

The mission of the United Way of Connecticut is to help meet the needs of Connecticut residents by providing information, education and connection to services.

Fiscal Year 2008 Report

UNITED WAY OF COASTAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY (UWCFC)

Statewide, between 7/1/2007 and 6/30/2008, 2-1-1 handled more than 443,000 calls and saw more than 798,000 searches in our online databases.

From UWCFC towns, our general health and human services center handled 42,817 calls that produced 55,227 requests for services.* The tables to the right show the top 10 requests for services and the number of calls received from each town covered by UWCFC.

* Number of requests for services is more than the number of calls as one call may generate multiple requests.

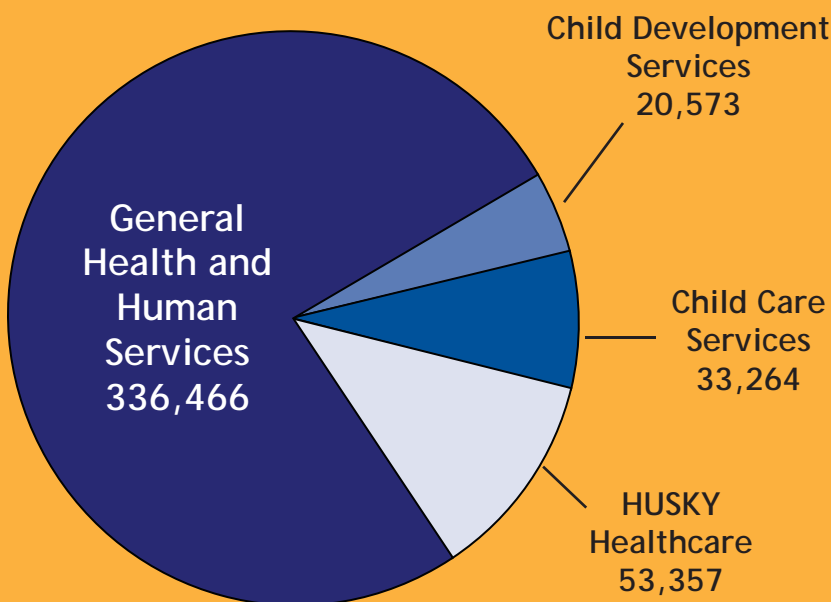
Top Service Requests FY08	UWCFC Area	Statewide
Utilities/Heat	4,709	42,528
Housing/Shelter	4,223	39,723
Information Services	3,886	36,714
Tax Organizations and Services	3,175	11,751
Outpatient Mental Health Care	2,840	33,604
Legal Services	2,789	25,661
Financial Assistance	2,566	27,903
Public Assistance Programs	2,238	21,707
Substance Abuse Services	2,229	27,955
Food	1,709	17,662

Calls by Town FY08

Town	Calls
Bridgeport	45,570
Easton	156
Fairfield	2,185
Monroe	606

Town	Calls
Stratford	4,530
Trumbull	1,458
Westport	609
Weston	113

Number of Calls Received Statewide



Case Examples:

A 40-year-old homeless man called hoping to find a place to live. He had recently been released from the hospital and his sister with whom he had been living no longer wanted him in her home.

A family with several children under the age of 5 called looking for food, utility assistance and any other services that might help make things a bit easier.

A 38-year-old woman called looking for reproductive health clinics in the area and an infertility support group.

HOW WE CAN HELP

2-1-1



Simply by dialing 2-1-1, a toll-free number throughout Connecticut, callers can reach knowledgeable, multilingual staff with questions on health and human services information, specialized services in child care, child development and disabilities and HUSKY health insurance. All 2-1-1 services are confidential.

2-1-1 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Provides information and referrals to health and social service programs in your community and across Connecticut.
- Provides crisis intervention counseling to those in need.
- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Utilizes a computerized database of approximately 6,000 health and human service providers offering approximately 52,000 services and 4,433 licensed child care facilities.

2-1-1 CHILD CARE

- Assists parents and child care providers in locating appropriate resources and referrals.
- Educates parents/providers on quality indicators of early childhood programs.
- Maintains a database of all licensed and license exempt programs in Connecticut.

HUSKY INFOLINE

- Provides information on the HUSKY (Healthcare for Uninsured Kids and Youth and some parents too) program and assists families in obtaining HUSKY coverage.
- Assists families enrolled in the HUSKY program in obtaining healthcare services.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT INFOLINE

- Serves as the access point for the Connecticut Birth to Three System, the Help Me Grow program, Early Childhood Special Education Services, and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program.
- Provides information, education and support on early intervention services, developmental concerns, managing challenging behaviors, parent education/family support, special education, disability and health related issues.

CARE 4 KIDS

- Offers financial assistance to help low/moderate income working parents pay for child care.

COMMUNITY RESULTS CENTER

- Provides research and analysis to inform local planning, measure community change, and increase citizen decision-making capacity to improve communities.
- Expertise in data collection, research, evaluation, and policy analysis
- Responsible for the overall marketing and outreach of 2-1-1.

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