



Branford
Early Childhood
Collaborative

Children's Resource Guide

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Grow with us--because the early years, matter.

A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR BRANFORD FAMILIES

WWW.BRANFORDBECC.ORG
203-415-5237

Who Are We?

The Branford Early Childhood Collaborative (BECC) is a non-profit organization that supports families, young children, caregivers and teachers. Our mission is *to ensure that all Branford children and families are afforded the opportunity to develop a sound foundation for learning in the critical early years.*

What Do We Do?

We provide professional development and learning opportunities for early care professionals in Branford and learning experiences for families. Our initiatives include:

- >> Children's Resource Guide
- >> Monthly Early Care Provider Professional Development
- >> Week of the Young Child and other literacy resources & events
- >> Preschool Fair
- >> Baby Shower for expectant mothers
- >> Parent education & advocacy
- >> Branford Healthy Smiles Dental Education
- >> Community Conversations

How We Help

We are the hub that connects families and caregivers to information to support the healthy development of children.

- >> Supporting infants, toddlers and their families with information
- >> Connecting parents to community services and programs
- >> Advancing proficiencies of our local caregivers
- >> Empowering civic engagement and advocacy

Questions? Reach out, get involved, or contact us for more information.
203.415.5237 or Branford.becc@gmail.com

Branford Early Childhood Collaborative
Connecting children, families & community for over 15 years.

Grow with us...because the early years matter.

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS & HELPFUL RESOURCES

Medical, Fire, Police	911
Ambulance	203.481.8200
Branford Town Hall	203.488.8394
Care4Kids	1.888.214.KIDS
Child Car Safety Seat Inspections	203.453.8061
Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline (DCF)	1.800.842.2288
Domestic Violence Assistance	203.789.8104
Domestic Violence Hotline	203.774.2900
Fire Department	203.488.7266
Immigration – State of CT	860.728.2888
Poison Control Center	1.800.222.1222
Police Department	203.481.4241
School Transportation	203.488.6186
Youth Police Officer	203.481.4241
Shoreline Chamber of Commerce	203.488.5500
Youth Outreach Worker (24-hour service)	203.481.4248

HOSPITALS

Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center	860.358.3700
250 Flat Rock Pl, Westbrook, CT 06498	
www.middlesexhospital.org/locations/shoreline-medical-center	
OrthoNow - Walk-in Orthopedics	203.407.3550
84 North Main Street Branford, CT 06405	www.ct-ortho.com
Stony Creek Urgent Care – Walk-in Urgent Care	203.483.4580
6 Business Park Drive Branford, CT 06405	
www.stonycreekurgentcare.com	
Yale New Haven Hospital Health Systems	203.688.2000
Children’s Hospital	203.688.4177
20 York Street, New Haven, CT 06510	203.688.4242
www.ynnh.org	
Saint Raphael Campus	203.789.3000
1450 Chapel Street New Haven, CT 06511	
www.ynhh.org/src	
Yale New Haven Shoreline Medical Center	203.453.7123
111 Goose Lane Guilford, CT 06437 (Emergency)	
www.ynhh.org/medical-services/shoreline-medical-center.aspx	

FAMILY HEALTH & EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Autism Services and Resources Connecticut 203.265.7717

101 North Plains Industrial Road Harvest Park,
Building 1A Wallingford, CT 06492

The ASRC is a non-profit organization in Connecticut that serves individuals with autism spectrum disorders, their family members, and the professionals who work with them. We provide a variety of services including family support, training opportunities for both parents and professionals, development of new resources in the state, advocacy training, sibling support, community awareness, a comprehensive education network, and education around important legislative issues.

www.ct-asrc.org

Battered Women/Domestic Violence Program 203.789.8104

This program provides crisis counseling and short-term emergency shelter for adult victims of abuse and their children.

Birth to Three - KIDSTEPS 203.453.7592 ext.107

KIDSTEPS Birth to Three 1.800.505.7000 or 211

A division of SARAH

1 Commercial Street Branford, CT 06405

Children have a lot to learn in the first three years. Birth to Three supports families when they have concerns about their children's development.

www.sarah-inc.org/what-we-do/birth-to-three-early-intervention or
www.birth23.org

Branford Early Childhood Collaborative (BECC) 203.415.5237

P.O. Box 1032 Branford, CT 06405

Office: Trinity Church 1109 Main Street white house behind church
Branford's local early childhood council. A resource for Branford families and caregivers, providing early care professional trainings, direct access to resources and referrals for parents. Empowering parents to be advocates for, and active participants in their children's overall health and well-being. Contact us to learn more.

www.branfordbecc.org

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Branford Family Resource Center 203.315.3799
Location: Indian Neck School, 12 Melrose Avenue Branford CT
Located at Indian Neck School, the Branford Family Resource Center concept promotes integrated, community-based systems of family support and child development services. Providing up-to-date resources for families and Branford residents looking for support services. The seven components of the FRC are: resource and referral, early care and education, adult education and family literacy, support and training for home care providers, positive youth development, families in training, collaborates with school age child care. www.indianneck.org

Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind 860.602.4000
184 Windsor Avenue Windsor, CT 06095
Open weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The goal at BESB is to provide effective and efficient services that result in better opportunities, independence and community access for people who experience significant visual loss. The agency offers comprehensive services that are customized to each consumer's specific situation. Rehabilitation professionals are available to come to homes, schools and places of employment of consumers, delivering specialized independent living, educational and vocational training. In addition, the agency Business Enterprises Program offers a unique opportunity for people who are blind to become entrepreneurs. www.ct.gov/BESB

Child Development Infoline & Pregnancy Support 1.800.505.7000
For questions or concerns about your child's health, development or behavior. CDI is a specialized unit of the United Way of Connecticut. Care coordinators are available to answer the phone Monday through Friday from 8:00am-6:00pm, except on holidays. Message 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. www.cdi.211ct.org

FAMILY HEALTH & EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (CON'T)

CT Department of Social Services 1.855.626.6632

The Department of Social Services (DSS) delivers a wide variety of services to children, families, adults, people with disabilities and the elderly, including health care coverage, child care, child support enforcement, independent living services, energy assistance, food and nutrition aid, and program grant. DSS has offices across the state.

www.ct.gov/dss/

CT Family Support Network 1.877.376.2329

The Connecticut Family Support Network is a statewide network of families who have children with disabilities and special healthcare needs. The group is comprised of parents interested in helping other parents to find the supports they need to become their child's best advocate. Services are free of charge. www.ctfsn.org

CT Office of Early Childhood 860.500.4412

450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06106

The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) was established to coordinate and improve the various early childhood programs and components in the state to create a cohesive high-quality early childhood system. The OEC oversees a coordinated system of early childhood care, education and support. The office supports all young children in their development by ensuring that early childhood policy; funding and services strengthen the critical role families, providers, educators and communities play in a child's life. www.ct.gov/oec

CT Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC) 800.445.2722

338 Main Street Niantic, CT 06357

CPAC is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers information and support to families of children with any disabilities or chronic illness, age birth through 26. The Center is committed to the idea that parents can be the most effective advocates for their children, given confidence that knowledge and understanding of special education law and its procedures can bring. www.CPACinc.org

FAMILY HEALTH & EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (CON'T)

CT Parent Power 860.951.2212 x.273

237 Hamilton Street, Hartford, CT 2nd Floor ~ Suite 208

info@ctparentpower.org or Marilyn@ctparentpower.org

CT Parent Power is a parent-led organization with a mission to engage, educate and mobilize parents to act on children's issues. Ensuring that parents are informed and ready to act by providing timely, clear, and accurate information and fostering meaningful opportunities for action that parents can take on behalf of their children and the issues that impact them. Trainings available on how and when to take action as well as facilitate connections with a statewide network of parents ready to act to protect and benefit children. www.ctparentpower.org

CT Bureau of Special Education or Early Childhood Special Education

860.713.6910 or 860.713.6941

165 Capitol Avenue Rm. 369 P.O. Box 2219 Hartford, CT 06106

Federal and State law requires that special education and related services be provided to eligible children with disabilities as early as the child's third birthday. Parents or other individuals who have concerns about a child's learning or development can contact their school district to request a developmental screening or an evaluation which will determine if a child requires special education.

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde>

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

203.786.0500

505 Hudson Street Hartford, CT 06106

The Department of Children and Families is responsible for prevention, child protective services, children's mental health, substance abuse, and juvenile justice in the state of Connecticut.

www.ct.gov/DCF

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- Department of Developmental Service** 860.418.6000
460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) plans, develops and administers services for people with intellectual disability and people medically diagnosed as having Prader-Willi Syndrome. Services include residential placement & in-home support, day & employment programs, early intervention, family support, respite, case management, & other periodic services such as transportation, interpreter services, & clinical services. The Autism Division also operates a program for adults on the autism spectrum, without an intellectual disability. www.ct.gov/dds
- Department of Public Health ~ Vital Records** 860.509.7700
401 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06134
To obtain certified Connecticut Vital Records (Birth, Death or Marriage Certificate) www.ct.gov/dph
- Department of Public Health/Newborns** 860.920.6628
Newborn Screening Kits 860.920.6500
www.ct.gov/dph
- East Shore District Health Department** 203.481.4233
688 E Main St, Branford, CT 06405
This regional health department serves Branford, North Branford and East Haven, and is committed to improving the health and well-being of our residents through public health programs that promote wellness, prevent and control disease, and provide education about health lifestyles, including maternal health. The department also provides essential public health services such as building approvals, septic system permits & food service permits. www.esdhd.org
- Fair Haven Community Health Center
at Trolley Square, East Haven** 203.285.1133
370 Hemingway Avenue East Haven, CT 06512
FHCHC is a patient-centered medical home which can improve clinical quality, patient experiences, and reduce health system costs. Healthcare teams provide access to ongoing care throughout a patients' lifetime, including preventative health services, chronic disease management, and acute illness treatment. Services provided: Pediatric health and well-care, dental services, midwifery, mental health services, WIC access and social services. www.fhchc.org or info@fhchc.org

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Family Centered Services of Connecticut (Family CT) 203.624.2600
235 Nicoll Street New Haven, CT 06511

Family CT envisions a safe family and community environment for all children, free of abuse and violence. FCCC works to prevent abuse, neglect and victimization across the life span, serving those affected by providing home visiting, outreach, parenting education, family strengthening activities, counseling and advocacy to children and adults.
www.familyct.org

Help Me Grow 860.837.6232

Help Me Grow is a prevention program of the Connecticut Children's Trust Fund designed to identify children at risk for developmental or behavioral problems and connect their families to existing community resources. Call the Child Development Infoline for assistance.
www.ctunitedway.org/CDI/HelpMeGrow.html

Hospice Inc. 203.315.7500
100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405 www.hospice.com

HUSKY Health Program 1.877.CT.HUSKY (1.877.284.8759)
55 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105
HUSKY Health offers coverage to eligible children, parents, relative caregivers, elders, individuals with disabilities, adults with minor children and pregnant women.
www.ct.gov/husky

KIDSTEPS Family & Children's Center ~ A division of SARAH
One Commercial Street Branford, CT 06405 203.453.7592
Elizabeth Teller ~ eteller@sarah-inc.org
The mission of the Family and Children Center is to meet the needs of families who are concerned about their child's social, emotional and physical development as well as their educational success. The center provides parent support groups, workshops for parents and professionals, programs for children, and information on resources.
www.sarah-inc.org

FAMILY HEALTH & EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT (CON'T)

Linda B. Chipkin Early Years Center 203.315.3540
12 Melrose Avenue Branford, CT 06405 **Dr. Dianibel Aviles - Director**
The Early Years Center provides consultation, evaluation and any required special education and related services including instruction in special education, speech & language development, fine & gross motor assistance and behavioral management to those children who have been determined eligible through the Planning and Placement Team process. Learning takes place in a language based program that recognizes the unique needs of all students. Free monthly developmental screenings and evaluations are completed through appropriate referral. Special Education and/or consultation services are determined according to CT State Department of Education Guidelines.
www.lindabchipkin.ct.bpe.schoolinsites.com

Mothers Milk Bank Northeast 203.804.5974
“Express yourself and save the life of a newborn” Acceleron, Guilford
www.milkbankne.org

Padres Abriendo Puertas-PADRES 203.365.6965
151 New Park Avenue Suite 115, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
PADRES ABRIENDO PUERTAS or Parents Opening Doors (PAP) is the only community-based organization in the State of Connecticut solely devoted to opening doors of opportunity to Latino children by guaranteeing access to quality education and mental health services. They foster the human, civil and educational rights and total community inclusion of Latino children with developmental disabilities and mental health issues.
www.padresabriendopuerta.wixsite.com/pap-website

PATH –Parents Available to Help 1.800.399.7284
PO Box 117 Northford CT 06472
Mission: PATH is a network of families providing informational and emotional support to others who have a child with developmental or health related needs. PATH reaches out to help strengthen families coping with similar situations in Connecticut, and the organizations that serve them to reduce isolation, empower families as advocates for their children and reaffirm their values as parents and caregivers. www.pathct.org

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Planned Parenthood of Connecticut 203.503.0450
345 Whitney Avenue, New Haven CT 06511 1.800.230.PLAN
The mission of Planned Parenthood of Connecticut is to protect the fundamental right of all individuals manage their own fertility and sexual health, and to ensure access to services, education and information to realize that right. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>

School Based Health Centers

Walsh Intermediate School (Melanie Wilde) 203.315.3533
Branford High School 203.315.6727
Mary T. Murphy Elementary 203.488.4151
The School Based Health Center program is a satellite of Yale New Haven Hospital and is staffed by a team that specializes in child and adolescent health. We provide comprehensive medical and mental health services during school hours to enrolled students. There is no cost to families to enroll or use our services. Care is provided on site in the school and includes complete well child exams and sick visits. Individual and family counseling is also available. Please call the numbers above for more information on completing a permission form to enroll your child. www.branfordschools.org/

Shoreline Speech Therapy 203.350.9311
15 Orchard Park Road, Suite 22 Madison, Connecticut 06443
Shoreline Speech Therapy, located in Madison, CT, specializes in the evaluation and treatment of children three and over and adolescents. Laurey Sandler, the Director of Shoreline Speech Therapy, has over 30 years of pediatric speech therapy experience with children living with a variety of deficits and disorders. Services offered include: Initial screenings, Comprehensive speech and language evaluations, Speech and language therapy, Parent /caregiver consultation and training, Ongoing consultation with other professionals, Parent and professional workshops. Certified member of the Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
www.shorelinespeechtherapy.com

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State Education Resource Center (SERC) 860.632.1485
25 Industrial Park Road Middletown, CT 06457

The State Education Resource Center provides resources, professional development, and a centralized library to educators, families & the community members to support CT State Dept. of Education and achieve the vision of: Equity. Excellence. Education. Some components are:

*SERC Library www.ctserc.org/library

*CT Parent Information and Resource Center (CT PIRC)

www.ctpirc.org 800-842-8678

*Early Childhood Education Initiative (ECE) www.ctserc.org/ece

*Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

www.ctserc.org/pbis

The ARC Connecticut 203.514.3028

200 Research Parkway, Meriden CT, 06450

The Arc of Connecticut is an advocacy organization committed to protecting the rights of people with intellectual, cognitive, and developmental disabilities and to promoting opportunities for their full inclusion in the life of their communities. www.thearcct.org

The Cove Center for Grieving Children, Inc. 203.634.0500

250 Pomeroy Avenue Suite 107 Meriden, CT 06450

A death in the family can be devastating, especially for children. The Cove's mission is to "Provide Hope and Healing for Grieving Children" throughout Connecticut so they can begin to heal from the loss of a loved one through death. Children who have experienced a loss are brought together with others in the same or similar circumstances where they are encouraged to form bonds and relationships and helped to express their emotions. To find out more about The Cove, visit www.covect.org

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services (UCDVS-hotline) 203.736.2601 x.1381
203.774.2900

The mission of this organization is to make the public aware of the problem of domestic violence as a serious social and political issue and through community education, raise awareness of the agency's services. The agency offers emergency shelter, advocacy, information and referral, counseling and support groups.

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United Way of Connecticut Resource Helpline Dial 211
In Connecticut, 2-1-1 provides free and confidential information and referral. Call 2-1-1 for help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more. www.211.org For childcare assistance, 2-1-1 created a singular website, 211childcare.com a free, confidential and statewide service, that assists parents by aligning parental requests for daycare services with childcare providers and programs.

VNA Community Healthcare, Inc. 203.458.4200
753 Boston Post Road Suite 200
Guilford, CT 06437
VNA Community Healthcare is committed to helping those of all ages in the community live healthier lives at home. In addition to skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies; maternal child health; pediatrics; social work and home health aides; the nonprofit home healthcare agency offers many wellness and family caregiver support programs throughout the region. The VNA also runs programs for adults at the Guilford site including yoga, dance and wellness classes. The schedule is available online at www.ConnecticutHomecare.org

Women and Family Life Center 203.458.6699
96 Fair Street Guilford, CT 06437
The Women and Family Life Center helps women in all ages and stages of life. For more than two decades, we have provided a safe, intimate setting for women to face changes, challenges, and crises with grace, dignity and the support of a community of peers. We help women connect with others, learn and grow and find the resources they need to create successful life transitions. Children's support services are also offered. www.womenandfamilylife.org

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SUPPORTIVE MENTAL HEALTH

Branford Counseling Center 203.481.4248
342 Harbor Street Branford, CT 06405
Email: counselingcenter@branford-ct.gov
A behavioral health and social services agency offering children, youth and adult counseling and mental health services. Medicare and Medicaid provider. Hours 9:00am-5:00pm Mon-Fri (Evening appointments available upon request) www.branford-ct.gov/counseling

Marissa Perrelli Brown, LCSW 203.506.5692
365 East Main Street, Suite 2-5 Branford, CT 06405

Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic 203.772.1270
93 Edwards Street New Haven, CT 06511
Clifford Beers Clinic is the oldest outpatient, behavioral health clinic in the United States. We specialize in: children's behavioral issues, family violence, sexual abuse, sexually aggressive/reactive young people, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS affected children and families, and multi-cultural services. www.cliffordbeers.org

Jamie Perillo, LPC 203.915.1161
1092 Main Street, Branford, CT 06405
A licensed child, adolescent, and family psychotherapist, speaker, parent and wellness educator, and founder of Inspired Families.

Mona Scales, LCSW, MSW 203.430.9113
1 South Main Street, Suite 4 Branford, CT 06405
Licensed clinical social worker providing child, adolescent, family and adult psychotherapy. Specialized training in infant/early childhood mental health with parent/child relational approach.

Yale Child Study Center at Yale University 203.785.2540
230 South Frontage Road New Haven, CT 06519
The mission of the Yale Child Study Center is to improve the mental health of children and families, advance understanding of their psychological and developmental needs, and treat and prevent childhood mental illness through the integration of research clinical practice, and professional training. Treatment services are directly provided in the homes of children coping with the problems and stresses associated with abuse, neglect, chronic or acute physical and mental illness, parental substance abuse, and/or homelessness. www.childstudycenter.yale.edu

SUPPORTIVE MENTAL HEALTH (CON'T)

Yale School of Medicine 203.488.0471
Outpatient Behavioral Health
15 Business Park Drive Branford, CT 06405
Comprehensive outpatient services for adolescents 11-18 with a variety of emotional and behavioral problems including: mood disorders, anxiety, trauma and stress related disorders, disruptive behavior and impulse control, school avoidance and co-occurring substance abuse.
www.ynhh.org/psychiatric

PRESCHOOL, AFTERSCHOOL & CHILDCARE

If you need care for a child with special needs, please contact the individual programs with questions about their care policies.

ABC Learn with Me 203.488.1605
172 Cedar Street, Branford CT 06405
Robyn Harrington - Director
Serving children 6 weeks to 12 years, ABC Learn with Me has extended hours, 6:30 AM-6:00P, accepts Care4Kids and offers full day, half day, full year, and before & after school care.
www.abclearnwithmeinc.com

Branford Early Learning Center, Inc. 203.488.4512
16 Birch Road Branford, CT 06405
Director - Diane Pappacoda
Serving children from 8 weeks to prekindergarten
NAEYC Accredited, School Readiness Program
Hours: 7:30a.m. - 5:30p.m. Sliding fee scale beginning at \$8.00 a week
Serving free breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack as part of the state CACFP. State Department of Education funded nonprofit town agency founded by the Branford Community in 1974. We provide a developmentally appropriate learning program in a warm and nurturing environment. We follow a project approach influenced by the Reggio Emilia style of learning, and use the Infant-Toddler and Preschool Connecticut Frameworks. Our ratios are 3 to 8 in the infant-toddler room and 3 to 15 in the preschool rooms. Beyond our focus on cognitive and social skills, we teach dance, yoga, gardening, sign language, and Spanish. We put a strong focus on language development and literacy.
branfordearlylearningcenter.com

PRESCHOOL, AFTERSCHOOL & CHILDCARE (CON'T)

Branford Family Resource Center Preschool 203.315.3799
Indian Neck School, 12 Melrose Avenue Branford CT
The Branford Family Resource Center Preschool is a NAEYC program, located at Indian Neck School, across from Foote Park. Full-day care is provided. Center is open from 7:30AM - 5:30PM. Staff uses the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) & the Preschool Assessment Framework as an instruction guide. School Readiness slots are available for families who will pay fees based on income. Care4Kids is also accepted. Family evening functions foster family connections and community building. www.indianneck.org

Branford Public Schools/Pre-K Programs
BPS offers half day, 4-year old preschool for Branford children at no cost. The goal of the Branford Public School Pre-K programs is to ready every student for Kindergarten through a variety of activities that encourage children towards independent learning. Pre-Kindergarten is a very exciting time for both children and parents. The Branford Public School Pre-K programs follow the State of Connecticut Pre-Kindergarten Frameworks, and offer a balance of literacy, math, social, and creative skills, while also fostering the physical and creative development of the whole child. Call the school in your district for more information. www.branfordschools.org

Mary T. Murphy Pre-K 203.483.1832
Principal: Robin Goehler
Location: Murphy Elementary School

John B. Sliney Pre-K 203.481.5386
Principal: Margaret – Mary Gethings
Location: Sliney Elementary School

Mary R. Tisko Pre-K 203.483.1826
Principal: James O'Connor
Location: Tisko Elementary School

PRESCHOOL, AFTERSCHOOL & CHILDCARE (CON'T)

Child Development Center 203.488.2007

1009 Main Street Branford, CT 06405

Contact - Stephanie Linke, Director

Serving children 6 weeks to 5 years of age, the Child Development

Center prepares children for Kindergarten in a central location.

Offer full day, half day, full year, before and after school. Care4Kids is

accepted. Email ~Stephanie@firstcongregationalbranford.org

www.cdcbranford.com

Duck Pond Learning Center and Nursery School 203.481.8170

30 Jefferson Road Branford CT 06405

Contact - Amy Donegan, Director

Serving children 6 weeks to 6 years, Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:00AM-6:00PM.

Year-round care, before & after school for Kindergarten children is

offered. Care4Kids is accepted. www.duckpondlearningcenter.com

Learn and Play Christian Early Learning Center 203.488.4028

811 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405

Robin Costa, Director - LearnandPlay@snet.net

Serving children 6 weeks to 5 years, Learn and Play is State of

Connecticut licensed, offers year-round care and accepts Care4Kids.

They have small class sizes to allow for individualized attention and

child-directed activity centers and hands-on experience to engage

children's natural curiosity. www.learnandplaychristian.org

Linda B. Chipkin Early Years Center 203.315.3540

Indian Neck School, 12 Melrose Ave. Branford, CT 06405

Principal Dr. Dianibel Aviles Hours: AM: 8:45-11:30 PM: 12:30-3:15

This program is offered to all Branford children between the ages of 3-5

who have been determined eligible through P.P.T. process. The program

model is trans-disciplinary, incorporating the collaborative efforts of the

special ed teachers, speech and language pathologist, social workers,

school psychologists, occupational & physical therapists, nurses &

supporting para-professionals. Individualized education plans reflect the

needs & abilities of each student providing opportunities to build

language skills, develop fine and gross motor skills as well as social-

emotional development. www.lindabchipkin.ct.bpe.schoolinsites.com

PRESCHOOL, AFTERSCHOOL & CHILDCARE (CON'T)

Pine Orchard Nursery School 203.488.3769
149 South Montowese Street, Branford, CT 06405
Contact~ Ericka Shanley
Hours: 9:00-3:15
Serving children 3-5years
School year/Half days/Full Day Option
Email~ info@pineorchardnurseryschool.org
www.pineorchardnurseryschool.org

See Us Grow Childcare & Learning Center 203.488.5437
249 West Main Street (Lakeview Plaza) Branford CT 06405
1052 South Colony Road Wallingford CT 06492
Jessica Legere – Director (Branford)
See Us Grow has extended hours, is Eco-friendly and has drop-in hourly care. Tours are welcomed. Email~seeusgrow@yahoo.com
www.seeusgrow.org

Shoreline School of Montessori (PRIVATE) 203.481.5888
675 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405
Regina Satterthwaite –Director
Email~director@shorelineschool.com
Serving children ages 3-6, the Shoreline School of Montessori is a privately-owned preschool and kindergarten, founded in 1985 to offer parents a high quality educational experience for their children. We proudly serve the shoreline communities of Branford, North Branford, Northford, Guilford and Madison, offering half- and full-day programs, 5 days/week. Most of our students remain with us through kindergarten. We are licensed by Dept. of Public Health under the CT Office of Early Childhood and are a full member of the American Montessori Society. Our staff is highly trained and experienced and offers a nurturing, individualized curriculum within a multi-aged classroom, following the Montessori premise that each child has a unique style of learning.
www.shorelineschool.com
“The unknown energy that can help humanity is that which lies hidden in each child. “Maria Montessori

PRESCHOOL, AFTERSCHOOL & CHILDCARE (CON'T)

St. Mary School/ Pre-K Program (PRIVATE) 203.488. 8386

62 Cedar Street Branford, CT 06405

Pre-K 3 year olds~ Monday, Wednesday, Friday-7:50 am-2:15 pm

Pre-K 4 year olds~ Monday through Friday 7:50 am-2:15 pm

After Care offered until 6:00PM

St. Mary School is fully accredited with certified teachers. Hot lunch program is available. St. Mary School strives to develop the whole child, in a nurturing academic environment; emphasizing religion, respect and responsibility. Financial assistance is available. The program is fully accredited NEAS&C. Contact~srannette@sbcglobal.net or visit www.smsbranford.org

Tabor Christian Community Preschool 203.483.9240

45 Tabor Drive Branford, CT 06405

Contact - Diane Swartz, Director

Serving children 3-6

www.taborpreschool.com

LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE IN BRANFORD AS OF 5/10/17

Deborah Withington 203.481.5489

59 Driscoll Road Branford, CT 06405

Serving children 6 weeks to 12 years, the hours are 7:00AM-5:30PM.

The center is open for a full year, provides all care and accepts

Care4Kids. Owner is certified in CPR & First Aid.

Geri's Happy Home Day Care 203.488.2141

8 Red Rock Road Branford, CT 06405

Contact~ Geraldine Mioline, geriandbill@att.net

Serving children up to 5 year, the hours are 7:30AM- 4:30PM Monday through Thursday. The center is open full year/ full day and the owner is certified in CPR & First Aid and is a member of the Saugatuck Nutrition Program.

LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE IN BRANFORD AS OF 5/10/17

Laughter, Learning and Love Childcare 203.285.7084
162 Brushy Plains Rd Branford, CT 06405
Contact~ Lisa Balzano
Serving children 4 weeks to 12 years, the center is open from 8:00 am – 5:00pm Monday through Friday, all year. A free healthy breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided. Program has circle time, learning centers and field trips and the owner is certified in CPR & First Aid. Non-smoking home. ~We love to laugh, we love to learn, and we love being here! ~

Rhonda's Rompers Family Childcare Home 203.488.6595
224 Harbor Street Branford, CT 06405
Contact~ Rhonda Butler ~ momrhon@aol.com
Serving Children from birth to 10 year, this center is open all year, (full days, half days, weekends, before/after school. Care4Kids is accepted. Owner is certified in Infant/Child CPR, First Aid, Epi-Pen training & administration of medications and is a member of the Saugatuck Nutrition Program. Classes provided include music, yoga and sign language instruction.

Sunflower Childcare 203.483.9119
163 Hotchkiss Grove Road Branford, CT 06405
Contact~ Tanja Kane
Serving Children from newborn through 12 yrs, the center is open all year for full day, half day, & before/after school care, as needed. Owner is certified in First Aid & CPR and accepts Care4Kids. A full Nursery School program is offered during the school year (Tisko School District).

Susanna's Family Daycare 203.815.8017
93 Waverly Park Road Branford, CT 06405
Contact~ Susanna Davis
Serving Children infants to 12 years, the hours of the center are 6:30 AM-5:30PM. Care4Kids is accepted and owner is certified in First Aid & CPR and a member of the Saugatuck Nutrition Program.

LICENSED FAMILY DAY CARE IN BRANFORD (CON'T)

The Day Care on the Road 203.927.7595
81 Dominican Road Branford CT 06405
Contact ~ Silvia Rojas – Galindo
Owner is Spanish speaking and operates the center from 7AM – 4:30PM. Owner is certified in CPR & First Aid.
The daycare on the road.wordpress.com

Theresa Ferguson 203.314.1431
10 Woodvale Road Ext. Branford, CT 06405
Email~ tferguson816@sbcglobal.net
Serving children: Infant to 12 years Hours: 7:00AM-5:30PM
Accepts Care4Kids, Full year & before/after school
Certified in CPR, First Aid, Administration of Meds, Sliney school district

PLAYGROUPS, ENRICHMENT, HOME VISITING

Amy's Active Learning 860.304.2347
One Post Office Square Clinton, CT 06413
Amy Stevens-Director
This program offers workshops birthday parties, summer camp and hands-on learning experiences for children ages 3-8. Art, science, literacy, engineering and nutrition are focused on and are combined with movement and yoga. www.amyactivelearning.com

Branford Parks and Recreation Department 203.488.8304
46 Church Street Branford, CT 06405
(Offers Mommy and Me and Toddler Groups)
www.branfordrecreation.org

James Blackstone Memorial Library 203.488.1441
758 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
(Offers story hours and crafts for children)
www.blackstone.lioninc.org

PLAYGROUPS, ENRICHMENT, HOME VISITING (CON'T)

Family Resource Center Playgroups 203.315.3799
12 Melrose Avenue Branford, CT 06405
The Branford Family Resource Center Parent Educator's office is located at Indian Neck School. Offering registered "Group Connections" for families in the Branford community with children birth-5 yrs. old. Program includes art, music & movement, creative play, & early literacy activities. The FRC Parent Educator facilitates a discussion on child developmental milestones during the group connection class and uses the Ages and Stages Developmental screening tool. The FRC provides monthly free personal visits either in the office or in the comfort of your home using the Parents as Teachers curriculum model. The FRC collaborates with ERACE to provide ESL Family Literacy classes during our Group Connection program in the Fall and the Spring.
www.indianneck.org

Kidscapades, LLC 860.552.4754
176 Rte 81 Building 3 Killingworth, CT 06419
Director: Elena Bigio
A unique studio hosting innovative children's activities, themed birthday parties and summer camp. Toddler programs and sensory programs available as well as visiting workshops to centers and programs.

Nurturing Families Network, ESDHD 203.466.1958
688 E Main St, Branford, CT 06405
Clinical Supervisor – Alison Tyliszczak, LCSW
Provides a free service is for pregnant women in Branford that includes weekly home visits, pregnancy and parenting information, pediatric developmental screenings, and parenting guidance with monthly get-togethers. Nurturing Families Network is a Parents as Teachers, evidence based, statewide service designed to promote positive parenting through the office of early childhood.
Hector Velazquez ~ Father Educator and Bilingual Home Visitor with the Nurturing Families Network.
www.esdhd.org/Health Programs/Maternal Child/

Willoughby Wallace Library 203.488.8702
146 Thimble Islands Road Branford, CT 06405 www.wtml.org
(Offers story hours and crafts for children)

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Branford School Age Child Care (SACC) 203.481.5066

12 Melrose Avenue Branford, CT 06405

Michele Krumenacker~ Director

SACC is a quality child care program that is accessible and affordable to all Branford families, and available to children in grades K-8 in the Branford schools. The program is offered during school vacations and many of the holidays. Before school program begins at 7:00 AM; after school program ends at 6:00PM. A program for Walsh students is available at Walsh Intermediate School. Care4Kids is accepted and there are a limited number of scholarships available. Call for more information.

Branford Parks and Recreation Department 203.488.8304

46 Church Street Branford, CT 06405

Alex Palluzzi – Director

An Afterschool program for school aged children K-4, contact Director for more information about 'AFTERNOON ADVENTURES'.

www.branfordrecreation.org

Soundview Family YMCA 203.481.9622

628 East Main Street Branford, CT

Doug Shaw~ Executive Director

Email:dougshaw@cccymca.org

The YMCA after school program is offered for students in grades 1-8 from 3:00PM-6:00PM. This is a state licensed after school program for students in Branford, Guilford and North Branford. Children have a healthy snack each day, study time and each week use our Hi and Low ropes elements as well as swimming in the pool. Financial assistance is offered. www.soundviewymca.org

**TO BE INCLUDED IN UPCOMING EDITIONS AND
ELECTRONIC EDITIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
branfordbecc@gmail.com or 203-415-5237.**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Branford Social Services 203.481.4248 or 203.488.5404
Branford Counseling Center www.branford-ct.gov/Counseling
342 Harbor Street, Branford, CT 06405
BSS provides limited financial assistance for people who do not have sufficient resources to meet their living expenses and people who cannot get immediate financial help from SAGA or AFDC.

Branford School Readiness Program
Providing affordable, developmentally appropriate care and education for children ages 3-5 years old in a safe and nurturing environment. The highly trained early childhood staff creates an enriching environment for children to discover and learn, while concentrating on the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of each child. The fees are based on a sliding scale determined by family income. School readiness classrooms are located at Branford Early Learning Center - 16 Birch Road – 203.488.4512 and Branford Family Resource Center - 12 Melrose Ave. 203.315.3799

Care4Kids 1.800.214.KIDS (5437)
A program helping low-to-moderate income families pay for child care cost. Sponsored by State of CT, Department of Social Services, sponsorships are accepted by many daycare providers. call for information. www.ctcare4kids.com

CT Department of Social Services 1.855.626.6632
The Department of Social Services (DSS) delivers a wide variety of services to children, families, adults, people with disabilities and the elderly, including health care coverage, child care, child support enforcement, independent living services, energy assistance, food and nutrition aid, and program grant. DSS has offices across the state. www.ct.gov/dss/

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) 203.789.3563
1009 Main Street, Branford, CT
The WIC Program comes to Branford 4 times a month. A satellite program of the St. Raphael Campus program, appointments are held on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-4:30 at the First Congregational Church, on the second and fourth weeks of the month. To make an appointment call (203) 789-3563.

DENTAL

Admire Dental 203.864.3750
1060 West Main Street Branford, CT
Dr. Panks Dhingra, DDS
www.AdmireDental.com/branford-home.html

Branford Healthy Smiles 203.415.5237
A community partnership providing oral health education, support, and improved access to dental services for all individuals within our community. The goal is to find a dental home for all Branford children.

Branford Dental Care 203.488.7444
134 Montowese Street Branford, CT 06405
~We specialize in children! Bilingual speaking (Spanish)
Accepts HUSKY (children only) Contact: Angela White, Business Manager with *questions*: AWhite@branforddentalcare.com
www.branforddentalcare.com

CT Braces-New Haven Orthodontic Office 203.285.3750
881 Whalley Ave Rear New Haven, CT 06515
Dr. Agata Bartels
Accepts private insurance and Husky. Speaks Spanish.
www.ctbraces.com

Drs. Ronald Bailey, DMD & Ping Ge, DDS 203.488.14285
South Main Street Branford CT 06405
Will accept many insurance carriers but do not accept Husky.
www.branfordfamilydental.com

Dr. Serge Constantine, DDS 203.481.4968
100 North Branford Road Branford, CT 06405
We provide dental services to people in pain or people who are vain, root canals and crowns, fillings silver or white, extractions or tooth replacement by bridges small or large, implants or dentures, to make you smile again. Questions? Email: sconstantin914@gmail.com

DENTAL (CON'T)

Dr. John Michalek, DDS 203.488.6553
420 East Main Street Building 3, Suite 17 Branford CT
A dental practice that prides itself on developing individual relationships with all patients and getting to know you and your needs in their office. Dr. Michalek makes himself available 24/7 to all our regular patients should any needs arise. This office accepts HUSKY (children only) and will make accommodations for new patients in need of a provider. Will accept most insurance coverages.
www.branforddentist.com

Dr. Brete D. Moran, D.M.D., LLC 203.483.8656
Periodontics Practice
5 South Main Street, Branford
Non-surgical and surgical therapy, dental implants, soft and hard tissue grafting. Does not accept Husky.

Dr. Peter D. Russo, DMD 203.483.1816
Specializing in Orthodontics
53 Montowese Street Branford, CT 06405 www.PeterDRussoDMD.com

NUTRITION

American Diabetic Association 1.800.DIABETES
(800-342-2383) www.diabetes.org

Branford Food Pantry 203.481.3663
30 Harrison Avenue Branford, CT 06405
Wendy Cowles~Director
The mission of the Branford Food Pantry is to provide groceries for Branford families in need. Hours: Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:30AM to 11:00AM and Tuesday 4:30PM to 6:00PM. To qualify for weekly grocery support, contact the social services office at 203-488-5404. Once qualified you may receive groceries once a week.

Branford Summer Meals Program 203.315.6741
Providing free summer meals at various schools to kids and teens 18 and under. Visit www.branfordschools.org or www.ctsummermeals.org

NUTRITION (CON'T)

Feed Branford Kids 203.481.3663
A sister program to the Branford Food Pantry provides eligible elementary and school readiness programs with a backpack of suitable food for take home on Fridays. This is a voluntary program eligible to any family. Schools can help identify families in need. Please inquire with your early care center or grade school or call the number above or visit the website. www.branfordfoodpantry.org

Community Dining Room 203.488.9750
30 Harrison Avenue Branford, CT 06405
Director~Judy Barron
Lunch is served every day from 12PM-1PM
Tuesday Family Dinner with a Story Time 5:30PM
Wednesday Night Take-Out Program, call 203-488-0447
Saturday Morning Breakfast- 9:00AM-10:00AM
www.communitydiningroom.org

CT Food Bank Truck 203.469.5000
New Life Apostolic Church
26 Jefferson Road Branford CT 06405
The first Friday of each month at 10AM to 11AM Free fresh produce for all. Bring your own bags.
www.ctfoodbank.org/get-help/programs/connecticut-food-banks-mobile-pantry-schedule

Food Allergy Education Network 203.415.5613
Email~info@foodallergyednetwork.org
The Food Allergy Education Network advocates for the health and safety of children with food allergies. We facilitate personal connections and provide educational resources to families, and within schools and the community. Parent and Youth Monthly Support Groups for all ages.
www.foodallergyednetwork.org

SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Department of Social Services 800.842.1508
www.ct.gov/snap

NUTRITION (CON'T)

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) 203.789.3563
(St. Raphael's Campus/serving Branford 2x monthly)
1009 Main Street, Branford, CT
The WIC Program comes to Branford four times a month. A satellite program of the St. Raphael Campus program, appointments are held on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-4:30 at the First Congregational Church, on the second and fourth weeks of the month. To make an appointment call (203) 789-3563.

VISION CARE

Branford Family Vision Care 203.481.5909
71 Cedar Street Branford, CT 06405
www.branfordfamilyvision.com

Branford Optometric Associates 203.488.9544
60 Montowese Street Branford, CT 06405
www.branfordoptometric.com

Eye Physicians and Surgeons PC 203.488.5688
1236 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
www.eyevision2020.net
You won't believe your eyes!

Fritz Eye Care Inc. 203.488.9900
267 East Main Street Unit 4 Branford CT 06405

PEDIATRICIANS

Branford/North Branford Pediatric, PC 203.481.5591
682 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405

Branford Pediatrics and Allergy Group 203.481.7008
784 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405

Fair Haven Community Health Center 203.285.1133
370 Hemingway Avenue East Haven, CT 06512

Pediatric Associates of Branford 203.488.8345
420 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405

EDUCATION FACILITIES

Branford Public Schools	
Administrative Offices	203.488.7276
1111 Main Street Branford, CT 06405	
www.branfordschools.org	
Branford High School (Grades 9-12)	203.488.7291
185 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405	
www.branfordhigh.org	
CT Experiential Learning Center (CELC)	203.433.4658
28 School Street Branford CT 06405	
<i>A dynamic middle school program CT Experiential Learning Center of Branford provides an energizing, personalized, and significant middle school experience, where children can flourish during these important and impactful 5th-8th grade years. Classes are small classes and combine exceptional academics with hands-on and real-world learning experiences that align with students academic, social and developmental needs. Email~ mandm@CTExperiential.org</i>	
www.CTExperiential.org	
ERACE Adult Education	203.488.5693
185 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405	
www.erace-adulted.org	
Family Resource Center	203.315.3799
12 Melrose Avenue Branford, CT 06405	
www.indianneck.org	
John B. Sliney School Grades (Pre-K-Grade 4)	203.481.5386
23 Eades Street Branford, CT 06405	
www.slineyelementary.org	
Linda B. Chipkin Early Years Center (Pre-K)	203.315.3540
12 Melrose Avenue Branford, CT 06405	
www.lindabchipkin.ct.bpe.schoolinsites.com	
Mary R. Tisko School Grades (Pre-K-Grade 4)	203.483.1826
118 Damascus Road Branford, CT 06405	
www.tiskoelementary.org	

EDUCATION FACILITIES (CON'T)

Mary T. Murphy School Grades (Pre-K- Grade 4) 203.483.1832
24 Brushy Plain Road Branford, CT 06405
www.murphyelementary.org

New Haven School Open Choice 203.498.6843
School open choice is part of a law passed by the legislature of the State of CT to help reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation in CT. It allows students from the suburbs to enter a lottery and attend school in New Haven provided there are appropriate openings. Contact Lynn Bailey at the number above for information on school availability for the 2018/2019 school year or email her at lbailey@aces.org
www.aces.org/schools-programs/choice-programs/aces-open-choice

Pupil Services (Pre-K-12) 203.488.5000
185 Damascus Road Branford, CT 06405
www.branfordschools.org

School Transportation – First Student 203.488.6186

Walsh Intermediate School (Grades 5-8) 203.488.8317
185 Damascus Road Branford, CT 06405
www.walshintermediate.org

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Branford Evangelical Free Church 203.488.1885
231 Leetes Island Road Branford, CT 06405

Chabad of the Shoreline (Synagogue) 203.453.5580
www.jewishshoreline.org

Church of Christ (Congregational) 203.488.7827
192 Thimble Islands Road Branford, CT 06405
<http://stonycreekchurchct.org>

Community Baptist Church 203.488.8581
53 Hopson Ave, Branford, CT 06405

PLACES OF WORSHIP (CON'T)

First Baptist Church of Branford 975 Main Street Branford, CT 06405 www.firstbaptistbranford.com	203.488.9777
First Congregational Church 1009 Main Street Branford, CT 06405 www.firstcongregationalbranford.org	203.488.7201
Kingdom Hall (Jehovah's Witness) 2 Baldwin Drive Branford, CT 06405	203.488.9814
Shoreline Community Church 325 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405 www.sccbranford.org	203.481.8919
St. Elizabeth Church (Roman Catholic) 65 Burban Drive Branford, CT 06405	203.488.1661
St. Mary's Church (Roman Catholic) 731 Main Street Branford, CT 06405 www.stmarybranford.org	203.488.1607
St. Stephen AME Zion Church (Methodist) 31 Rogers Street Branford, CT 06405	203.481.3146
St. Therese Church (Roman Catholic) 105 Leetes Island Road Branford CT 06405 www.sttherese.org	203.488.2998
Tabor Lutheran Church 45 Tabor Drive Branford CT 06405 www.taborchurch.net	203.488.2541
Temple Beth Tikvah (Synagogue) 196 Durham Road Madison, CT 06443 www.templebethtikvahct.org	203.245.7028

PLACES OF WORSHIP (CON'T)

Trinity Episcopal Church 203.488.2681
1109 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
www.trinitybranford.org

United Methodist Church 203.488.0549
811 East Main Street Branford CT 06405
www.gbgm-umc.org

LIBRARIES

James Blackstone Memorial Library 203.488.1441
758 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
www.blackstone.lioninc.org

Willoughby Wallace Library 203.488.8702
146 Thimble Islands Road Branford, CT 06405
www.wtml.org

LITERACY PROGRAMS

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven 203.776.5899
4 Science Park New Haven CT 06511
Contact ~ Diana Grubbs

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven is a non-profit educational organization that trains, certifies, and supports tutors to provide tutoring in Basic Literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Literacy volunteers provide free tutoring to willing adults who want to improve their reading, writing, and oral communication skills. Our goal is to increase the English language skills of these adult students so they can participate more fully as parents, employees and as members of our community. Tutors always needed. If you can read, you can help.

www.lvagmh.org

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branfordbecc@gmail.com or 203-415-5237.**

LITERACY PROGRAMS (CON'T)

Read to Grow 203.488.6800
53 School Ground Road, Unit 3 Branford, CT 06405
Read to Grow is the only statewide nonprofit organization that connects with parents in the hospital setting when a baby is born. The agency provides free children's books to families through a network of community-based health and human service agencies, schools, and childcare programs that interact with children of all ages. For more information, please visit our website, or call 203-488-6800.
www.readtogrow.org

Reach Out and Read 203.980.6430
Christine Garber~ Connecticut Program Director
Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. We are evidence-based, nonprofit organization that trains and supports medical providers who give books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud. Our program is delivered by doctors during well-child visits for children ages 6 months through 5 years. Ask your pediatrician about this program.
www.ReachOutandRead.org

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE AND ADULT ED

ERACE Adult Education 203.488.5693
185 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405
English Language Learners and Family Literacy Programs offered both Day & Evening, Year Round www.erace-adulted.org

International Institute of Connecticut 203.336.0141
670 Clinton Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06605
The International Institute of Connecticut offers professional translation and interpretation services at very reasonable and economical prices in approximately forty languages. Offices in Bridgeport, Stamford and Hartford. www.iiconn.org

HOMESCHOOLING

Catholic Home Educators in Connecticut

Well established, independent support group dedicated to helping those who ask for assistance in Catholic home education.

Email: cath_home_ed_in_ct@hotmail.com

CT Homeschool Network

Email: Info@cthomeschoolnetwork.org

To become involved and receive information, visit their website and enter your email information to be contacted by the organization.

www.cthomeschoolnetwork.org

Shoreline Homeschoolers of Connecticut

Shoreline Homeschoolers is a welcoming, local support group originally formed over 20 years ago, consisting of families from New Haven to Mystic along the CT shoreline. The mission is to provide support and information to those interested in homeschooling. The homeschooling community offers support groups & newcomer gatherings; provides an email newsletter of classes, workshops, fieldtrips, legislative news, curriculum swaps etc.; discounted educator cards; inclusion in year-long theatre series for children & families; a “for kids, by kids” newsletter, annual yearbook; and annual events including a science fair, art show, harvest festival, cabaret, potluck socials etc.

[Email~info@shorelinehomeschoolers.org](mailto:info@shorelinehomeschoolers.org), visit their Facebook page or website www.shorelinehomeschoolers.org

Great Ways to Home Educate (GWHE)

GWHE welcomes all families, regardless of their faith, curriculum choice, or teaching style. The location of activities varies depending upon the interests of our members. We currently run the following activities: Co-ed Soccer, Used Curriculum Fair, Support Group Meetings, New Homeschooler Information Nights, Spelling Bee, Annual Picnic, Science Classes, Engineering Day, Teen Group, and many more. Visit the website at www.gwhe.org or contact the President or VP of Information and Registration

Tonya Mankowski, gwhepresident@gmail.com and Karen Bigham GWHEinformation@gmail.com

HOMESCHOOLING (CON'T)

**The Education Association of
Christian Homeschoolers of Connecticut** 860.938.6765
www.teachct.org

Unschoolers Unlimited 203.458.7402
22 Wildrose Avenue Guilford, CT 06437
Informal network of people learning to trust the best ways to support their children's ability to learn and grow. Holding family gatherings- to play and socialize, to support and encourage one another, to share ideas and information. They publish an occasional newsletter and a mailing list. Email~ nedvare@ntplx.net -for free information packet about homeschooling. unschoolersunlimited.blogspot.com

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

AMF Circle Lanes of East Haven (Bowling) 203-467-6351
525 Main Street East Haven CT 06512

Branford Festival
Town Green Father's Day weekend www.branfordfestival.com

Branford Art Center 203.208.4455
Yvonne Gordon ~ Owner 1229 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
Art gallery, studio and classroom where ongoing classes for adults and children are held throughout the week and on weekends. Art therapy sessions with people of all ages and abilities are also available.
www.branfordartcenterct.com

CT Sportsplex 203.484.4383
150 Foxon Rd, North Branford, CT 06471
www.ctsportsplex.com/

Escape New Haven 860.576.9997
103 Whitney Ave. New Haven, CT 06510
An adventure space where teams work together to solve a series of puzzles. Call for more information.
www.escapenewhaven.com

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT (CON'T)

- Golf-Twin Lakes Golf Course** 203.481.3776
241 Twin Lakes Road, North Branford
Twin lakes is a public 9-hole, par 3 course located just over the Branford line in North Branford. It is a daily-fee golf course and is open to the public. www.twinlakesgolfct.com
- Golf-Guilford Lakes Golf Course** 203.453.8214
200 North Madison Road, Guilford
This is a municipal 9-hole course at the Guilford Lakes Golf Course facility in Guilford. It is open to the public.
- Harrison House Museum** 203.488.4828
124 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
www.branfordhistory.org/harrisonhouse.html
- James Blackstone Memorial Library** 203.488.1441
758 Main Street Branford, CT 06405
www.blackstone.lioninc.org
- Jordan's Furniture** 203.780.9199
40 Sargent Dr. New Haven, CT 06511
"It" is the largest indoor adventure ropes course in the world. 60-foot-high ropes course on four levels with more than 100 activities.
www.jordans.com/attractions/it
- Regal Movie Theatre** 203.481.2711
325 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405
www.regmovies.com/theaters/regal-branford-stadium-12/8464
- Rockin' Jump – The Ultimate Trampoline Park** 203.397.6726
709 Foxon Road East Haven, CT 06513
www.easthaven.rockinjump.com
- Shore Line Trolley Museum** 203.467.6927
River Street, East Haven, CT 06512
www.shorelinetrolley.org

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT (CON'T)

Soundview Family YMCA 203.481.9622
628 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405
Serving infants to seniors
The Y is open to any shoreline resident to improve their health, use two state of the art pools or take part in any of the great programs.
Membership to join the Y is on a sliding scale based on total household income. Offering program financial assistance for swim lessons, fitness classes, summer camps and afterschool care.
www.soundviewymca.org

Stony Creek Quarry 203.488.3904
99 Quarry Road, Branford www.stonycreekquarry.com

Stroller Fitness 203.671.4599
A total fitness program that moms can do with their babies. It includes power walking and intervals of body toning using exercise tubing and the stroller. Classes are taught by certified instructors (also moms) and the workout is great for all levels of exercisers.
Email: JessicaHurney@fitmom.com

Stony Creek Thimble Island Tours

Sea Mist www.thimbleislandcruise.com 203.488.8905
Volsunga www.thimbleislands.com 203.481.3345
Boats leave from Stony Creek Town Dock

Tabor Community Arts Center 203.488.5668
45 Tabor Drive Branford, CT 06405

Town of Branford

Links to Community Organizations and Services
www.branford-ct.gov/Community.htm

Walsh Intermediate School Pool & Hospice Pool Schedules
www.branfordrecreation.org

Willoughby Wallace Library 203.488.8702
146 Thimble Islands Road Branford, CT 06405
www.wtml.org

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Bay View Park Thimble Island Road Stony Creek
Flax Mill Soccer Field (playing field) Rt. 139
Foote Memorial Park (playground, playing field, park)
Melrose Avenue
Hammer Field (playing field and playground) 46 Church Street
Lion's Park Burban Drive
Madera Park, Thimble Island Road
Pagano Park Beckett Ave. Short Beach
Pardee Park Taylor Place, Short Beach
Parker Memorial Park (park and playground) Harbor Street
Patty's Park Perish Farm Road (behind Murphy School)
Riverside Foote Park, (park) Pine Orchard Road
Samson Field (playing field) Melrose Avenue
Sliney Field (playing field) South Montowese Street
Supply Pond, (park) Short Rocks Road
Veterans Memorial Park (playing field, playground) Brushy Plain Road
West Point Field West Point Road
Young's Pond (playing field, park) Rte. 146 Pine Orchard
Road/Blackstone Avenue

WALKING TRAILS

Branford has an enviable series of walking trails to explore at your leisure. Maps of the trails are available at the link below.

www.branford-ct.gov/Walking

SPORTING TEAMS

Branford Recreation Department 203.488.8304

Programs for children and adults through the Town of Branford
Exercise and aquatics classes, camp, music, toddler classes. Adult
classes, Sports, clinics, swim lessons, Tai Kwon Do and more

www.branfordrecreation.org

Branford Little League 203.871.9521

www.eteamz.com/branford_Little_League/

Branford Soccer www.branfordsoccer.org

SPORTING TEAMS (CON'T)

Branford Sting Baseball	mailto:branfordsting@yahoo.com
Fall Ball/ Babe Ruth John Ardito	203.483.0559
Girls Softball www.eteamz.com/BranfordGirlsSoftball	203.640.6401
Junior / Travel Basketball Joe Chandler	203.488.4877
Youth Cheerleading	www.branforyouthfootball.org
Youth Lacrosse	www.branfordlacrosse.com
Youth Football www.branforyouthfootball.org	203.410.4645

COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Boy Scouts of America, CT Yankee Council 60 Wellington Road Milford, CT 06460 www.ctyankee.org	1.800.333.7905
Branford Animal Shelter/Control 749 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405 www.branfordanimalshelter.org	203.315.4125
Branford Cares <i>Branford Cares is a community-wide response to help provide for the needs of Branford residents.</i> www.branfordcares.org	203.488.2681
Branford Early Childhood Collaborative P.O. Box 1032 Branford, CT 06405 www.branfordbecc.org	203.415.5237
Branford Food Pantry www.branfordfoodpantry.org	203.481.3663

COMMUNITY SVC/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (CON'T)

Branford Recreation Department 46 Church Street Branford, CT 06405 www.branfordrecreation.org	203.488.8304
Branford Lions Club P.O. Box 406 Branford, CT 06405	203.640.9329
Branford Rotary Club info@branfordrotary.org	
Branford Summer Meals Program www.branfordschools.org or www.ctsummermeals.org	203.315.6741
Canoe Brook Senior Center 11 Cherry Hill Road Branford, CT 06405	203.481.3429
Community Dining Room www.communitydiningroom.org	203.488.9750
Connecticut Hospice 100 Double Beach Road Branford, CT 06405 www.hospice.com	203.315.7510
Girl Scouts, CT Trails Council 20 Washington Avenue North Haven, CT 06473 www.gsofct.org	203.239.2922 1.800.922.2770
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Greater New Haven	203.230.8994
Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services 235 Nicoll Street 2nd Floor New Haven, CT 06511 www.irisct.org	203.562.2095
James Blackstone Memorial Library 758 Main Street Branford, CT 06405 www.blackstone.lioninc.org	203.488.1441
Orchard House 421 Shore Drive Branford, CT 06405 41	203.481.7110 www.theorchardhouse.org

COMMUNITY SVC/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (CON'T)

Patricia Andriole Volunteer Services Center 203.483.2643
30 Harrison Avenue Branford, CT 06405
Clothing Bank/ BH Care
*Open~ Monday-Thursday 9:30AM-2:00PM, Friday 9:30AM-1:00PM
Saturday 11:00AM-1:00PM*
www.bhcare.org

Sarah Inc. 860.399.1888
1620 Boston Post Rd. Suite 200, Westbrook, CT 06498
www.sarah-inc.org

Soundview Family YMCA 203.481.9622
628 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405
www.soundviewymca.org

Special Olympics of CT 203.230.1201
2666 State Street Hamden, CT 06514
www.soct.org

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library 203.488.8702
146 Thimble Islands Road, Branford, CT 06405
www.wtml.org

BRANFORD SUMMER CAMPS

Branford Evangelical Free Church 203.488.1885
Mary T. Murphy School
14 Brushy Plains Road Branford, CT
*Week long "Sports & Art Camp" Art, Basketball, cheerleading, football,
soccer and team 45 (movement skills for children 4 & 5 years old.)*
www.branfordefc.com Email~ questions@branfordefc.com

Branford Land Trust 203.483.5263
P.O. Box 254 Branford, CT 06405
Hands-on the Environment Day
*This Environmental Day Camp is held annually for children ages 5-9 at
the Killam's Point Conference Center in Branford. Providing activities,
presentations and games that help kids learn about tide pools, woodland
habitats, wildlife rehab, recycling, and nature storytelling.*
info@branfordlandtrust.org

BRANFORD SUMMER CAMPS (CON'T)

Branford Parks and Recreation Department 203.488.8304
Summer and sports camp and activities. Kindercamp, Teen Travel,
school age, tennis, baseball, volleyball, field hockey, lacrosse, basketball.
www.branfordrecreation.org

Camp Invention 203.550.4459
*Two one week sessions of science camp. Held at Mary R. Tisko
Elementary School during the month of July. Children are presented with
fun, hands-on challenges that encourage creative problem solving,
teamwork, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Camp invention is led by
experienced local educators and new curriculum is introduced each
year, inspired by the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame!
For more information call Kattie Konno-Leonffu, Camp Invention
Director kleonffu@gmail.com*

First Congregational Church of Branford 203.488.7201
Under the Sea Camp 2017
*The FCC of Branford along with some of the Killam's Point Day Camp
staff will be providing additional camp options this year at the church
during June for children ages 5-12; children 13-15 are eligible to be
Junior Counselors. Morning snack provided. Call for pricing and
register: www.firstcongregationalbranford.org/*

Learn & Play Christian Early Learning Center Camp 203.488.4028
811 East Main Street Branford, CT
www.learnandplaychristian.org

Ms. Judy's Emporium 203.710.1313
Ages 3 & up
Director - Judy Doyle email~ msjudyemporium@yahoo.com
*Programs: Summer camp for ages 3-13 Camp held at the beautiful
Owenego Inn, Indian Neck section of Branford*
www.msjudyemporium.com

School Aged Child Care – Summer Program 203.481.5066
Camp Wannabe
Walsh Intermediate School 185 Damascus Rd. Branford, CT
Available for children who have completed kindergarten through grade 8

BRANFORD SUMMER CAMPS (CON'T)

Soundview Family YMCA Day Camp 203.481.-9622
Ages 3-5 Kiddie Camp and traditional YMCA summer camp available for 5 and older.
www.soundviewymca.org

Tabor Christian Community Preschool 203-483-9420
45 Tabor Drive Branford, CT 06405
Multi-age summer program. Call for more information.

Tabor Community Arts Center 203.488.5668
45 Tabor Drive Branford, CT 06405

Vacation Bible School at Killam's Point 203.488.7201
Killam's Point Conference Center covers approximately 55 acres and is a quiet refuge of undisturbed woodland, salt marsh, and rocky tidal area. It is available to educational and non-profit groups as well as churches. It is an ideal spot for school field trips, nature walks and quiet retreats.
www.firstcongregationalbranford.org/vacationbibleschool.html

SUPPORT GROUPS

(Please contact individual groups to ensure the program is in session)

Branford Support Groups

This site offers a variety of support groups for adults, adolescents and children in many different areas.

WWW.UWC.211CT.ORG/SUPPORT-GROUPS

CT BHP Supporting Health and Recovery

This site has much information and many support groups for individuals, families and children.

www.ctbhp.com/docs/DCF_Greater_New_Haven.pdf

CT Family Support Groups

877.376.2329

This group helps families with children of special healthcare needs and disabilities. They offer over 20 support groups around CT, workshops and trainings and one on one help. All services are free.

www.ctfsn.org

SUPPORT GROUPS (CON'T)

CT Hospice Support Groups

203.315.7544

Groups are offered for families who have suffered losses of loved ones at hospice, hospitals or home. New groups offered periodically, including daytime & evening, serving widows and widowers, adults grieving the death of a parent, or those who have lost a family member, a partner, or a friend. Registration is required for all groups. For more information, please call the Bereavement Office.

Family Centered Services of CT-Nurturing Fathers Program

This program provides parenting education and support on relationship building, attachment, discipline, and co-parenting for free. Contact: Cinque Hall chall@familyct.org or 203.624.2600 x 224 or Galit Sharma, Program Director gsharma@familyct.org or 203.624.2600 x 207

Food Allergy Education Network

203.415.5613

Email~info@foodallergednetwork.org

The Food Allergy Education Network advocates for the health and safety of children with food allergies. Parent and Youth Monthly Support Groups for all ages. www.foodallergyednetwork.org

Life after Baby

Support group for new moms to discuss changes, depression, hormones, sleep deprivation, family and life adjustments, breastfeeding and more. Contact Kerry Haynes at boughtonkerry@yahoo.com for more info.

“Parent Partnership”

203.458.6699

Women and Family Life Center,
96 Fair St., Guilford, CT
info@womenandfamilylife.org

***Parent Partnership** is a meeting for families of children with special needs. Parents meet and share ideas and concerns. There are also trainings and informational speakers.*

***The Kids HUGS** (Hope, Understanding, Growth, and Support) program offers support for families that have a parent coping with a serious illness or chronic disease. It provides parents—both caregivers and ill parents—a safe place to talk through their struggles. More info contact: Kathy Fadel – kfadel@sarah-inc.org or 203.453.7592, x 108 Or Deborah Pagano – dpagano@ctfsn.org or 203.430.0242*