant offering a sliding fee scale for eligible families.

Child Development Center

203-488-2007

1009 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<http://www.childdevelopmentcenterbranford.com/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 am-5:30 pm

Child care is available for children ages 6 weeks to preschool-age. The center strives to provide a quality learning environment for young children, committed to the development of the "Whole Child."

Duck Pond Learning Center & Nursery School

203-481-8170

30 Jefferson Rd., Branford, CT 06405 <https://www.duckpondlearningcenter.com/>Email: duckpondlearningcenter@gmail.comHours: Monday-Friday, 7 am-6 pm

Child care is available for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. Offers flexible schedules and reasonable fees to meet the needs of families. Care4Kids is accepted. Call to schedule a tour.

Learn and Play Christian Early Learning Center

203-488-4028

United Methodist Church, 811 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.learnandplaychristian.org/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

Learn and Play serves children 6 weeks to 5 years. Their mission is to provide an age-appropriate quality education grounded in Biblical, Christian principles.

The Nest (Alphabet Academy Shoreline Campus)

203-208-4429

56 Stony Creek Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<https://alphabetacademyct.com/our-locations/new-location>

The Nest serves children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. It features a full-day kindergarten program that emphasizes outdoor/nature-based programming, RIE social-emotional practices, and chef-prepared, organic meals.

Pine Orchard Nursery School (PONS)

203-488-3769

149 South Montowese St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://pineorchardnurseryschool.org/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

PONS offers preschool for ages 3-5 with morning, afternoon, or full-day options.

See Us Grow Child care & Learning Center

203-896-8916

221 West Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.seeusgrow.org/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 am-6 pm

Serves children ages 6 weeks to 12 years and offers accommodation for children with special needs. Drop-in care is available for children at least 3 years-old..

Preschool program for children 33 months to 6 years available.

Tabor Christian Community Preschool

203-483-9420

45 Tabor Dr., Branford, CT 06405

<https://taborpreschool.com/>

Tabor Christian Community Preschool serves ages 3-pre-kindergarten. Their purpose is to provide an alternative service in pre-school education incorporating a Christian influence in the daily experience. Call to schedule a tour.

Licensed Family Child Care**Deborah Withington**

203-481-5489

59 Driscoll Rd., Branford, CT 06405

Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:15 am-4 pm

Serves children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age. The center offers full-year care. The owner is certified in CPR & First Aid.

Giggle Patch Family Day Care (Michelle Gagliardi)

203-499-9401

371 Monticello Dr., Branford, CT 06405

Email: gigglepatchdc@gmail.com

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 am-5:30 pm (some evening & weekend by appointment). Serves children ages 1-5. Full-time care available only.

Shari's Day Care (Shari Ives)

203-488-8050

4B Stonegate Circle, Branford, CT 06405

Email: Shari.Ives@yahoo.com

Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 am-6 pm (some evening & weekend by appt.)

Serves children ages 6 months to 8 years. Experienced caring for special needs.

Patricia A Amendola

203- 488-9869

4 Wellsweep Rd, Branford, CT 06405

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am- 5 pm

Serves children ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

Sunflower Child Care, LLC (Tanja Kane)

203-444-6612

163 Hotchkiss Grove Rd., Branford, CT 06405

Serves children ages 4 months to 12 years. Hours are flexible. The owner is certified in First Aid & CPR.

School-Age Care (Before and After School Programs)**ABC Learn with Me Inc.**

203-488-1506

172 Cedar St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.abclearnwithmeinc.com/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 am- 6 pm**Branford Parks and Recreation Dept.**

203-488-8304

Joseph Trapasso Community House,

46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405

Email: recreation@branford-ct.gov<https://branfordct.myrec.com/>Afternoon Adventures: After school only, Monday-Friday 3:30-5:30pm for children in grades kindergarten through 4th grade during the school year, including early dismissal days. Call for details.**FRC/Branford School Age Child Care (SACC)**

203-481-5066

Administration - 12 Melrose Ave., Branford, CT

<https://branfordschools.org/>

John B. Sliney, 23 Eades St., Branford, CT

Mary R. Tisko, 118 Damascus Rd., Branford, CT

Mary T. Murphy, 14 Brushy Plain Rd., Branford, CT

Hours: Monday-Friday, before school 7 am and after school from 3:25 pm-6 pm

Branford SACC provides a quality child care program that is accessible to

families of Branford Public Schools for students pre-k through grade 5. SACC

summer camp is available for students who have completed kindergarten

through grade 5. Visit the website for enrollment information.

Soundview Family YMCA School Age Child Care 203-481-9622

628 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://cccymca.org/locations/soundview/child-care/>

The Soundview Family YMCA's After School Program is a licensed program with the CT Office of Early Childhood. After school program begins when school is dismissed and ends at 6:00 pm. Accepts Care4Kids. Find enrollment information at soundviewymca.org or contact the coordinator at ext. 3208 for more information. The Y Vacation Club program is available for children when school is closed and features swimming, games, crafts, and other fun activities.

Pre-K – 12TH GRADE, ADULT EDUCATION AND HOMESCHOOL RESOURCES

Pre-K – 12th Grade Schools

Branford Public Schools (Pre-K-12 Programs)

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

Administrative Offices, 185 Damascus Rd.	203-488-7276
John B. Sliney Elementary, 23 Eades St. (Pre-K-4)	203-481-5386
Mary R. Tisko Elementary, 118 Damascus Rd. (Pre-K-4)	203-483-1826
Mary T. Murphy Elementary, 14 Brushy Plain Rd. (Pre-K-4)	203-483-1832
Francis Walsh Intermediate, 185 Damascus Rd. (5-8)	203-488-8317
Branford High, 185 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405 (9-12)	203-488-7291

Branford Public Schools - School-Based Preschool

Indian Neck School Pre-K, 12 Melrose Ave., Branford, CT	203-481-5066
John B. Sliney Pre-K, 23 Eades St., Branford, CT	203-481-5386
Mary T. Murphy Pre-K, 14 Brushy Plain Rd., Branford, CT	203-483-1832
Mary R. Tisko Pre-K, 118 Damascus Rd., Branford, CT	203-483-1826

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

Hours: Monday-Friday - AM session 8:55-11:25am; PM session 12:55-3:25pm

- Registration is open to Branford residents four years of age before September and five-year-olds ineligible to start Kindergarten who have not previously attended a district pre-k program.
- There are no costs to the program; transportation is available within the district.
- **Wrap-around child care is available for students at the Indian Neck School site for a fee through School-Aged Child Care (SACC).**

ACES Open Choice (New Haven)

203-498-6843

350 State St., North Haven, CT 06473

<https://www.aces.org/schools-programs/aces-open-choice/overview>

The statewide Open Choice program allows urban students to attend public schools in nearby suburban towns and suburban students to attend public schools in the urban center (New Haven). Enrollments are offered by school districts on a space available basis by grade.

East Shoreline Catholic Academy (ESCA)

203-488-8386

62 Cedar St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://eastshorelinecatholicacademy.org/>

ESCA is a dynamic pre-k-8 STREAM school, preparing individual students to be our future leaders rooted in faith, service, and academic excellence. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges accredit ESCA.

New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) - Interdistrict Magnet Schools

62 Cedar St., Branford, CT 06405

475-220-1430

<https://www.newhavenmagnetschools.com>

475-220-1431

Email: NHPSregistration@new-haven.k12.ct.us

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Visit the website to view a list of interdistrict magnet schools open to suburban residents and find application steps or contact the NHPS Office of School Choice & Enrollment.

Adult Education

ACCESS Adult Vocational Services - ACES

203-234-1344

205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT 06517

<https://www.aces.org/services/access-adult-vocational-services/about-access>

ACCESS supports the career development and transition for multi-challenged adults aged 21 and older.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven (LVGNH)

203-776-5899

5 Science Park, 2nd Floor Rear, New Haven, CT 06511

<https://lvagnh.org/>

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm

LVGNH provides free tutoring to help adults improve speaking, reading, and writing English. Volunteers tutor adult students year-round in locations where they live and work.

Shoreline Adult Education

203-488-5693

185 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405

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

- Serves residents of Branford, North Branford, Northford, Guilford, and Clinton.
- Offers free academic programs for earning a high school diploma/GED, English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), and citizenship preparation.
- A variety of in-person and virtual enrichment classes are offered at a cost for hobby or skill development, such as cooking, foreign languages, crafts, finances, and more.

Homeschool Resources

CT Department of Education - Homeschooling

860-807-2130

450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/homeschooling/homeschooling-in-connecticut>

Find information about CT homeschooling requirements and resources.

CT Homeschool Network, Inc. (CHN) <https://cthomeschoolnetwork.org/>

Email: CHNBoard@outlook.com

Provides information and support for homeschooling in CT.

**The Education Association of Christian
Homeschoolers in CT (TEACH CT)**

860-938-6765

12 Sage Park Road, Windsor, CT 06095

<https://www.homeschool-life.com/ct/grace/>

TEACH provides information and services to homeschooling families and support groups in Connecticut from a Christian perspective.

National Homeschool Association (NHA)

303-968-1994

10940 S. Parker Rd., Suite 445, Parker, CO 80134

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

The NHA is the national headquarters for homeschooling in America. The NHA provides comprehensive support programs, activities, and resources to the nationwide community of homeschoolers.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER SERVICES

BH Care Clothing Bank

203-483-2643

Patricia C. Andriole Volunteer Services

<https://www.bhcare.org/resources/clothing-bank/>

30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT 06405

Boy Scouts of America, CT Yankee Council

800-333-7905

60 Wellington Road, Milford, CT 06460

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

Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance (BACA)

203-433-4071

1004 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordarts.org/>

Branford Community Television (BCTV)

203-481-3232

40 Kirkham St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.branfordtv.org/training>

Branford Food Pantry

203-481-3663

30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordfoodpantry.org/>

Branford Historical Society

203-488-4828

24 Main St. Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordhistoricalsociety.org/>

Branford Lions Club

203-488-4484

P.O. Box 406, Branford, CT 06405

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

Branford Parks & Recreation Department

203-488-8304

46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405

www.branfordrecreation.org/

Branford Rotary Club

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

P.O. Box 593, Branford, CT 06405

Community Dining Room	203-488-9750
30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT	https://www.communitydiningroom.org/help
The Connecticut Hospice	203-315-7301
100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405	https://www.hospice.com/
CT Summer Meals - End Hunger CT	860-560-2100
P.O. Box 280026, East Hartford, CT 06128	
	https://www.endhungerct.org/volunteer/
Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter	203-315-4125
749 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405	
	https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/animal-shelter/volunteering
Girl Scouts of Connecticut	800-922-2770
North Haven Service Center - 20 Washington Ave., North Haven, CT	
	https://www.gsofct.org/
Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)	203-562-2095
235 Nicoll St., New Haven, CT 06511	https://irisct.org/volunteer/
Interfaith Volunteers of Greater New Haven (IVCG)	475-257-6538
1253 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517	
	https://www.carenewhaven.org/volunteer
James Blackstone Memorial Library	203-488-1441
758 Main St., Branford, CT 06405	www.blackstonelibrary.org
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) CT	800 544-3690
339 Hemingway Ave 2nd Floor, East Haven, CT 06512	
	https://madd.org/volunteer/
Mother's Milk Bank Northeast	617-527-6263
	https://milkbankne.org/milk-depots/
	203-804-5974
Guilford Depot: Acelleron, 2488 Boston Post Rd., Suite 20A, Guilford, CT 06437	
Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center	203-481-7110
421 Shore Dr., Branford, CT 06405	https://www.theorchardhouse.org/helpus
Soundview Family YMCA School Age Child Care	203-481-9622
628 E. Main St., Branford, CT	https://cccymca.org/locations/soundview/give/
Special Olympics of CT	203-230-1201
2666 State Street Suite 1, Hamden, CT 06517	https://www.soct.org/get-involved

COUNSELING & CHILD AND ADULT MENTAL HEALTH

2-1-1 Mental Health Directory

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<https://uwc.211ct.org/categorysearch/mental-health/>

Directory of statewide resources for mental health care, counseling services and referrals for all ages, and support groups for a variety of situations.

Psychology Today

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/ct/branford>

"Find a therapist" directory verified by Psychology Today. "Get Help" offers a variety of information and resources on mental health, personality, personal growth, family life, and relationships. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us>

Child Mental Health Services

Branford Counseling & Community Services (BCCS)

203-481-4248

342 Harbor St., Branford CT 06405

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/counseling-center>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. BCCS is the Youth Service Bureau and Social Services Dept. for the Town of Branford. Offers Individual, family, couples, and group therapy. Serving adults, adolescents, and children (ages 5 and older). Most types of insurance are accepted. 24/7 on-call crisis line. Youth services include a youth outreach and mentor program for at-risk youth, summer youth employment program, juvenile review board, school mentoring programs and drug and alcohol prevention programs.

Clifford Beers Community Care Center

203-772-1270

93 Edwards St., New Haven, CT 06511

<https://cliffordbeersccc.org/>

1575 Boston Post Rd., Building B, Unit C, Guilford CT

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-6 pm; Friday, 8:30 am-6 pm

Clifford Beers is a nationally recognized provider of trauma-informed mental health care for children, adolescents, and families. Services include outpatient mental health, in-home services, community support, testing and assessment, enrichment programs, crisis intervention, and community care coordination.

CT Association for Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH)

860-786-1288

230 South Frontage Rd., New Haven, CT 06520

<https://www.ct-aimh.org/>

The CT-AIMH is a professional statewide non-profit organization that offers education and expertise in infant and early childhood mental health.

David M. Meyers, LCSW

203-260-0647

1090 Main St. (rear), Branford, CT 06405

<https://davidmeyerslcsww.com>Email: davidmmeyers@yahoo.com

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 am-7 pm. Mr. Meyers specializes in serving children, youth ages 2-college who present with life changes, anxiety, attention issues, social struggles, family struggles and behavioral changes. He uses an engaging, activity-based approach that encourages children to discuss hard things.

Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP)

860-704-6378

213 Court St., Middletown, CT 06457

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

ECCP is a mental health consultation program designed to meet the social-emotional needs of children birth to five by offering support, education, and consultation.

Jamie Perillo, LPC - Your Food Allergy Friends

203-433-2550

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

Jamie Perillo, LPC is a child and family therapist specializing in working with children, and their families, who have food allergies. Jamie also offers general counseling and therapy services.

Melissa Rapani, LMFT, LLC

203-623-3650

66 North Main St., Branford, CT 06405

203-904-2072

Specializes in child and play therapy, sensory issues, and family therapy.

Accepts all forms of HUSKY insurance.

Shoreline Family Health Care

203-871-4188

221 West Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://fhchc.org/locations/shoreline-family-health-care-in-branford/>

Hours: Monday-Tuesday, 8 am-7 pm; Wednesday, 9:30 am-5 pm; Thursday 8 am-5:30 pm; Friday, 8 am-5 pm

There is an intensive outpatient program for adolescents experiencing emotional and behavioral issues, family conflicts and difficulties meeting school and social expectations.

Virginia (Gina) Macdonald MA, LPC, CEDS-S

203-710-6665

225 Montowese St., Branford, CT 06405

Email: ginayogacreek@gmail.com<http://www.gina-macdonald.com/>

Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am-7 pm

This provider offers individual, group, and family therapy for adolescents and adults and has an additional Eating Disorder Specialist certification in CT.

Insurances currently accepted: Husky and Magellan Health Care.

Yale Child Study Center at Yale University (YCSC)

844-362-9272

230 South Frontage Rd., New Haven, CT 06520

<https://medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/services/>

In addition to world-renowned research and training programs related to child psychiatry, YCSC offers a wide variety of services to support children, families, schools, and communities.

Yale Outpatient Psychiatric Services

203-688-3182

Adolescent Outpatient: www.ynhh.org/psychiatric/

- 646 George St., New Haven 06511
- 21 Business Park Rd., Branford 06405

Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital offers comprehensive outpatient services for adolescents.

Adult Counseling & Mental Health Services**APT Foundation**

203-781-4600

1 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, CT 06511

<https://aptfoundation.org/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-11 am

The APT Foundation provides outpatient and residential medical and behavioral health services for treating substance use and/or mental health disorders.

Aware Recovery Services CT

203-779-5799

<https://www.awarerecoverycare.com/where-we-serve/connecticut/>

In-home addiction treatment program serving clients statewide

BH Care

203-800-7177

Shoreline Clinic, 14 Sycamore Way, Branford, CT 06405

203-483-2630

<https://www.bhcare.org/>Hours: Monday and Friday, 8:30 am-5 pm; Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 am-8 pm

BH Care offers a variety of services statewide. The Shoreline clinic offers outpatient treatment for mental health and/or substance use issues. Walk-in mental health and substance use assessments are available for new clients Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 1 pm.

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CT Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) 866-205-9770
75 Charter Oak Avenue Building 1,
Suite 305 Hartford, CT 06106 <https://ccar.us/>
CCAR is a centralized resource in CT for all things recovery.

CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services 860-418-7000
Statewide portal for mental health and addiction services.
<https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas>

Cornell Scott Hill Behavioral Health Services 203-503-3000
<https://www.cornellscott.org/programs-and-services/behavioral-health>
Offers adult mental health and counseling, child and family guidance, inpatient detox, and full psychiatric services at a variety of locations in New Haven County. Telehealth may be available.

Drug Free CT 800-563-4086
<https://www.drugfreect.org/>
Resources to understand, prevent, and recover from substance use disorders.

Generations Psychiatry Services 203-433-2550
420 East Main St., Suite #5, Branford, CT 06405
<https://www.generationspsychiatry.com/>
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm
GPS is a private psychiatry practice dedicated to providing the highest quality psychiatric services for all ages and populations. Offers flexible scheduling.

Morgan R. Price, LPC 203-208-6145
365 East Main Street Suite 2-8-A, Branford, CT 06405
Email: Morgan@MorganRPrice.com
Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-7 pm; Saturday, 9 am-2 pm
Serves clients ages four and older and offers individual and family therapy. Specializes in working with people who struggle with trauma, grief, anxiety, depression, life adjustments, and behavioral problems. Accepts healthcare insurances and offers sliding scale fees to clients who pay out of pocket.

Root Center for Advanced Recovery 475-290-0012
6-12 Business Park Dr. Branford, CT 06405
<https://www.rootcenter.org/root-center-branford>
The Root Center for Advanced Recovery provides a continuum of behavioral healthcare services to help adults and teens (ages 13-17) facing challenges with mental health and/or substance use.

Shoreline Family Health Care

203-871-4188

221 West Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://fhchc.org/locations/shoreline-family-health-care-in-branford/>

Hours: Monday-Tuesday, 8 am-7 pm; Wednesday, 9:30 am-5 pm; Thursday 8 am-5:30 pm; Friday, 8 am-5 pm

Shoreline Family Health Care offers behavioral health services for all ages.

Yale Outpatient Psychiatric Services

203-688-3182

Adult Outpatient: www.ynhh.org/psychiatric/

- 425 George St., New Haven 06511
- 2080 Whitney Ave., Suite 200, Hamden 06518

Programs are available for adolescents and adults requiring intensive therapeutic services after hospitalization, or to prevent hospitalization with referral during hospitalization or by outpatient psychiatric providers.

SUPPORT GROUPS AND SERVICES: ADDICTION, GRIEF, MENTAL HEALTH AND PARENTING SUPPORT

Note: Contact organizations before attending a meeting to check if pre-registration is required and verify meeting locations and/or times.

2-1-1 Support Group Directory

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<https://uwc.211ct.org/support-groups/>

Directory of statewide support groups for all ages and concerns (addiction, illness, mental health, parenting, life transitions, etc.)

Addiction & Drug/Alcohol Abuse**AI-Anon Family Groups CT (ALANON)**

1-888-825-2666

<https://www.ctalanon.org/meetings/meetings-by-town>

Focus: Family and friends of alcoholics. In person meetings on Thursdays at United Methodist Church, 811 East Main St. Rt. 1, Branford, CT at 7:00 pm for newcomers.

CT Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

866-783-7712

(STEPS12)

<https://ct-aa.org/meetings/?tsml-day=5&tsml-region=branford>

Focus: Alcohol addiction. Several meetings are available in Branford - refer to schedule online or call.

CT Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

800-627-3543

<https://ctna.org/find-a-meeting/meetings-tabbed/>

See the schedule on website for virtual meetings.

- First Baptist Church, 975 Main St., Branford CT - Mondays at 7:30pm
- Trinity Episcopal Church, 1109 Main St., Branford, CT - Wednesdays at 7:30pm

MADD SMART Teen and Parent Programs

203-764-2566

339 Hemingway Ave 2nd Floor, East Haven, CT 06512

Focus: Underage drinking/DUI - <https://madd.org/connecticut/smart-program/>

Programs for teens and parents of teens found to be in violation of CT motor vehicle, minor possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana or underage drinking laws and the associated dangers. Contact Nicole Wichowski.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) CT

860-882-0236

Opioid Support: Family Group Meetings<https://namict.org/support-and-education/support-groups/>

Focus: Family of loved ones with mental health and substance abuse issues

Video conferencing Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm. Contact Paul Brainerd, NAMI Opioid Support Group Coordinator for details.

Grief Support**The Compassionate Friends**

877-969-0010

Shoreline Chapter - Trinity Episcopal Church, 06405

203-361-7109

1109 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.compassionatefriends.org/chapter/shoreline-chapter/>

Focus: Grieving death of a child

The Cove Center for Grieving Children Inc.

203-634-0500

1113 A South Main St., Cheshire, CT 06410

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

Focus: Coping with grief and loss in children, teens, and families.

Grief Support Groups - CT Hospice

203-315-7544

100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.hospice.com/bereavement-program/>

Contact Bereavement Dept. for information.

Exploring Our Grief Journey - Blackstone Library

203-488-1441 (x318)

James Blackstone Memorial Library, 758 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://events.blackstonelibrary.org/event/exploring-our-grief-journey-15155>

Email: programs@blackstonelibrary.org

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 pm. Group is led by AccentCare Bereavement Volunteer, Cheryl Cole. Contact the Blackstone Programs Department for information.

**Life After Loss Bereavement Group
- Women & Family Life Center**

203-458-6699

96 Fair St., Guilford, CT 06437

Email: info@womenandfamilylife.org

<https://womenandfamilylife.org/programs-%26-services>

Mental Health Support

Branford Counseling & Community Services (BCCS)

203-481-4248

342 Harbor St., Branford CT 06405

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/counseling-center>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. BCCS is the Youth Service Bureau and Social Services Dept. for the Town of Branford. Offers Individual, family, couples, and group therapy. Serving adults, adolescents, and children (ages 5 and older). Most types of insurance are accepted. 24/7 on-call crisis line.

Family Support Group - BH Care

203-800-7177

Shoreline Clinic, 14 Sycamore Way, Branford, CT 06405

203-483-2630

Support for family of people with mental health issues. <https://www.bhcare.org/>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) CT

860-882-0236

1030 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, CT 06110

<https://namict.org/support-and-education/support-groups/>

Focus: Coping with mental health issues, support for family of people with mental health issues, suicide prevention

Parenting Support

Parent Groups - CT Family Support Network (CTFSN)

860-398-9091

<https://ctfsn.org/parents-supporting-parents/>

Focus: Parenting children with special healthcare needs and disabilities.

Contact the regional family support coordinator for more information.

Parenting Support Services

203-481-4233

East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD)

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

688 East Main St. Branford, CT 06405

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Free, in-home parenting education programs are available to families with children ages 0-18. ESDHD serves as the local health department for Branford, East Haven, and North Branford.

LIBRARIES AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

Libraries

James Blackstone Memorial Library

758 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

203-488-1441

www.blackstonelibrary.org

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

146 Thimble Islands Rd., Branford, CT 06405

203-488-8702

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

Literacy Programs – Children and Adults

Reach Out and Read

617-455-0600

Affiliate: Shoreline Family Health Care,

<https://reachoutandread.org/>

221 West Main St., Branford, CT 06405

Reach Out and Read's national network of clinicians delivers vital information about the importance of reading at routine pediatric checkups. During well visits, providers talk to parents about reading to their children and provide free developmentally appropriate children's books.

Read to Grow

203-488-6800

53 School Ground Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<https://readtogrow.org/>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm

- Read to Grow's mission is to promote language skills and literacy for children, beginning at birth. Residents of CT may make requests for books for their children by calling or completing an online request form.
- Popcorn & PJs events: Live virtual story times featuring books read by their authors. Register online.
- Bookmobile: Can be requested to deliver books to children from under-resourced communities.

Shoreline Adult Education

203-488-5693

185 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405

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

Offers free academic programs for adults earning a high school diploma/GED, English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), and citizenship preparation. A variety of in-person and virtual enrichment classes are offered at a cost for hobby or skill development, such as cooking, foreign languages, crafts, finances, etc.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Branford Public Schools - Student Services

203-488-5000

185 Damascus Rd., Branford, CT 06405

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

For more detailed information regarding a child or about a specific school's program, the building principal should be contacted. For broader issues, please contact the Student Services Department.

BPS - Linda B. Chipkin (LBC) Early Years Center

203-315-3540

12 Melrose Ave., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.branfordschools.org>

Hours:Monday-Friday, AM Session 8:55 -11:40 am & PM Session 12:40-3:25 pm

The LBC Early Years Center is an integrated preschool program for children ages 3-5 with special needs and children who qualify as peer mentors. The program uses a transdisciplinary model which involves a collaborative approach between special education therapists, specialists, and educators. There is no cost to families for eligible students and transportation is provided.

Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)

203-498-6800

- Mead Elementary School, 75 Ford St, Ansonia, CT

203-234-0303

- Center for Autism Spectrum and Development Disorders,
26 Old Post Road, Northford, CT

203-484-9501

- Village School, 31 Temple St, North Haven, CT

203-234-7611

- Mill Road School, 295 Mill Rd, North Haven, CT

203-234-0303

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

ACES offers a wide range of services for students with special needs, including specialized school programs, autism/behavior services and therapeutic services. For all ACES Schools questions, please contact the specific school directly.

CT SDE Bureau of Special Education

860-713-6910

450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Bureau-of-Special-Education>

The CT State Department Bureau of Special Education oversees statewide special education services in compliance with state and federal laws, such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It provides resources for educators and families regarding special education best practices, laws, eligibility, and procedures.

More to Say, LLC

203-828-6790

469 W. Main St, Branford, CT 06405

<https://moretosayct.com/>

Offers therapy services for children from birth to age 20 who need help improving their speech and language, feeding, and occupational skills.

Other Education Resources

CT Children's Collective

860-730-3371

415 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 201, Wethersfield, CT 06109

<https://ctchildrenscollective.org/>

The CT Children's Collective is a network of local partnerships focused on creating positive outcomes for children and families. Parents may find useful information under the 'Resources & Research' section.

CT Learning Hub - CT Dept. of Education

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/academic-office/ct-learning-hub>

The CT Learning Hub is a collection of educational digital resources for online and offline learning. There are learning hubs for educators, families, and students.

CT State Education Resource Center (SERC)

860-632-1485

175 Union St., Waterbury, CT 06706

<https://ctserc.org/>

SERC provides resources, professional development, and a centralized library to educators, families, and community members in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Education and other partners. The SERC library is CT's only statewide public educational library of its kind <https://ctserc.org/library>.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EARLY INTERVENTION

211 Child Development Infoline & Pregnancy Support

800-505-7000

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-6 pm (except on holidays)

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

Care coordinators are available to address questions or concerns about your pregnancy or your child's development or health. Messages can be left 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are returned promptly. This service is free and confidential, with multi-lingual and TTY capacity.

Branford Schools: Linda B. Chipkin Early Years Center

203-315-3540

12 Melrose Ave., Branford, CT 06405

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

Monthly developmental screenings are available September-May for children ages 3-5 who are Branford residents and not receiving Birth to Three services. Contact the program via phone or email to schedule an appointment.

Email: lskultety@branfordschools.org

CT Birth to Three

800-505-7000

450 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT 06103

<https://www.birthe23.org/>

CT's statewide resource for early childhood development and intervention services for children 0-3. A parent referral to receive screening services may be completed online or requested by the phone number listed.

CT Newborn Screening Program (Dept. of Public Health) 860-920-6628

Voicemail is monitored Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

<https://portal.ct.gov/Newborn-Screening-Program>

The Connecticut Newborn Screening Program (CT NBS) is a public health program that screens all babies born in the state for many serious but treatable metabolic and genetic disorders.

Help Me Grow Program

800-505-7000

CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC)

<https://cdi.211ct.org/program/help-me-grow/>

450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4 pm

Help Me Grow serves children and their families starting from pregnancy. The program provides free developmental screenings and connects families to community services related to child health, behavior, development, and learning.

Lumbility – Kidssteps Early Intervention

203-453-7592

Serving Branford and surrounding towns

<https://lumibility.org/kidsteps-early-intervention/>

Kidsteps is a Birth to Three Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers offering specialized support for families with children up to the age of three with varying abilities, including developmental delays and autism.

Nurturing Families Program

203-481-4233

East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD)

688 East Main St. Branford, CT 06405

<https://esdhd.org/Health%20Programs/Maternal%20Child>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm (reachable after hours via local police)

The program provides free supportive home visiting services for pregnant women or women who recently gave birth.

HEALTH SERVICES

Health Clinics & Family Practices

Branford School-Based Health Centers (SBHC)

Walsh Intermediate School

203-315-3533

Branford High School

203-315-6727

Mary T. Murphy Elementary

203-488-4151

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

SBHCs are staffed by licensed clinicians from Yale-New Haven Hospital and Fair Haven Community Health Care who provide a range of physical and mental health services. Parents or guardians of students enrolled in Branford Public Schools must complete a permission form to enroll their children.

Cornell Scott Hill Health Center Locations

203-503-3000

- 400 Columbus Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519 <https://www.cornellscott.org/>
- 197 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511
- 150 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT 06511
- 911 State Street, New Haven, CT 0651106516
- 410 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

Offers primary, dental, and behavioral care for all ages at clinics in New Haven County.

Fair Haven Community Health Care Locations

203-777-7411

- 374 Grand Ave., New Haven, CT 06513 <https://fhchc.org/>
- 50 Grand Ave., New Haven, CT 06513
- 150 Sargent Dr., New Haven, CT 06511 (pediatric & adolescent only)

Integrated primary care, behavioral health, and dental referrals for patients from pediatrics to geriatrics.

Shoreline Family Health Care

203-871-4188

221 West Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://fhchc.org/locations/shoreline-family-health-care-in-branford/>

Hours: Monday-Tuesday, 8 am-7 pm; Wednesday, 9:30 am-5 pm; Thursday 8 am-5:30 pm; Friday, 8 am-5 pm

Shoreline Family Health Care provides expert medical and behavioral health services for the whole family. Licensed practitioners will provide primary and urgent care, outpatient counseling, care coordination, laboratory testing and an on-site pharmacy.

Community & Public Health**American Diabetic Association (ADA)**

800-342-2383

<https://diabetes.org/>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-5:30 pm

The ADA funds diabetes research, provides education about diabetes prevention and management, provides resources for those living with diabetes, and advocates for those who are denied rights due to a diabetic condition.

CT Vital Records Office (Dept. of Public Health)

860-509-7700

410 Capitol Ave., 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06106

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Vital-Records/State-Vital-Records-Office--Home>

Hours: Monday, 9 am-1 pm; Wednesday, 9 am-3:30 pm; Friday, 11 am-3:30 pm

This department maintains statewide registries for births, deaths, marriages, and fetal deaths for all vital events occurring in Connecticut from July 1, 1897, to present. For vital records for events occurring in the Town of Branford contact the Branford Town Clerk at 203-315-0678.

East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD)

203-481-4233

688 East Main St. Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.esdhd.org/>Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

ESDHD serves as the local health department for Branford, East Haven, and North Branford. They provide essential public health services such as building approvals, septic system permits, and food service permits. They also provide public health programs, disease control and prevention, and community education.

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

203-865-5158

345 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06511

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-southern-new-england>Hours: Monday-Tuesday, 9 am-5 pm; Wednesday, 8 am-6 pm; Thursday, 10 am-5 pm; Friday, 8 am-4 pm; Saturday, 8 am-2 pm

Planned Parenthood offers services related to reproductive health care and sexual education.

Nutrition**Branford Food Pantry**

203-481-3663

30 Harrison Ave., PO Box 1068, Branford CT 06405

<https://branfordfoodpantry.org/>Hours: Tuesday, 8:30-11 am and 4-6 pm & Friday, 9-11:30 am

Provides supplemental groceries for Branford residents in need. Register for assistance online or in-person at the pantry. Residents may register for Thanksgiving and Christmas meal boxes.

Community Dining Room (CDR)

203-488-9750

30 Harrison Ave., Branford CT 06405

www.communitydiningroom.org

The CDR provides in-house, takeout, and home delivery meals at no cost for residents of Branford, East Haven, North Branford, and Guilford. Daily hot meals are served Sunday-Saturday at 12 pm-1 pm.

CT Foodshare

203-469-5000

<https://ctfoodshare.org/>

Click on “mobile food pantry locator” – search Branford, CT to see schedule. Mobile Pantry Branford Stop: New Antioch Church of God, 65 Burban Dr., Branford, CT 06405. Click on “Get Help” on website for nutrition information, recipes and meal planning, information on applying for SNAP and other resources.

CT Summer Meal Programs (End Hunger CT)

860-560-2100

www.ctsummermeals.org

Email: childnutrition@endhungerct.org

Free summer meals available from June to late August for kids and teens 18 and under. No sign-up is necessary. Sites may offer a combination of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. To find a site near you, visit the website or text SUMMER MEALS to 914-342-7744.

Feed Branford Kids

<https://feedbranfordkids.org/>

P.O. Box 651, Branford, CT 06405 Email:

info@feedbranfordkids.org

- Feed Branford Kids offers a weekend backpack program that has no income eligibility requirements and includes children beyond the free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs. Registered children receive weekend meals through a backpack program.
- Kids weekend pick-up is available every Thursday, 5-6 pm at 11 Business Park Dr. in Branford. It's free for all Branford children.
- Reach out to your school administrator to see if they collaborate with the program or reach out via email for any questions.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - CT DSS

<https://portal.ct.gov/dss/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program---snap>

SNAP gives people in CT help to buy food. Apply online, at a local DSS resource center, or get help by calling 211 or visit 211.org

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

800-741-2142

Yale New Haven-Saint Raphael - Branford

203-789-3563

Yale New Haven Hospital-Sargent Dr

203-688-5150

Cornell Scott Hill Health Center

203-503-3080

Fair Haven Health Center

203-773-5007

<https://portal.ct.gov/dph/wic/wic>

- The WIC program provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, nutrition education, and breastfeeding promotion and support to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.
- The WIC program comes to Branford from St. Raphael Hospital a few times a month and sees clients by appointment only. Call 203-789-3563 for an appointment.

Dental

Admire Dental - Dr. Panks Dingra, DDS

203-864-3750

1060 W. Main St., Branford CT 06405

<https://admiredentalbranford.com/>

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-6 pm; Wednesday, 10 am-4 pm;

Friday-Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Berky Dental - Dr. M. Kurt Berky, DDS 203-315-9909
29 Park Place, Branford CT 06405
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-5 pm
Offers family and cosmetic dentistry for patients of all ages.

Branford Dental Care - 203-488-7444
Dr. Robert Hacker, DMD & Dr. Maria Hacker, DMD
and Dr. Elizabeth Banister, DMD <https://branforddentalcare.com/>
134 Montowese St., Branford CT 06405
Hours: Monday, 7 am-8 pm; Tuesday-Thursday, 7 am-7 pm; Friday, 7 am-12 pm

Brete D. Moran, DMD, LLC Periodontics & Dental Implants 203-483-8656
5 South Main St., Suite 502, Branford CT 06405 <https://www.drbretemoran.com/>
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, 7 am-5 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, 7 am-6 pm;
Friday, 7 am-3 pm. Specializes in the treatment of gum disease, dental implants,
and fixed dentures.

Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry of CT 203-769-9871
62 Kirkham St., Branford CT 06405 <https://www.cidct.com/locations/branford--ct/>
Hours: Monday, 9 am-6 pm; Tuesday, 9 am-5 pm; Wednesday, 8 am-4 pm;
Thursday, 8 am-5 pm. Offers a wide range of dental services for patients of all
ages using advanced technology.

CT Braces - New Haven Orthodontics 203-285-3750
1467 Whalley Ave., New Haven, CT 06515 New Patient Line: 203-374-1911
<https://ctbraces.com/>
Hours: Monday-Tuesday, 9 am-6 pm; Wednesday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm
Provides state-of-the-art orthodontic care using the latest technology.

CT Implant & Oral Surgery 203-208-2004
Dr. Bryan Meriam, DDS & Dr. Jordan Greenberg, DDS
<https://www.ctimplantoralsurgery.com/>
500 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm; Friday, 8:30 am-1 pm
Specializes in transformative dental implants, tooth extractions, and
comprehensive oral surgery using personalized, minimally invasive treatments.

John D. Michalak DMD Family Dentistry 203-488-6553
420 E. Main St., Bldg. 3, Suite 17, Branford, CT 06405
<https://www.branforddentist.com/>
Dr. Michalak specializes in general and cosmetic dental services and uses the
latest technology, such as digital dentistry.

Just Smiles Dental - Dr. Rajula Tandon, DDS 203-488-1487
869 West Main St., Branford, CT 06405 <http://www.justsmilesdentalct.com/>
Hours: Monday, 11 am-7 pm; Tuesday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm; Saturdays available by appointment. Family and cosmetic dentistry services offered. Accepts financing through CareCredit.

Ocean Dental Group - Dr. Norman Dahl III, DDS, PC 203-483-8806
904 West Main St., Suite A, Branford, CT 06405 <https://normandahl.com/>
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 am-5 pm; Tuesday, 9:30 am-6 pm
Free consultation. Specializes in family and cosmetic dentistry and offers Solea laser dentistry.

Peter D. Russo, DMD Orthodontics 203-483-1816
53 Montowese St., Branford, CT 06405 <http://www.peterdrussodmd.com/>
Hours: Monday, 9 am-5:30 pm; Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 am-5:30 pm
Orthodontics for children and adults. Free consultation.

Pure Smiles CT 475-251-8646
Dr. Norma Gomez, DDS, Dr. Marcelo Maldonado, DMD
<https://puresmilesct.com/>
and Dr. Vinnie Gupta DMD
144 N. Main St., #6, Branford, CT 06405
Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 8 am-5 pm; Thursday, 10 am-7 pm;
Friday, 9 am-3 pm. Offers family and cosmetic dentistry.

Shoreline Orthodontics - Jonathan Fisk, DMD 203-488-6616
179 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405 203-484-1111
630 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT 06471 <https://www.shorelinebraces.com/>
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-5 pm. Free consultation. Offers a variety of orthodontic treatments customized for patients.

Home Healthcare & Hospice

Accent Care Hospice Care 866-244-2199
<https://www.accentcare.com/our-services/hospice-palliative-care/connecticut/>

CT Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) 800-445-5394
<https://portal.ct.gov/dss/health-and-home-care/connecticut-home-care-program-for-elders/connecticut-home-care-program-for-elders-chcpe>
Assistance program for in-home care and other elder care services.

CT Hospice

203-315-7301

100 Double Beach Rd., Branford CT 06405

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

CT Hospice cares for patients and their families at any stage of a progressive or acute illness, from diagnosis through treatment to end of life. They offer flexible hospice and palliative care options.

Yale New Haven Health Home Care Plus

203-458-5990

Service areas: New Haven and Shoreline/Middlesex

<https://www.ynhhs.org/health-at-home> Services include medically certified home care, personal and live-in care, hospice care, and post-acute care.

Insurance

ACCESS Health CT Insurance Portal

855-805-4235

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

HUSKY Health CT

855-805-4235 (if you are under 65)

55 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105

855-626-6632 (over 65)

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

- HUSKY Health is CT's public health coverage program for eligible children, parents, relative caregivers, elders, individuals with disabilities, adults without dependent children, and pregnant women.
- Questions about eligibility and application should be directed to Access Health CT (see above).

Pediatricians

Branford Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

203-481-7008

784 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405

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

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm; Saturday 9 am-12 pm; Sunday, 9 am-12 pm (urgent visits only). Accepts major insurance plans & Medicaid Husky A, B, C, D.

ProHealth Physicians - Branford Pediatrics

203-481-5591

682 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-6pm, Friday, 8am-5pm, Saturday, 9am-12pm

* See also **Fair Haven Community Center** and **Shoreline Family Health Center** under **HEALTH SERVICES → Clinics & Family Practices**

Vision

Academy of Vision and Learning Optometry

203-453-4813

Dr. Qiaoqiao Wang, OD, PhD

<https://avlseebright.com/>

2514 Boston Post Rd., Suite 1C, Guilford, CT 06437

The academy works with children and adults who have vision problems that interfere with their ability to read, learn, and pay attention.

Branford Family Vision Care - Dr. John Rubsam, OD

203-481-5909

71 Cedar St., Branford, CT 06405

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

Hours: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9 am-1 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am-6 pm

Branford Optometric Associates, PC

203-488-9544

60 Montowese St., Branford, CT 06405

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

Hours: Monday, 8 am-7 pm; Tuesday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm

Family eye care services include eye exams for kids and adults, vision therapy, vision correction and management of age-related eye disease.

Eye Physicians & Surgeons

203-488-5688

1236 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://eyevision2020.net/>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm; Saturday, 8 am-12 pm (optical by appointment). Eye Physicians & Surgeons provides comprehensive eye care, laser vision correction, and eye surgery.

Fritz Eye Care - Dr. Phyllis A. Liu, OD

203-488-9900

267 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405

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

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 am-5 pm; Saturday, 10:30 am-2 pm

SOCIAL SERVICES

211 of CT

2-1-1

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

- 211 is a program of CT United Way that provides free, confidential information and referral services that connects people to essential health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week online and over the phone.
- Chat services are available Tuesday-Friday, 8 am-2 pm.
- Text for resources: CTWARM, CTFOOD, CTRECOVERY to 8898211.
- The 2-1-1 Navigator Benefits Screener is an interactive interview that allows 2-1-1 CT to generate a list of some state and federal programs that may be able to help. The screener is anonymous and will not ask for name or address or any other personal identifying information.

Branford Counseling & Community Services (BCCS)

203-481-4248

342 Harbor St., Branford CT 06405

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/counseling-center>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. BCCS is the Youth Service Bureau and Social Services Dept. for the Town of Branford. Offers Individual, family, couples, and group therapy. Serving adults, adolescents, and children (ages 5 and older). Most types of insurance are accepted. 24/7 on-call crisis line.

Community Renewal Team (CRT)

860-560-5600

555 Windsor St., Hartford, CT 06106

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

CRT serves Branford as the designated state Community Action Agency. They are tasked with helping residents access resources to address basic needs, including state benefits such as SNAP and energy assistance. You may submit a request on the website indicating your needs and someone will contact you.

CT Department of Children & Families (DCF)<https://portal.ct.gov/dcf>

505 Hudson St., Hartford, CT 06106

860-550-6300

New Haven Office, One Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, CT 203-786-0500

DCF oversees state child protective services, juvenile justice, children's mental health, substance abuse services, and foster and adoption services. Visit the website to find a DCF office by region.

CT Department of Social Services (DSS)

855-626-6632

New Haven Field Office:

www.ct.gov/dss/

50 Humphrey Street, New Haven, CT 06513

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

CT DSS implements and processes all statewide social services benefits such as food assistance, emergency financial assistance, state medical insurance (i.e. HUSKY, Medicaid), Medicare, and long term services and support.

East Shore District Health Department

203-481-4233

Family Services, Maternal Child Health**Nurturing Families Home Visiting**

688 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405

<https://esdhd.org/Health%20Programs/Maternal%20Child>

Nurturing Families is a FREE service to families who are pregnant or recently had a baby. Home Visiting is designed to support parents and caregivers, so children have the best start in life. For more information, contact De Popkin x 577

Family Centered Services of CT

203-624-2600

235 Nicoll St., New Haven, CT 06511

<https://www.familyct.org>

Variety of services offered to parents and families in need, such as essentials, counseling, trauma care and parenting education.

Women and Family Life Center

203-458-6699

96 Fair St., Guilford, CT 06437

<https://womenandfamilylife.org/>

The Women and Family Life Center's mission is to support and empower women and all families during challenging life transitions, such as job loss, divorce, housing loss, and more. Services are offered at no cost to eligible participants.

Clothing & Diapers**BH Care Clothing Bank**

203-483-2643

Patricia C. Andriole Volunteer Services, 30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.bhcare.org/resources/clothing-bank/>**Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 8 am-12 pm & 1-2 pm, Friday & Saturday, 11 am-1 pm

The BH Care Clothing Bank provides clothing, linens, footwear, and personal care items to anyone in need for a nominal yearly fee.

Branford Diaper Bank

203-488-9750 Ext. 2

Community Dining Room,

<https://www.communitydiningroom.org/learn-more>

30 Harrison Ave., Branford CT 06405

Diapers are distributed from the Community Dining Room driveway to Branford residents monthly, currently on the second Tuesday of the month from 5-6:30 pm. Please call to register.

Shoreline Children's Clothing Exchange

203-506-5194

North Branford Congregational Church on Rt 80

Email: sccexchange4@gmail.com

The Shoreline Children's Clothing Exchange is an organization that supports the environment and families along the Shoreline by redistributing donated clothing and items for children. Our events are located at North Branford Congregational Church. All items are free. For information about our upcoming shopping and donation days please join our Facebook Page at Shoreline Children's Clothing Exchange.

Disability Services**Branford Public Schools Dept. of Student Services**

203-488-5000

185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordschools.org>

Charles J. Cicarella, Director

Special Education services are provided to all qualified students in Branford from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. For Special Education students new to the town, they must first register at their appropriate school.

U.S. Dept. of Educ. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/>

The U.S. Department of Education's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) website brings together IDEA information and resources about infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities for families, educators and service providers.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

800-514-0301

Answers to common questions to official legal documents, ADA.gov has everything you need to understand your rights and responsibilities under the ADA. <https://www.ada.gov/>

The Arc Connecticut

860-246-6400

200 Research Pkwy, Meriden, CT 06450

<https://thearcct.org/>

The Arc of Connecticut is an advocacy organization committed to protecting the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and promoting opportunities for full inclusion in their communities.

ASD Waiver - CT Dept. of Social Services

860-424-5865

<https://portal.ct.gov/dss/health-and-home-care/autism-spectrum-disorder---asd/autism-spectrum-disorder---asd>

Financial assistance for home and community-based services for eligible CT residents with an Autism diagnosis.

Autism Services & Resources CT (ASRC)

203-265-7717

41 Marne St., Hamden, CT 06514

<https://ct-asrc.org/>

ASRC serves persons on the autism spectrum with the goal of being fully included and participating members of their communities. Services include social and recreational activities, support groups, community education, peer mentoring, legislative advocacy, and more.

Bureau of Education & Services for the Blind (BESB)

860-602-4000

184 Windsor Ave., Windsor, CT 06095

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

The BESB serves all CT residents who are legally blind or have significant visual impairments. Services include training and devices to increase independence. The Business Enterprises Program offers a unique entrepreneurial program.

Children and Adults

with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

866-200-8098

4221 Forbes Blvd, Suite 270, Lanham, MD 20706

<https://chadd.org/>

CHADD provides support for parents, children, and families with ADHD. It will help in every aspect of eligibility for special education services or accommodations within the regular classroom when needed, and adults with ADHD may be eligible for accommodations in the workplace under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**CT Department of Board of Education
Bureau of Special Education**

860-713-6910

P.O. Box 2219, Hartford, CT 06145

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/special-education/bureau-of-special-education>

Resources and information provided on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, assistive technology resources, guidelines and eligibility and resources for families. "The CT State Board of Education believes that all students, including students with exceptionalities, are unique and influenced by cultural, linguistic, intellectual, psychological, health and economic factors."

**CT Department of Education
The Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities (ODRD)**

860-713-6853

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde-odrd>

The Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities is committed to providing – through leadership and service - insight, expertise, training, encouragement, and resources to assist those in the education and related communities to succeed in helping all Connecticut students with dyslexia and other reading-related learning disabilities develop the reading and writing skills necessary to become effective lifelong learners, able to reach their personal and career goals and become involved, productive, confident, and satisfied members of society.

CT Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

860-418-6000

460 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06103

www.ct.gov/dds

The DDS partners with individuals, their families, and support groups to help individuals with intellectual disability lead fulfilling lives within their communities. DDS offers case management services, family support, transportation, community living services, employment and day services, and health services.

CT Family Support Network (CTFSN)

860-744-4074

377 Hubbard St. #1, Glastonbury, CT 06033

<https://ctfsn.org/>

CTFSN provides information, resources, and support to families of individuals with disabilities and special needs, and the professionals who work with them. Services include one-on-one support, workshops and training, advocacy training, monthly parent support groups, information, and referrals. Visit the website to connect with the family support coordinator for your region.

CT Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)

800-739-3089

5 Shaws Cove, Suite 102, New London, CT 06320

<https://cpacinc.org/>

CPAC offers free information and support to families of children with any disability or chronic illness through birth through age 26. Some services include training and workshops for caregivers and professionals working with disabilities, one-on-one support, collaboration between families and schools, transition services for young adults, and CT SPED planning and placement team (PPT) training.

Epilepsy Foundation of CT

860-346-1924

386 Main St, Middletown, CT 06457

<https://epilepsyct.com/support-group-network/>

Focus: Epilepsy support, caregivers of children with epilepsy.

PATH

800-399-7284

P.O. Box 117, Northford, CT 06472

<https://pathct.org/>

PATH's services include family support and information related to pediatric disabilities/special needs, assistance applying for insurance or finding medical specialists, and educational support and advocacy.

SARAH SENECA Residential Services

203-315-3770

15 NE Industrial Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<https://sarahseneca.org/>

Assisted Living Facility & Independent Living Services f- We aim to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and nurture an inclusive, thriving community through our comprehensive residential and day support services.

Domestic Violence**CT Safe Connect**

888-774-2900

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

Certified domestic violence counselors are available to provide free and confidential support and guidance 24/7. Safe Connect is a project of the [Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(CCADV\)](#) to make it easier for victims to access information, resources and assistance.

Hope Family Justice Center – BH Care

203-800-7204

142 Temple St., Suite 301, New Haven, CT 06510

<https://www.bhcare.org/locations/hope-family-justice-center/>**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm

This program provides coordinated services to victims of domestic violence, such as advocacy and legal services, housing assistance, on-site child care, clinical services, and sexual assault services. Bilingual services and accessibility accommodations are available. (Under the administration of BH Care)

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence

888-774-2900

Services (UCDVS) – BH Care 24/7 Crisis: Appointment: 203-780-2037<https://www.bhcare.org/services/domestic-violence-victim-advocacy/umbrella-center-for-domestic-violence-services/>**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Supports victims of domestic violence and their families with a walk-in crisis center, 24-hour hotline, safe houses, support and counseling, victim advocacy, transitional housing, teen and elderly programs, legal help, and more.

Employment

CT Hires - CT Department of Labor

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

This CT online employment services portal allows jobseekers to create a profile, build a resume, search for statewide jobs, access career assessment tools, and more.

The WorkPlace

203-610-8500

1000 Lafayette Blvd, Suite 501

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

Bridgeport, CT 06604

The mission of The WorkPlace is to develop a well-educated, well-trained, and self-sufficient workforce that can confidently compete in today's changing global marketplace. Primary service area is Southwestern CT. Website has helpful links to programs for young adults, workforce innovations, and the American job center.

Workforce Alliance

203-867-4030

370 James St., New Haven, CT 06513, Suite 401 <https://workforcealliance.biz/>

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

A variety of job-seeking services are available at no cost for enrollees, including one-on-one career counseling, training, workshops, programs and services for hands-on training, training tuition assistance, paid work experiences, re-entry into the workforce, youth employment and more. Enrollment instructions are available online. Other job centers are located in Hamden, Meriden, and Middletown.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Branford Microfund

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

P.O. Box 884, Branford, CT 06405

Email: info@branfordmicrofund.org

The Branford Microfund provides interest-free loans to members of the community who encounter an unexpected financial obstacle but cannot afford or obtain a commercial loan. Applicants must be eighteen years of age or older and demonstrate the ability to repay the loan.

CT Care 4 Kids

888-214-5437 (KIDS)

55 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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

Care 4 Kids helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for child care costs. This program is sponsored by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.

CT Military Relief Fund - CT Military Dept.

360 Broad St., Room #113, Hartford, CT 06105

<https://portal.ct.gov/mil/mapo/military-relief-fund/mrf>

Provides grants to CT residents currently serving in the military and immediate family members who are experiencing financial hardship.

Economic Security Programs - CT Dept. of Social Services

<https://portal.ct.gov/dss/economic-security/>

Links to CT energy assistance, financial assistance, refugee assistance and other related programs.

Housing, Rental, & Utilities

Branford Counseling & Community Services (BCCS)

203-481-4248

342 Harbor St., Branford CT 06405

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/counseling-center/branford-social-services>

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm

Qualifying Branford residents may be eligible for short-term financial assistance for rent, emergency shelter, utility payments, emergency fuel and food/gas cards.

Canoe Brook Senior Center

203-315-0687

Joe Trapasso Community House, 46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/senior-center/social-services>

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

Services for Seniors age 60+

- Energy Assistance: Intake site for any interested Branford resident.
- Senior Housing Resources: Refers seniors to community programs.
- CT Rent Rebate Program: Available for CT residents age 65+ once a year. Applications are accepted July-October.

CT Department of Housing

860-270-8262

505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

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

The Department of Housing's mission is to ensure everyone has access to quality housing opportunities and options throughout the State of Connecticut.

CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

https://portal.ct.gov/heatinghelp?language=en_US

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) helps Connecticut residents afford to heat their homes. You can apply online or call the local Community Action Agency for assistance or to apply by phone by calling the Community Renewal Team (CRT) in Hartford at 860-560-2694; or Middletown at 860-347-4465. www.crtct.org.

CT Water

800-286-5700

<https://www.ctwater.com/service-billing/your-bill/pay-your-bill/#financial-support>

View water assistance programs offered by CT Water.

Operation Fuel

860-243-2345

<https://operationfuel.org/gethelp/>

Email: applications@operationfuel.org

Operation Fuel energy and utility assistance for CT households whose income does not exceed 75% of the state median income guidelines. Find a fuel bank near you by calling 2-1-1 to apply in-person. Email for application details.

Immigrant Services**Apostle Immigrant Services**

203-752-9068

115 Blatchley Ave., New Haven, CT 06513

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

Assists with obtaining citizenship and DACA renewal, for those who are eligible.

CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI)

203-336-0141

1440 Whalley Ave., 2nd Floor, New Haven, CT 06515

<https://cirict.org/>

CIRI provides an array of high-quality legal, social, and educational programming for refugees, immigrants, and survivors of human trafficking and torture.

Programs assist with case management, legal aid, advocacy, job services and translation services.

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)

203-562-2095

235 Nicoll St., New Haven, CT 06511

<https://irisct.org/>

IRIS is a non-profit agency whose mission is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, and contribute to the vitality of CT's communities. IRIS assists with housing, employment, health, legal, education, and case management.

Unidad Latina en Acción (ULA)

203-818-2513

37 Howe St., New Haven, CT 06511

<https://ulanewhaven.org/>

ULA is a grassroots social justice organization made up of immigrants in the Greater New Haven area to address human rights abuses in the community and advocate for economic and racial justice.

SENIOR SERVICES**Agency on Aging of South-Central CT**

203-785-8533

117 Washington Avenue, Suite 17, North Haven, CT

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

Offers a wealth of information and resources for older adults and caregivers.

Canoe Brook Senior Center

203-315-0687

Joe Trapasso Community House, 46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/senior-center>

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

Canoe Brook assists Branford residents age 60+ with accessing a variety of social services related to energy assistance, rent rebate, nutrition, housing, Social Security, health insurance, transportation, and more. Call Nancy Cohen 203-315-0682 to schedule a confidential consultation.

CT Department of Aging and Disability Services

860-424-5055

55 Farmington Avenue, 12th floor, Hartford, CT 06105

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

The Department of Aging and Disability Services provides many programs and services to maximize opportunities for the independence and well-being of people with disabilities and older adults in Connecticut.

CT Protective Services for the Elderly (PSE) - DSS 888-385-4225

<https://portal.ct.gov/dss/social-work-services/social-work-services/protective-services-for-the-elderly>

PSE is a social services program focused on ensuring the safety of persons who are age 60 or older by investigating allegations of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, abandonment and exploitation. If reporting cases of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation outside of business hours, dial 2-1-1.

Interfaith Volunteers of Greater New Haven (IVCG)

475-257-6538

1253 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517 <https://www.carenewhaven.org/rides>

Services include non-emergent medical rides in New Haven County, groceries, medical equipment lending, incontinence products and thanksgiving meal delivery.

Orchard House Medical Adult Day Center

203-481-7110

421 Shore Dr., Branford, CT 06405

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

Orchard House is a medical model adult day center equipped to provide high-quality care and services to individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's, vision/hearing loss, and other age-related ailments. It is dedicated to keeping older adults living independently within their respective communities.

Senior Meals on Wheels - LifeBridge Community Services 203-752-9919

<https://lifebridgect.org/program/food-services/>

Email: seniorfoodservices@lifebridgect.org

Provides meals to Greater New Haven residents age 60 and older. Meals are delivered to homebound seniors Monday through Friday. Other programs include community cafe meals Monday through Friday 11:30am-12:30pm (reservations required) and dinners at The Greek Olive on Wednesdays.

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213

Local Office:

<https://www.ssa.gov/>

Giaimo Fed Bldg 4th Fl., 150 Court St., New Haven, CT 06510 866-331-5281

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

RECREATION & ENRICHMENT

Beaches

Branford Point Beach – Parker Memorial Park, 4 Harbor St., Branford, CT
(playground, park, dock) - must have Branford resident parking sticker to park

Stony Creek Beach, Thimble Island Rd., Branford, CT - limited street parking

Enrichment

Amy's Active Learning

860-304-2347

16 West Main St., Clinton, CT 06413

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

Amy's Active Learning is a play studio that offers classes, workshops, movie nights, and summer programs for ages 0-10. Browse programs on the website.

Branford-Madison Bridge Club

For information on registering:

<https://bridgewebs.com/branfordmadison/>

In Branford, classes and games are held at the Joe Trapasso Community House, 46 Church St., Branford. Face-to-face games held on Mondays and Thursdays at 12:30 PM, and the "399'er" game is held on Fridays at 12:30 PM. Entry fee is currently \$10.00 per person.

Branford Parks & Recreation Programs

203-488-8304

Joe Trapasso Community House, 46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405

www.branfordrecreation.org

Browse the online catalog for a variety of programs and activities for all ages, including fitness, sports, community events, swim lessons, summer camps, theater, and more.

Canoe Brook Senior Center

203-315-0684

Joe Trapasso Community House, 46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.branford-ct.gov/departments/senior-center>

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

Canoe Brook offers a variety of programs, lectures, classes, groups, and outings for seniors. Become a member for a nominal fee and pre-register for activities. Transportation may be provided if requested.

Pediatric Enrichment Programs - More to Say

203-828-6790

469 W. Main St, Branford, CT 06405

<https://moretosayct.com/>

One-hour social skills groups help children learn and use basic social skills while engaging in a fun group activity.

Soundview Family YMCA

203-481-9622

628 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405 <https://cccymca.org/locations/soundview/>

The Soundview Family YMCA has a wide variety of programs for people of all ages and interests, including exercise, aquatics, summer camp, family programming, and more.

Local Events**Branford Festival**<https://branfordfestival.com/>

1011 Main St, Branford, CT 06405

The Branford Festival takes place on the town green annually on Father's Day weekend. Activities include live music, food vendors, craft and shopping vendors, and a road race.

Branford Parks & Recreation - Annual Events

203-488-8304

1011 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

www.branfordrecreation.org

First Night-Branford Bonfire Night: Bonfire night on the first Friday every new year on the Branford Town Green with a bonfire featuring s'mores, entertainment, and ice carving.

Holiday Activities: Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade in November, Hanukkah Menorah lighting in December, Robert Marston Easter Egg Hunt in March.

Summer Live Music On the Green: Branford Jazz on the Green (branfordjazz.com), Musical Mondays, TGIF.

Way Back Wednesdays: Car show and DJ on the Town Green Wednesday nights in July.

Community Dining Room (CDR) Community Activities

203-488-9750

30 Harrison Avenue, Branford, CT 06405

www.communitydiningroom.org

- Family Night Meals - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5-6:30p family-style meals feature crafts for the kids.
- Community Dinners on the Green - The CDR partners with local sponsors to organize weekly picnic-style community dinners on the Branford and East Haven town greens over the summer featuring family-friendly activities.
- View ongoing events on the Branford Community Dining Room Facebook page.

Activities

AMF Circle Lanes

203-467-6351

525 Main St., East Haven, CT 06512

<https://www.amf.com/location/amf-circle-lanes-ct>

Bowling, arcade, hosts birthday parties.

Bishop's Orchards

203-453-2338

1355 Boston Post Rd., Guilford, CT

<https://bishopsorchards.com/>

Bishop's features Pick-Your-Own Orchards, a creamery, a large farm market with a bakery, and a winery. Seasonal family-friendly events throughout the year.

Escape New Haven

860-576-9997

103 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT

<https://escapenewhaven.com/>

Indoor and outdoor escape room activities. Teams work together to solve a series of puzzles.

Fired Up!

203-481-1015

1060 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

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

Fired Up is a paint-your-own pottery studio that accepts walk-ins and reservations for painting and also hosts special events, summer camp, and parties.

It! Indoor Adventure Ropes Course (Jordan's Furniture)

203-812-9981

40 Sargent Dr., New Haven, CT 06511

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

The "Little It & Zip It" is a ropes course area for children 48" and under. The "It & Zip It" is a 60-foot high ropes course and zip rail for older children and adults. They also have four different climbing walls.

Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park

203-397-6726

709 Foxon Rd., East Haven, CT 06513

<https://rockinjump.com/easthaven/>

Park attractions include jump arena, dodgeball arena, slam dunk zone, ninja course, and more. Rockin' Tots is a time dedicated for younger children and their parents.

Rose Orchards Farm

203-488-7996

33 Branford Rd., North Branford, CT 06471

<http://www.roseorchardsfarm.com/>

Rose Orchards offers seasonal fruit-picking, shopping at their farm market, creamery serving custard, and restaurant serving breakfast and lunch.

Shoreline Theatre Company - Branford Parks & Rec.

203-488-8304

46 Church St., Branford CT, 06405

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

This theatre company offers performing arts opportunities for all ages.

Hiking

Branford Land Trust

203-483-5263

<https://branfordlandtrust.org/>

The Branford Land Trust hosts a variety of outdoor and land preservation programs. Full list of outdoor areas and trail maps are available on the website. Some popular areas in Branford include:

- **Branford Supply Ponds**, Short Rocks Rd.
- **Young's Pond & Bob's Woods**, Blackstone Ave.
- **Trolley Trail**, Tilcon Rd.
- **The Branford Trail** - a 28-mile trail around Branford's perimeter divided into 8 segments

CT Forest & Park Association - <https://ctwoodlands.org/trails/>

Statewide guide to the blue-blazed hiking trail system.

CT State Parks & Forests

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/state-parks/connecticut-state-parks-and-forests>

Regional Trails Mapping Project - South Central Regional Council Of Governments. <https://scrcog.org/regional-planning/regional-trails/>

Trail Permits through Regional Water Authority (RWA) 203-401-2654

<https://www.rwater.com/about-us/in-the-community/recreation/>

The RWA has nine recreation areas in 13 communities throughout Greater New Haven that offer great water views and four seasons of fun. With an RWA recreation permit, you can enjoy miles of wide, well-kept trails. We provide easy-to-read trail maps and offer special family events such as nature walks and fishing derbies. Purchase a permit through RWA to access region-wide hiking trails, including Pisgah Brook and Saltonstall Mountain Preserves of Branford. Email: ask.recreation@rwater.com.

Shoreline Greenway Trail

<https://shorelinegreenwaytrail.org/>

The Shoreline Greenway Trail is a project to build a trail and connect communities in a 25-mile corridor from East Haven to Madison.

Museums

Discounted Museum Passes –

James Blackstone Memorial Library

203-488-1441

758 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.blackstonelibrary.org/museum-passes-are-here/>

The museum pass program offers discounted admission to zoos, art museums, children's museums, nature centers, and more! Passes can be reserved for a specific date and in some cases, printable from the comfort of your home.

CT Children's Museum - The Children's Building

203-562-5437

22 Wall St., New Haven, CT 0651

<https://www.childrensbuidling.org/>Hours: Open to the public Saturday afternoons 12 pm-5 pm

The museum is designed for children ages 3-9 and features seven themed rooms with interactive displays and activities.

Eli Whitney Museum

203-777-1833

915 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06517

<https://www.eliwhitney.org>Hours: Walk-in projects Saturday and Sunday, 10am-3pm, for children 5-12

years old. Birthday parties, Summer and vacation programs are offered. The museum and workshop is an experimental learning workshop for students, teachers, and families. They collect, interpret, and teach experiments that are the roots of design and invention.

Harrison House Museum, Barn, & Gardens

203-488-4828

124 Main St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordhistoricalsociety.org/harrison-house/>Hours: Saturdays, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm or by appointment (June-September)

The Harrison House is a historical property built in 1724 maintained by the Branford Historical Society. The exhibit includes artifacts, memorabilia and archives. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

The Shore Line Trolley Museum

203-467-6927

17 River St, East Haven, CT 06512

<https://shorelinetrolley.org/>

Open year round for special events and private charters, Wed-Sun July-August for general public trolley rides and tours.

Yale Peabody Museum

203-432-8987

170 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06520

<https://peabody.yale.edu/>Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

The museum is home to over 14 million specimens and objects from 10 curated collections that tell the story of our Earth, its life, history, and cultures. Admission is free.

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Bayview Park, Thimble Island Rd., Branford, CT (basketball court, playground, multi-function field)

Branford Hills Complex, Jefferson Rd., Branford, CT (multi-function/softball fields)

Flax Mill Soccer Field, Flax Mill Rd., Branford, CT

Foote Park, Melrose Place, Branford, CT (tennis/basketball courts, playground, multi-function/softball fields)

Hammer Field, 46 Church St., Branford, CT (basketball court, playground, multi-function/baseball fields)

Lion's Park, Burban Dr., Branford, CT

Madera Park, Thimble Island Rd., Branford, CT

Pardee Park, 14 Westwood Rd., Branford, CT (playground, multi-function field)

Parker Memorial Park, Harbor St., Branford, CT - Branford Point Beach (playground)

Patty's Park, Parish Farm Rd., Branford, CT - behind Murphy School (multi-function/soccer fields)

Riverside Foote Park, Pine Orchard Rd., Branford, CT

Sampson Little League & Sliney Fields, Indian Neck Ave., Branford, CT (baseball fields)

Tisko Multi-Function Field, Damascus Rd., Branford, CT

Veteran's Memorial Park, Brushy Plain Rd., Branford, CT (tennis/basketball courts, playground, multi-function fields)

Westpoint Multi-Function Field, Thimble Island Rd., Branford, CT

Young's Pond Multi-Function Field, Route 146, Branford, CT

Find more information about Town of Branford facilities at the Branford Parks & Recreation website: <https://branfordct.myrec.com/info/facilities/>

SPORTS - RECREATION

Branford River Paddlesports

203-980-8451

50 Maple St., Branford, CT 06405

<https://branfordriverpaddlesports.com/>

Offers kayak and paddleboard rentals and kayak tours.

CT Sportsplex

203-484-4383

216 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT 06471

<https://ctsportsplex.com/>

Arcade, laser tag, indoor and outdoor athletic fields, and facility rentals.

Guilford Lakes Golf Course

203-453-8214

200 N. Madison Rd., Guilford, CT 06437

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

This is a municipal 9-hole course open to the public.

Branford Parks and Recreation Dept.

203-488-8304

Joseph Trapasso Community House,
46 Church St., Branford, CT

www.branfordrecreation.org

The gym offers a variety of weekly scheduled activities, such as pickleball, corn hole, and open play basketball times. Check website for schedules.

Soundview Family YMCA

203-481-9622

628 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405 <https://cccymca.org/locations/soundview/>

The Soundview Family YMCA has a wide variety of programs for people of all ages and interests, including exercise, aquatics, summer camp, family programming, and more.

Swimming Pools

- Branford Parks and Recreation: www.branfordrecreation.org
Branford Residents Only. Check website for schedules.
 - CT Hospice pool, 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405.
Summer/membership required.
 - Francis Walsh Intermediate School pool, 185 Damascus Rd., Branford, CT
- Soundview YMCA pool, 628 East Main St., Branford, CT 06405 -
<https://cccymca.org/locations/soundview/swim/>

Thimble Island Kayak Rental

203-859-0546

<https://thimbleislandkayak.com/>

Email: info@thimbleislandkayak.com

Rent kayaks, canoes, or paddle boards online with free delivery to the Stony Creek area of Branford.

Thimble Island Cruises

- The Islander <http://www.thimbleislander.com> 203-433-2233
- Sea Mist <https://thimbleislandcruise.com/> 203-488-8905
- Volsunga IV <https://volsunga4.com/> 203-481-3345

Twin Lakes Golf Course

203-901-0493

241 Twin Lakes Rd., North Branford, CT 06471

<https://twinlakesgolfclub.godaddysites.com/>

Twin Lakes is a public 9-hole, par 3 course that is open to the public.

LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Branford Little League <https://www.branfordlittleleague.net/>

Branford Girls' Softball <https://branfordgirlssoftball.teamsnapsites.com/>

Branford Soccer Club <https://www.branfordsoccer.org/>

Branford Youth Cheerleading - Diana Vaicunas: byccoordinator@gmail.com

Branford Youth Lacrosse <https://www.branforyouthlax.com/>

Flag & Youth Football Contact: Dave Malick: 203-410-5680

Branford Youth Basketball <https://www.branfordbasketball.com/home>

SUMMER CAMPS

Branford Parks & Recreation Programs 203-488-8304

Joe Trapasso Community House, 46 Church St., Branford, CT 06405

www.branfordrecreation.org

The program offers a variety of summer activities and camps based on age and activities of interest, such as teen travel, sports, dance, LEGO and more.

Branford School-Age Child Care (SACC) Summer Camp 203-481-5066

Main Office: Indian Neck School, 12 Melrose Ave., Branford, CT Walsh

Intermediate School, 185 Damascus Rd., Branford, CT

<https://branfordschools.org/>

This weekly summer camp through BPS SACC is for children who have completed grades K-4. Activities include outdoor play, swimming, field trips, and arts & crafts. Registration forms posted on the website in late winter/early spring.

Branford's World Cup Soccer Camp - Branford Soccer Club

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

Soccer camp options include Tiger Kicks for ages 3-4 and half day or full day camp for ages 5-12.

Camp Invention - National Inventors Hall of Fame 800-968-4332

<https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention>

Camp Invention is a hands-on, STEM-focused camp for kids entering grades K-6 run by local educators in communities nationwide.

Environmental Day Camp

203-314-7128

<https://branfordlandtrust.org/learn/environmental-day-camp/>

Email: info@branfordlandtrust.org

This ONE day-long camp is held in August for children ages 5-9 provides kids with interactive activities such as touch tanks, live animal presentations, crafts and games and more! Camp is held each year at Killam's Point Conference Center, 131 Killam's Point Rd., Branford, CT 06405

Killam's Point Day Camp - First Congregational Church 203-488-7201

Killam's Point Conference Center, 131 Killam's Point Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.firstcongregationalbranford.org/pages/day-camp>

Email: Kpointcamp@gmail.com. This weekly summer camp in July-August is for children who have completed grades K-6.

More to Say Summer Camp

203-828-6790

469 W. Main St, Branford, CT 06405

<https://moretosayct.com/>

Summer programming reinforces educational concepts from the school-year and social skills.

Soundview Family YMCA Summer Camps

203-481-9622

628 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405

www.soundviewymca.org

- Camp Nonoma and Camp Hays are state-licensed camps for children ages 3-15 that run June-August with before and after care options.
- Camp Hi-Rock is a sleepaway camp located in Western MA in the Berkshire Mountains.
- Early bird registration starts mid-January and regular registration starts in February. Care4Kids financial assistance is available.

Sports & Arts Camp - Branford Evangelical Free Church 203-488-1885

Mary T. Murphy Elementary, 14 Brushy Plain Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<https://www.befreechurchct.com/kids-ministry>Email: befreechurch@gmail.com

This week-long camp in July offers groups based on interest for ages 6-12 (arts and crafts, cheerleading, basketball, playground games, or soccer) interspersed with kid-friendly Bible lessons. Team 45 features age-appropriate active games for ages 4-5.

Theatre Youth Summer Camp - Shoreline Theatre Company 203-488-8304

46 Church Street, Branford CT, 06405

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

The youth summer camp teaches all aspects of a production, from acting and directing to production design and choreography.

Vacation Bible School - Branford Bible Chapel

203-710-2144

Killam's Point Conference Center, 131 Killam's Point Rd., Branford, CT

06405 <https://www.branfordbiblechapel.org/vbs>

This week-long VBS teaches kids Bible scripture with fun, hands-on activities.

PLACES OF WORSHIP, CHURCHES & SPIRITUALITY**Branford Evangelical Free (Be Free) Church**

203-488-1885

231 Leetes Island Rd., Branford, CT 06405

<http://branfordefc.com>**Chabad of the Shoreline (Synagogue)**

203-533-7495

2710 Boston Post Rd., Guilford, CT 06437

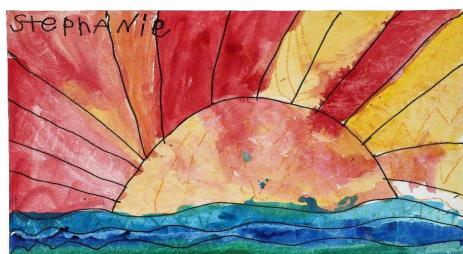
<https://www.jewishshoreline.org/>**Community Baptist Church**

203-488-8581

53 Hopson Ave., Branford, CT 06405

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

First Baptist Church of Branford 975 Main St., Branford, CT 06405	203-488-9777 https://www.firstbaptistbranford.com/
First Congregational Church of Branford 1009 Main St., Branford, CT 06405	203-488-7201 https://www.firstcongregationalbranford.org/
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses 2 Baldwin Dr., Branford, CT 06405	203-488-9814 https://www.jw.org/en/
St. John Bosco Parish -St. Mary Church, 731 Main St., Branford, CT 06405 -St. Therese Church, 105 Leetes Island Rd, Branford, CT 06405 https://www.saintjohnboscobranford.org/	203-488-1607
St. Stephen AME Zion Church (Methodist) 31 Rogers St., Branford, CT 06405	203-481-3146 https://ststephensamezion.org/
Shoreline Community Church 9 Business Park Dr., Units 1-4, Branford, CT 06405	203-481-8919 http://www.sccbranford.org/
Stony Creek Church 192 Thimble Islands Rd., Branford, CT	203-488-7827 https://www.stonycreekchurchct.org/
Tabor Lutheran Church 45 Tabor Dr., Branford, CT 06405	203-488-2541 https://taborchurch.net/
Temple Beth Tikvah (Synagogue) 196 Durham Rd., Madison, CT 06443	203-245-7028 https://www.tbtsshoreline.org/
Trinity Episcopal Church 1109 Main St., Branford, CT 06405	203-488-2681 https://trinitybranford.org/
United Methodist Church 811 E. Main St., Branford, CT 06405	203-488-0549 https://www.umcbranford.org/
Vox Church 131 Commercial Pkwy, Branford, CT 06405 https://voxchurch.org/locations/Branford/13	203-907-7922



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