

## **Supportive Employment Resources**

### **Bureau of Rehabilitation Services-Waterbury**

249 Thomaston Avenue

Waterbury, CT 06702

(203) 578-4550

<http://www.brs.state.ct.us/>

### **Bureau of Rehabilitation Services -Torrington**

Sherry Guerra

860-496-6990

#### **Mission**

Our mission is to create opportunities that enable individuals with significant disabilities to work competitively and live independently. We strive to provide appropriate, individualized services, develop effective partnerships, and share sufficient information so that consumers and their families may make informed choices about the rehabilitation process and employment options.

### **Community Mental Health Affiliates - Vocational Services**

6 Whiting Street

New Britain, CT

(860) 826-5383

<http://www.cmhacc.org/programs/adult-services/vocational-and-rehabilitation-programs.html>

The Vocational Services of CMHA are committed to providing continuous supports, advocacy, coaching and assessment of change in individuals with respect to their job search, job placement and job retention. These services are provided in an effort to assist the individuals we serve to acquire the skills necessary to become competitively employed and retain jobs that match their unique strengths and preferences. We also support people who are working toward educational goals, or those who have volunteer placements.

### **CT Works One Stop Career Centers**

<http://www.ctworkssw.org/default.asp>

249 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06702

(203)596-4126

Offer a wide variety of free services and training for unemployed and underemployed jobseekers looking for better careers (e.g. Career counseling; job training; job finding assistance).

### **Easter Seals of Waterbury**

[http://waterburyct.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=CTWA\\_homepage](http://waterburyct.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=CTWA_homepage)

22 Tompkins Street,

Waterbury, CT 06708-1496

### [Job Training and Employment: Building Skills to Find -- and Keep -- a Great Job](#)

Adults with disabilities looking for meaningful employment find training and placement opportunities through a number of vocational programs offered in partnership with state and local agencies. Easter Seals staff assesses work skills, interests and abilities and identify employment opportunities that meet the needs and goals of the individual.

### [Industrial and Business Services: Putting Easter Seals to Work for Your Company](#)

The Industrial and Business Services of Easter Seals offer a wide variety of options for manufacturers and businesses through its Employment Industries Work Center and Janitorial and Building Maintenance Division.

## **Goodwill Industries**

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

829 Lakewood Rd  
Waterbury, CT 06704  
(203) 596-1216

Sometimes personal and family needs, or even the difficulties of everyday life, can prevent people from finding and keeping a good job.

At local Goodwills, professionals are available to help people find help for the problems that are keeping them from being successful at work. This may include childcare, transportation, counseling, life skills programs for people with disabilities, and any number of other services. If the local Goodwill doesn't provide the service, they can connect job seekers with other community organizations that do.

To give newly hired workers a good foundation for career success, local Goodwills may offer classes in reading, math, computer and language skills, high school equivalency preparation and more.

Locals Goodwills may also help people who already have jobs learn how to build on their existing skills and develop their careers. Some Goodwills also offer classes in family life, money management and personal health to help people improve their lives.

## **Marrakech**

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

<http://www.marrakechinc.org/programs-services/workforce-development/human-service-training.html>

Waterbury Academy – 24 Wooster Street  
Waterbury, CT  
(203) 754-5298

**Description** - The Academy for Human Service Training (AHST) prepares individuals for entry-level careers in the Human Service or Customer Service fields through a combination of classroom and hands-on training. The program provides occupational skills training, assistance with basic education needs, case management, as well as job placement and retention activities. Instructors for this program are typically

managers or administrators in the human service field who have participated in Train the Trainer activities to be eligible to teach certification and other specialized course or who have the direct experience and knowledge about the topic being addressed. Follow up services are provided post-graduation for a minimum of 90 days up to 1 full year. Classes are held Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and generally operate on a 12-week cycle.

**Geographic area covered** - AHST sites are located in New Haven, Bridgeport, and Waterbury, Connecticut. Students may attend from any city or town as long as their local workforce investment board or other funding source approves one of these training locations.

**Eligibility** - To be eligible for the AHST, individuals must attend an information session at one of the three sites, complete an application and onsite interview, meet the basic entry criteria for the program and the third party payer, and have secured funding from a third party payer. The AHST receives special contract funding for Out-of-School Youth (ages 18-21) and individuals currently receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) through the area workforce development boards, including Workforce Alliance, Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, and The WorkPlace, Inc. In addition, tuition may be paid for using an Individual Training Account (ITA) voucher from any One Stop Center in the state, as well as by the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Worker's Compensation Commission, Board of Education and Services for the Blind, school boards and others. Each funding source has specific entrance criteria, which is reviewed with each applicant at an information session. Information sessions for interested individuals are held at each site on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Registration is not required.

## **New Beginnings For Life, llc.**

192 Shailor Hill Rd.

Colchester, CT 06415

860-559-4693, 860-861-7045

[www.newbeginningsforlifellc.com](http://www.newbeginningsforlifellc.com)

Dedicated to helping learning disabled young adults live life independently.

We are a post-secondary residential living program that teaches Life Skills to learning disabled young adults In Moodus.

Here at New Beginnings for Life, we focus on the skills needed for Independent Living for the learning disabled young adult. Some of the services offered are cooking, cleaning your home, use of public transportation, personal hygiene, banking skills, finding and keeping a job, community service and environmental awareness. Some of our students attend Community College or private training in the area and we help them develop good study skills. In addition we offer sign language, reading skills and general language arts, as well as GED preparation.

Don't want to live at home, but aren't quite ready to live on your own? We here at New Beginnings for Life LLC are a year round program dedicated to helping the learning disabled young adult acquire the needed skills for independent living. We are a small post-secondary Residential Program, and because of that, we are able to customize your needs to develop your skill levels. Upon completion at this level, we offer an "Advancement Program" in the community into your own apartment living situation. In the "supported Living Apartment Program", you will live independently or with one roommate, and only have

a need for "part time" staff. This program is designed for the "Graduate" of the New Beginnings basic program or for anyone already prepared to live in the community with only part time staff support.

## **Save the Kid Fund**

[www.savethekid.org](http://www.savethekid.org)

290 Geer Road

Lebanon, CT 06249

Frank Matovic, President, Board Of Directors

(860) 444-5373 Voice

### Medical Expense Assistance/Assistive Technology Purchase Assistance

Provides financial support for medical treatments, medications or adaptive equipment for children or for other requests that will improve the lives of children by providing them with opportunities they may not otherwise receive.

#### Eligibility:

Ages 0 through 18

#### Application:

1. Send an e-mail to [info@savethekid.org](mailto:info@savethekid.org).
2. Your request should include:
  - a. Your name and address.
  - b. The name and address of the child to be helped.
  - c. Your relationship to the child / family in need.
  - d. The method by which STK may contact you and the family to be helped (phone number or e-mail address is preferred).
  - e. The name of a person who can verify the need (e.g., a member of the Clergy, a hospice worker, DCF worker, etc.).
  - f. Statement of what is needed and approximate cost (if known).

The more information that the STK Board has to work with, the quicker the request processing can take place. Therefore, any amplifying information concerning the child's need is helpful.