

Providers of Services for Low-Income Nantucket Residents

Updated May, 2011

Courtesy of the **Community Foundation for Nantucket**

We make it easy to care for Nantucket

www.cfnan.org

in cooperation with the

Nantucket Healthy Community Collaborative

The Nantucket Healthy Community Collaborative includes representation from a wide range of community stakeholders who are committed to addressing Nantucket's Human Service needs. The goal of the NHCC is to continually improve community resources which enable the people of Nantucket to live more healthy lives.

24 hours a day / 7 days a week

FREE ★ Confidential ★ Multilingual/TTY

Mass 2-1-1 helps you find free information on:

- ★ Food
- ★ Shelter
- ★ Rent assistance
- ★ Utility bill assistance
- ★ After-school programs
- ★ Child care
- ★ Counseling
- ★ Senior services
- ★ Disaster relief
- ★ Much more!

Courtesy of the Community Foundation for Nantucket

We make it easy to care for Nantucket

www.cfnan.org

A Safe Place, Inc.

24 Amelia Drive, Nantucket, MA 02554
Kat Robinson Grieder, Executive Director
508-228-0561
info@asafeplacenantucket.org
www.asafeplacenantucket.org

A Safe Place offers the following programs: Domestic Violence Community Based Services, Sexual Assault Prevention & Survivor Services, Supervised Visitation, and Child Witness to Violence Services. Our services include: 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, safety planning, advocacy (court, legal, medical, police), and outreach/education for the community. Our Supervised Visitation Program provides a safe and comfortable place to exchange or visit with children as well as parenting support. Our Child Witness to Violence Program provides counseling for children who have witnessed or experienced violence in the home. Services are confidential and nearly all are free of charge. Interpreters available; GLBTQ welcome.

AHTF- Town of Nantucket Affordable Housing Trust Fund

c/o Planning Office, 2 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554
Susan Bennett Witte
508-228-7295
sbwitte@nantucket-ma.gov
www.nantucket-ma.gov (Departments/Panning/Housing)

Best resource for discovering the variety of affordable housing options and the most up to date information about affordable housing opportunities on Nantucket – sign up for The “A” List- (“A” for Affordable) –find out which programs you may be eligible for -go to www.tinyurl.com/ACKqualify

Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & the Islands

115 Enterprise Road, Hyannis, MA 02601
Estelle Fritzinger
508-771-1727 ext. 148
estellef@cacci.cc
www.cacci.cc

Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands, Inc. is committed to providing services to help empower and improve the lives of low-income residents of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties by providing resources and self-advocacy skills to attain and support self-sufficiency.

Community Network for Children/Nantucket Community School

10 Surfside Road, CPS Rm 2, Nantucket, MA 02554
Stacey Williams
508-228-7285 x 1576
williams@nps.k12.ma.us
www.nantucketcommunityschool.com

The Community Network for Children offers Early Childhood programs for families with children ages birth – 8. We offer registered playgroups, unstructured play time (drop-in play at the Early Childhood Center located

at NHS), parent support groups, family events, information regarding licensed home and center based preschool programs, A Welcome Baby program, Boot Camp for Dads(co-sponsored with NCH) & preschool programs for those not currently enrolled in a home/center based program. Our Outreach Coordinator is able to assist with translation for English as Second Language (ESL) families and provide support and referrals to island human service programs.

Department of Transitional Assistance (formerly Welfare)

Central Office – 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111

617-348-8500

www.ma.gov

The mission of the Department of Transitional Assistance is to assist low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs, increase their incomes, and improve their quality of life.

At DTA, we strive to provide individuals and families with food assistance, job assistance, and cash assistance. The Recipient Services Unit responds to applicant and client questions about benefit eligibility - 1-800-445-6604; TTY: 617-348-5599 or 1-888-448-7695.

Division of Employment and Training

To reach the DUA Unemployment Insurance TeleClaim Center:

Call the Teleclaim Center at 1-877-626-6800

if you are calling from the following area codes:

351, 413, 508, 774, and 978.

Call the TeleClaim Center at 617-626-6800

if you are calling from any other area code

The Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) administers the Unemployment Insurance program, providing temporary assistance to unemployed Massachusetts workers.

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc

144 Orange Street, Nantucket, MA 02554

Sheri Hunt

508-228-4647

sheri.hunt@escci.org

www.escci.org

Elder Services is a not-for-profit community based organization dedicated to serving older adults in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties. As a central source for information and services enabling elders to enhance their quality of life and maintain their independence, Elder Services programs include Information and Referral, Home Care Program, Senior Nutrition, Long Term Care Screening, Money Management and Senior Service Corps. Elder Services also awards Older American Act community grants to local nonprofits that provide needed services to elders.

Housing Nantucket

15 Teasdale Circle, PO Box 3149, Nantucket, MA 02584

Anne Kuszpa, Executive Director

508-228-4422

anne@housingnantucket.org

www.housingnantucket.org

Since 1996, Housing Nantucket has been creating affordable housing solutions for island residents. Rental properties in scattered sites around the island are eligible to those earning 50-100% of area median income (AMI) and range from studios to 4 BR homes. The Nantucket Housing Needs Covenant program offers home ownership opportunities to islanders earning below 150% of median income. Please visit the website or call for details.

Inky Santa's Toy Drive, Inc

P. O. Box 2595, Nantucket, MA 02584

Jessie M. Glidden

508-228-0771

Jessie@gliddenandglidden.com

Inky Santa's Toy Drive, Inc., provides assistance to families in need during the holidays. The boardmembers meet with applicants to confirm that the applicants are year-round residents whose children are also year-round residents, and to discuss each child's wish list for Christmas. The boardmembers then purchase toys and collect donations of toys from the community to fulfill each child's wish list as best they can. A wrapping day is held each year where members of the community donate their time to wrap the toys for the children.

Nantucket Cottage Hospital Social Services Department

57 Prospect Street, Nantucket, MA 02554

Peter MacKay, 508-825-8195

pmackay@partners.org

Nantucket Cottage Hospital's Social Service Department provides an average of 30 hours per week of a broad array of "community" social services in addition to their primary hospital responsibilities. Areas addressed include general financial assistance via insurance counseling, enrollment assistance in Public Health programs, debt and budget counseling, enrollment in MassHealth, State Insurances, (Commonwealth Care), Food Stamps and Medicare D Prescription plans. Other areas where assistance has been provided include accessing interpreter assistance, help with accessing medications, case management, crisis intervention, long term planning and pro active planning for gaps in service. This office also assists with helping patients get to off island medical appointments when eligible through various funds. All ages are served from infancy to geriatrics.

Nantucket Emergency Food Pantry

2 Madaket Road (Office) 20 Fair Street (Pantry)

Andrew Reis

508-228-7438

ackfoodpantry@comcast.net

www.nantucket.org/interfaith

Provides food on a temporary basis to persons with no or little income who cannot purchase food for themselves and their families, including persons with limited resources, the elderly, disabled, and those with other special circumstances. Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-6PM at 20 Fair Street, St. Paul's Church Annex.

Nantucket Family Planning

A program of Health Imperatives

20 Vesper Lane #3, Nantucket

Robin Rowland

508 228 9189

rowland@healthimperatives.org

www.healthimperatives.org

NFP promotes and ensures reproductive health care for individuals of all ages. We are committed to providing confidential, non-judgmental, affordable and accessible services. Services include gynecological exams, male reproductive exams, Pap smears, STD screening, birth control methods, pregnancy testing and options counseling, HIV testing and referrals for other health risks and concerns. Interpreter services available.

Nantucket Housing Authority

3 Manta Drive, Nantucket, MA 02554
Renee Ceely, Executive Director
508-228-0296
nhahouse@nantucket.net

NHA provides 44 units of rental housing for low income, some elderly, some disabled, under both state and federal subsidies. There is minimal vacancy rate/ turnover and there is a waiting list, so call or go by in person to get on the waiting list.

Nantucket Rental Assistance Program

2 Madaket Road, Nantucket, MA 02554
Janis Carreiro
508-901-1320
nrapoffice@comcast.net
www.nantucket.org/interfaith

Provides short term rental assistance to island residents who meet qualifications and have temporary financial difficulty and cannot pay their rent or need to move to affordable, safe, year round housing, primarily in the private sector.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

460 West Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601
Ray Yox
508-775-7020 ext. 2011
800-742-4107 ext. 2011
ryox@sccls.org

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (SCCLS) is a non-profit charitable corporation, which serves clients in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket and Plymouth Counties in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Attorney and paralegals represent clients with legal problems in our priority areas of special importance to the poor and elderly. SCCLS also provides some group representation, and community education. SCCLS' Benefits Unit helps clients obtain the government benefits to which they are entitled, including: TAFDC, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Emergency Assistance to the Elderly, Disabled and Children, Unemployment Compensation, Emergency Assistance, Fuel Assistance, and Veterans Services, by providing direct representation to clients before social services agencies and at administrative hearings. Food stamp advocacy is a priority to increase awareness of food stamp eligibility to low-income families.

Town of Nantucket Department of Human Services

Bathing Beach Rd, 508-325-7559
Pam Meriam, pmeriam@nantucket-ma.gov

Town of Nantucket Department of Human Services provides direct and indirect care in the realms of short term rehabilitative and long term care, senior day care, senior activities, access for disabled, assistance with

applications for food stamps and fuel assistance and referral to other island and off island agencies as appropriate/needed to provide services to Nantucket Residents. Alzheimer's Support group is available through this department. Town of Nantucket Contract Review Committee, Council for Human Services, Commission on Disability and Council on Aging are all included in the Department of Human Services.

Women, Infants & Children's Services (WIC)

A program of Health Initiatives

1019 Iyanough Road, Hyannis, MA 02601

Magolia Solorzano

508-771-7896

msolorzano@healthimperatives.org

www.healthimperatives.org

WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services such as breastfeeding support and referrals to other community organizations. It is free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify. We serve women (pregnant and up to 1 year postpartum), infants and children until age 5. Interpreter services available.