

**Directory  
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Services  
  
Citizens  
For  
Citizens, Inc.**

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***Our Motto: “We deliver more than promises”***

*Citizens for Citizens, Inc. (CFC) is the community action agency serving a sizable section of Southeastern Massachusetts including the Greater Fall River and Greater Taunton areas. CFC was established in 1965 and has continuously offered a broad range of programs and services to meet the needs of qualified individuals/families in our service area.*

*This Directory of Services, which we update annually, contains a comprehensive list of our services. Descriptions are given of our various programs, along with eligibility requirements, the application process and criteria for selection to each program, program location, telephone number, office hours and contact person is provided for each program/service.*

*The Directory is divided into two sections.*

*Section One for the **Fall River area** includes Fall River, Somerset, Westport, Freetown and Swansea. **Refer to these programs on pages 1 through 26.***

*Section Two for the **Taunton area** includes Taunton, Seekonk, Berkley, Dighton, Lakeville and Rehoboth. **Refer to pages 27 through 40.***

*Feel free to contact CFC if you need more information on our mission or if you need a service which we do not provide but we may be able to refer you to another area human service agency which provides the service (s) that would meet your needs.*

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*Program:* LIHEAP (Fuel Assistance)

*Director:* Elizabeth Berube

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA

TEL	(508) 679-0041	(508) 676-7397	Automated information
FAX	(508) 675-0245		in four languages
E-mail	Lcorreira@cfcinc.org		English, Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer

*Office Hours:* M-F 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 9:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* The program assists eligible households pay their heating bills during the Winter season or until benefits are exhausted. Clients receive various discounts such as telephone discounts, electric discounts, and gas and oil discounts.

*Eligibility:* Eligibility is based on annual gross household income, family size and annual heat consumption. Income guidelines used are established by the federal government.

*Documentation Needed:* Clients must document a minimum of “4” consecutive weeks of income or any number not to exceed the prior “52” weeks. Proof of residence is required for all new applicants. Social security numbers are required of all household members over 18 yrs. of age.

*Application Process:* Face to face interview with an intake worker for the initial application of assistance is required. In subsequent years, client is mailed a pre-printed application which the client verifies for accuracy of the information or updates incorrect information and returns the application to C.F.C.’s Fuel Office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Same as eligibility.

*Program:* Heater Repair Program (Heart WAP)

*Director:* Joe Silvia

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2157 Ext. 228 / 226  
FAX (508) 324-7522

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Program provides homeowners and some tenants with repairs and replacement of heaters. Program operates in the Greater Fall River, Greater Taunton and Greater New Bedford areas.\*

*Eligibility:* An applicant must be on Fuel Assistance at benefit levels A, B, C, D or T and be the homeowner. A tenant can receive minor service. The landlord must also be on Fuel Assistance for the tenant to receive major service.

*Documentation Needed:* Copy of certified fuel assistance application. If a boiler or furnace replacement is needed, proof of home ownership is required. Owner must sign an agreement allowing the heating system to be evaluated and where warranted, repairs or replacement to be conducted.

*Application Process:* One may apply through the Fuel Assistance program or directly through the Heater Repair Program office. A home visit may be necessary.

*Criteria for Selection:* Eligible households with a “No Heat” situation are given first priority. Elderly, handicapped, children under 6 are given additional priority.

*\*Note:* Under special arrangements CFC is offering services to eligible clients in the following communities:

Acushnet	Mattapoisett
Dartmouth	New Bedford
Fairhaven	Rochester
Marion	

Interested residents of the listed communities are encouraged to contact the above listed telephone number.

*Program:* Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

*Director:* Madeleine Cormier

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2157 Ext. 231, 232, 287  
FAX (508) 324-7522

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Provide insulation, air sealing and perform health and safety testing at no cost to homeowner or tenant. Program operates in the Greater Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton areas.

*Eligibility:* People who ARE ON THE FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Interested people should call the office to determine eligibility.

*Documentation Needed:* If an applicant is already in the Fuel Assistance program then a copy of the fuel application is needed. A Property Owner Agreement must be signed.

*Application Process:* One may apply directly through the Weatherization office.

*Criteria for Selection:* High priority clients are done first. It's a numbered system with elderly receiving 3 points, handicapped-2, children under seven-2, Native American-1, and high energy costs-2. The total number of points determines the order in which houses will be served.

Note: Greater Taunton residents seeking information or who wish to apply should contact the office in Fall River at the telephone number listed above.

*Program:* Appliance Management Program (AMPs)

*Director:* Madeleine Cormier

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2157 Ext. 231, 232, 287

FAX (508) 324-7522

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Provide energy efficient light bulbs; determine if you qualify for an energy efficient refrigerator to replace an existing high use refrigerator. Help you to understand which appliances are using the most energy.

*Eligibility:* Must be on the utility discount rate with either National Grid or N Star Electric and the electric bill must be in client's name. All fuel assistance clients are on this rate.

*Documentation Needed:* None, if on fuel assistance. Letter from utility stating client is on the discount rate if not on fuel assistance.

*Application Process:* Interested persons should call the Weatherization Office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Higher electric use customers are usually done first.

Eligible National Grid and N Star Electric customers are encouraged to contact the above listed telephone number.

*Program:* Family Planning

*Director:* Lynda Sampson

*Address and Telephone:* 337 Hanover Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 679-0198 and (508) 673-2400

FAX (508) 324-7508

*Office Hours:* Mon 9:00 – 5:30, Tues. 9:00 – 4:30. Wed. 9:00 – 4:30, Thurs. 9:00 – 5:30,  
Fri. 9:00 – 4:30

*Brief Program Description:* Comprehensive Family Planning services include: Comprehensive gynecological exams, birth control counseling and supplies, client education about HIV/AIDS prevention, screening for breast, pelvic, and cervical cancer, testing and treatment for most sexually transmitted infections, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing, nondirective counseling and referral for pregnancy, infertility, substance abuse, and other health conditions. Services have been expanded to include health assessment, sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment for men.

Family Planning services include community education/outreach programs for school, religious, and parent groups, human services, and other organizations. These programs cover such topics as: sexuality, teen pregnancy prevention, family communication about sexuality issues, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS.

*Eligibility:* Reproductive health services are open to anyone. Sliding fee scale. No one is refused because of fees.

*Documentation Needed:* None required.

*Application Process:* 1<sup>st</sup> available appointment is given.

*Criteria for Selection:* None

*Program:* Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program Fall River

*Director:* Lee LeBlanc Corrigan

*Address and Telephone:* 337 Hanover Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 679-0198 and (508) 673-2400

FAX (508) 324-7508

*Office Hours:* Monday – Friday 9:00 – 4:30

#### Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program in Fall River / Making Proud Choices

The Making Proud Choices (MPC) curriculum is an educational curriculum designed for middle school youth age's 11-14 in urban areas. CFC Family Planning has adapted it for use in the Fall River Public Schools. The program is designed to provide adolescents with the tools they need to reduce their risk of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, and pregnancy. Youth are provided with comprehensive and up-to-date information regarding their reproductive health. Emphasis is also placed on goal setting, communication, including refusal and negotiation skills, as well as the decision making process. Various instructional media tools are used to meet the varied learning styles of the participants. Activities include video clips, interactive games, role-plays, skill-building exercises, and small group discussion.

*Program:* Foster Grandparent Program

*Director:* James Souza

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041

FAX (508) 324-7503

*Office Hours:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* The Foster Grandparent Program serves children throughout Fall River and Taunton who have special needs and at the same time provides low income, elderly with the opportunity to work with these children and improve their income.

*Eligibility:* Must be age 55 or older and meet income guidelines.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income.

*Application Process:* Interested parties must apply at the Fall River office or the Taunton office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Those who meet income guidelines will be considered first.

*Program:* Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

*Director:* William D. Leary

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041 x 220  
FAX (508) 324-7503

E-Mail: [bleary@cfcinc.org](mailto:bleary@cfcinc.org)

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* RSVP allows approximately 300 to 400 seniors over the age of 55 to be placed in worthwhile activities in public and private non-profit agencies throughout our service area. On a day to day basis senior volunteers continue to address the needs of their community.

*Eligibility:* Must be age 55 or older.

*Documentation Needed:* None

*Application Process:* Interested parties must come to the Fall River office and fill out an application. We then match the skills and interest of the volunteer against a list of community needs and assign the volunteer to where he or she is needed the most.

*Criteria for Selection:* Anyone 55 years of age or older may apply.

- \* All Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage to and from volunteer site (.22/mile) and some sites provide meals.
- \* All Volunteers are covered by supplemental Accident & Liability Insurance.
- \* An Annual Recognition Day Brunch is held every June at the Venus DeMilo Restaurant to honor all Volunteers.

*Program:* Senior Aide Program

*Director:* James Souza

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin St.  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041

FAX (508) 324-7503

*Office Hours:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Senior employment is a training program for elders to be placed back into the work force. Seniors in Bristol County, Norfolk County and Plymouth County are served by this program

*Eligibility:* Must be age 55 or older and meet income guidelines.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income.

*Application Process:* Interested parties should contact the Fall River office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Those who meet income guidelines will be considered first.

*Program:* After School Day Care

*Director:* Eloise Carrier

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2154 Ext. 221  
FAX (508) 324-7525

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* After School Day Care is a center-based program geared for school-aged children in the Fall River area. The purpose of this program is to provide a safe and informal educational environment for the children while the parents are working, attending school, enrolled in a job training program, or participating in a program offered by the Department of Early Education and Care. The center hours are made flexible enough to coordinate with the parents' daily activities. While school is in session the center is open from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., during school year vacation weeks, the hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Summer hours are 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Eligibility:* The main criteria is the sliding fee scale which corresponds the family size to the gross monthly income. The child must be school age (K-13 years) and reside in the Greater Fall River area. Vouchers are also accepted.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income, service need documentation, birth certificates, proof of residency, Social Security cards and parent/guardian photo ID.

*Application Process:* Registration is provided by appointment with the program director.

*Criteria for Selection:* Income eligibility and availability of space are considered. A waiting list is maintained and it is regulated by the Department of Early Education and Care.

*Program:* Extended Day

*Program Coordinator:* Michelle Castro-Almeida

*Address and Telephone:* Spencer Borden School Site  
1400 President Ave.  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 324-7530

Central Office: 427 Robeson St.  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2154  
FAX (508) 324-7525

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Extended Day is a year-round school-based program for children enrolled at the Spencer Borden School. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe and informal education environment for the children at the end of the school day. While school is in session the center is open from the end of the school day to 5:30 p.m. and during vacation weeks, the hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Eligibility:* All children enrolled at the Spencer Borden School are eligible. Rates are based upon a sliding fee scale using total family income. Subsidized slots are available through the voucher program and the Department of Early Education and Care.

*Documentation Needed:* Verification of enrollment at Spencer Borden by school official. Subsidized slots require an approved voucher or proof of income and service need birth certificates, proof of residency and Social Security cards.

*Application Process:* Registration is provided by appointment with the Program Coordinator.

*Criteria for Selection:* A wait list is maintained on a first come, first serve basis and children are selected as vacancies are available.

*Program:* Extended Day

*Program Director:* Diane Guay

*Address and Telephone:* Westport Elementary School Site  
380 Old County Road  
Westport, MA 02790

TEL (508) 636-3588

Central Office: 427 Robeson St.  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2154  
FAX (508) 324-7525

*Office Hours:* 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Extended Day is a year-round school-based program for children enrolled at the Westport Elementary School and fifth graders at the Westport Middle School. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe and informal educational environment for the children at the end of the school day. While school is in session the center is open from the end of the school day to 5:30 p.m. and during vacation weeks, the hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Eligibility:* All children enrolled at the Westport Elementary School are eligible. Rates are based upon a sliding fee scale using total family income. However, subsidized slots are available through the voucher program and contracts with the Department of Early Education and Care.

*Documentation Needed:* Verification of enrollment at Westport Elementary School by school official. Subsidized slots require an approved voucher or proof of income and service need, birth certificates, proof of residency and Social Security cards.

*Application Process:* Registration is provided by appointment with the site coordinator or program director.

*Criteria for Selection:* A wait list is maintained on a first come, first serve basis and children are selected as vacancies are available. The center has a two day minimum for enrollment.

*Program:* Extended Day

*Program Director:* Diane Guay

*Address and Telephone:* Greene School Site  
409 Cambridge Street  
Fall River, MA 02721

TEL (508) 324-7528

Central Office: 427 Robeson St.  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2154  
FAX (508) 324-7525

*Office Hours:* 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Extended Day is a year-round school-based program for children enrolled at the Greene Elementary School. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe and informal educational environment for the children at the end of the school day. While school is in session the center is open from the end of the school day to 5:30 p.m. and during vacation weeks, the hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Eligibility:* All children enrolled at the Greene Elementary School are eligible. Rates are based upon a sliding fee scale using total family income. However, subsidized slots are available through the voucher program and contracts with the Department of Early Education and Care.

*Documentation Needed:* Verification of enrollment at the Greene Elementary School by school official. Subsidized slots require an approved voucher or proof of income and service need, birth certificates, proof of residency and Social Security cards.

*Application Process:* Registration is provided by appointment with the site coordinator or program director.

*Criteria for Selection:* A wait list is maintained on a first come, first serve basis and children are selected as vacancies are available. The center has a two day minimum for enrollment.

*Program:* Family Child Care

*Director:* Linda Wheelock

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 324-7517

FAX (508) 324-7525

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Family Child Care is a home-based program geared for a mixed age group which includes infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. One of the important characteristics of family child care is the diversity and individuality of its providers. The purpose of this program is to provide a safe, informal, healthy, nurturing environment for young children while the parent/parents are working, attending school, seeking employment or participating in a program offered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and/or the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). Family child care allows a provider to care for a small group of children in the provider's own residence with daily routines and household materials allowing for experiences closer to children's own physical and mental development. Program hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Family Child Care providers participate in a USDA food program which allows them to feed the children a nutritious breakfast, snack, and lunch on a daily basis.

*Eligibility:* The program provides services for children between the ages of six weeks to seven years that reside in the Greater Fall River area. Eligibility is based on a sliding fee scale which corresponds with the family size to the gross monthly income. The income eligibility level table is used to identify whether a family's income meets EEC's eligibility criteria. The parent co-payment schedule is used to determine the parent's co-payment once family eligibility is determined. The program accepts vouchers.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income and documentation of the need for service.

*Application Process:* Registration is provided by appointment with the program director.

*Criteria for Selection:* Income eligibility and availability of space. A centralized waitlist is kept by EEC for eligible families.

*Program:* Head Start

*Director:* Neil Lynch

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2151  
FAX (508) 324-7501

E-Mail: [headstart@cfcinc.org](mailto:headstart@cfcinc.org)

*Office Hours:* 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Head Start is a free child development program which provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and social services to pre-school children ages 2.9 – 5 years of age from income eligible families. The overall goal of Head Start is to increase the child's effectiveness in dealing with everyday life and later responsibilities in school and life.

Because parents are the most important influence in their child's development, Head Start provides many opportunities for parents to become involved in the program, and to improve their own education and employment potential.

*Eligibility:* Children ages 3 to 5 from families who meet income requirements.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income.

*Application Process:* An appointment must be made with a Head Start family worker for an interview. The interview will discuss documentation of income, health concerns, developmental and social concerns, family history, etc.

*Criteria for Selection:* Age and income are considered first; availability of space is also a factor. At least 10% of those enrolled must be children with disabilities and up to 10% may come from families who are over income guidelines.

*Serving:* Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, Westport, Freetown, Dighton, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Berkley and Lakeville.

*Options:* Partial Day – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Full Day – 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Home Based – Instruction takes place in the home which is supplemented by the child attending a Head Start facility one day per week to promote socialization.

*Program:* Early Head Start

*Director:* Pamela Wildnauer

*Address and Telephone:* 571 Second Street  
Fall River, MA 02721

TEL (508) 678-2961  
FAX (508) 678-5294

E-Mail: [PWILDNAUER@cfcinc.org](mailto:PWILDNAUER@cfcinc.org)

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Early Head Start is a home-based program which provides services for low-income expectant couples and families with infants and toddlers. Early Head Start is a comprehensive, two-generation program which includes intensive services that begin before the child is born and concentrate on enhancing the child's development by supporting the family during the critical first three years of life. Call 508-678-2961 and ask for an intake appointment.

*Eligibility:* Infants and toddlers to age 3, and pregnant mothers.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income.

*Application Process:* An appointment must be made with the Early Head Start Program Clerk for an interview. The interview will discuss documentation of income, health concerns, developmental and social concerns, family history, etc.

*Criteria for Selection:* Age and income are considered first; availability of space is also a factor. At least 10% of those enrolled must be children with disabilities and up to 10% may come from families who are over income guidelines.

*Serving:* Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, Westport, Freetown, Dighton, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Berkley and Lakeville.

*Options:* Home base model, home visits during the week and one "Discovery Day" for socialization per week, for infants, toddlers and their parents.

*Program:* Maple Tree Child Care Program

*Director:* Pamela Wildnauer

*Address and Telephone:* 881 Maple Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 324-7520 ext. 204 E-Mail: [PWILDNAUER@cfcinc.org](mailto:PWILDNAUER@cfcinc.org)  
FAX (508) 324-7501

*Office Hours:* 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* The Maple Tree Child Care Program provides high-quality care for young children through nurturing staff who follow developmentally appropriate practices. Call 508-675-2151 ext. 205 and ask for an intake appointment.

*Eligibility:* Infants 6 weeks to Preschoolers age 5.

*Documentation Needed:* Child's immunization record and proof of a physical exam.

*Application Process:* An appointment must be made with the Head Teacher for registration.

*Criteria for Selection:* Age of child is considered first; availability of space is also a factor. Parents may pay the private rate for tuition or obtain a child care voucher for financial assistance.

*Program:* Senior Cyber Café

*Director:* Shellie Castro

*Address and Telephone:* 111 Durfee Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 679-0041  
FAX (508) 324-7503

E-Mail: [scaastro@cfcinc.org](mailto:scaastro@cfcinc.org)

*Office Hours:*

Monday & Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* The Senior Cyber Café offers seniors a friendly atmosphere to learn basic computer use, including introduction to the Internet and email. It is a ten-week, forty-hour course.

*Eligibility:* Must be age fifty-five years of age or older.

*Application Process:* Interested seniors should contact Shellie Castro at (508) 679-0041.

*Program:* FEMA

*Director:* Barbara Travis

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041

FAX (508) 675-0245

*Office Hours:* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. by appointment

*Brief Program Description:* Emergency aid for rent and utilities. Provides a one time payment for utility or fuel. Partial assistance with 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent or back rent as needed to prevent homelessness.

*Eligibility:* Client must be in the process of moving into or being evicted from there current living environment.

*Documentation Needed:* Varies with type of assistance needed.

*Application Process:* Application is taken at the office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Must be moving into or in the process of being evicted from current living situation.

*Program:* Food Pantry

*Director:* Barbara Travis & Chrystal Arpa

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041

FAX (508) 675-0245

*Office Hours:* Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Those in need can receive food once every 30 days as long as food is available.

Continued operation of the Food Pantry is contingent upon the availability of food supplied to us from various sources.

*Program:* Operation Christmas

*Director:* Barbara Travis

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041

FAX (508) 675-0245

*Office Hours:* 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Operation Christmas distributes toys to parents of children from birth to 12 years of age to be given as gifts at Christmas.

*Eligibility:* Custodial parents of children may apply.

*Documentation Needed:* Medical cards or social security number.

*Application Process:* Applicant may apply by filling out an application at the Griffin Street office.

*Program:* Information and Referral

*Director:* Barbara Travis & Chrystal Arpa

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041

FAX (508) 675-0245

*Office Hours:* 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Information and referral is assistance given to clients in need of services. Clients are directed to appropriate programs or agencies for services.

*Eligibility:* None

*Documentation Needed:* None

*Application Process:* No formal process. Interested persons can call Director or go to the Griffin Street address.

*Criteria for Selection:* Open to anyone in need of information.

*Program:* On-Line Food Stamp Application Program

*Director:* Paul Desmarais

*Address and Telephone No.:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724  
508-679-0041

*Office Hours:* M-F 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* The purpose of this program is to improve access to Food Stamp benefits for low income households who are otherwise seeking services at CFC. Applications are completed and transmitted to the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance by CFC personnel who also assist applicants with the necessary follow-up.

*Eligibility:* Eligibility is based on such factors as monthly income, household size, age of applicants, housing costs, and available assets. The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance makes the final decision on eligibility in accordance with their guidelines.

*Documentation Needed:* applicants must produce proof of income for the previous four weeks, current bank statements, receipts for child care, utility bills, medical bills, and rent or mortgage statements.

*Application Process:* Applications are prepared and transmitted during a face to face interview with a CFC case worker. Supporting documents are faxed.

*Criteria for Selection:* These are determined by the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance.

*Service Area:* The program currently services the Greater Fall River area.

*Program:* Volunteer Tax Return Preparation Program

*Director:* Paul Desmarais

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724  
(508) 679-0041

*Office Hours:* M-F 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for administration/scheduling appointments  
Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 – 12:00  
Weekday appointments are available upon request.

*Brief Program Description:* Through this program, income tax returns are prepared and electronically filed for lower income households by trained volunteers free of charge. This enables more families to benefit from earned income tax credits and child tax credits. This program is administered by CFC personnel who also provide financial literacy information to our clients.

*Eligibility:* This program is geared toward households with income of less than \$50,000 (\$25,000 if single).

*Documentation Needed:* Social security cards, photo identification, dates of birth, proof of taxable income such as W-2 forms, and relevant expense records must be provided at the time that the returns are prepared.

*Application Process:* Intake forms provided by the IRS are completed prior to the tax returns being prepared.

*Criteria for Eligibility:* Same as eligibility.

*Seasonal Operation:* The program operates from mid-January through mid-April.

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*Program:* LIHEAP (Fuel Assistance)

*Director:* Elizabeth Berube

*Address and Telephone:* 1 Taunton Green\*  
Taunton, MA 02780

TEL	(508) 823-6346	(508) 676-7397	Automated Information
FAX	(508) 821-9254		in four languages
			English, Spanish,
			Portuguese, Khmer

*Office Hours:* M-F 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Evening or Saturday appointments available upon request.

*Brief Program Description:* The program assists eligible households pay their heating bills during the winter season or until benefits are exhausted. Clients receive various discounts such as telephone discounts, electric discounts, and gas and oil discounts.

*Eligibility:* Eligibility is based on annual gross household income, family size and annual heating consumption. Income guidelines used are established by the federal government.

*Documentation Needed:* Clients must document a minimum of “4” consecutive weeks of income or any number not to exceed the prior “52” weeks. Proof of residence is required for all new applicants. Social security numbers are required of all household members over 18 yrs. of age.

*Application Process:* Face to face interview with an intake worker for the initial application of assistance is required. In subsequent years, client is mailed a pre-printed application which the client verifies for accuracy of the information or updates incorrect information and returns the application to C.F.C.’s Fuel Office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Same as eligibility.

*\*Although the main LIHEAP office is in Fall River, applications are taken at the Taunton office and Greater Taunton residents are eligible for assistance.*

*Program:* Heater Repair Program (Heart WAP)

*Director:* Joe Silvia

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2157 Ext. 235 / 251  
FAX (508) 324-7522

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Program provides homeowners and some tenants with repairs and replacement of heaters. Program operates in the Greater Fall River, Greater Taunton and Greater New Bedford areas.\*

*Eligibility:* An applicant must be on Fuel Assistance at benefit levels A, B, C, D or T and be the homeowner. A tenant can receive minor services. The landlord must also be on Fuel Assistance for tenant to receive major services.

*Documentation Needed:* Copy of certified fuel assistance application. If a boiler or furnace replacement is needed, proof of home ownership is required. Owner must sign an agreement allowing the heating system to be evaluated and where warranted, repairs or replacement to be conducted

*Application Process:* One may apply through the Fuel Assistance program or directly through the Heater Repair Program office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Eligible households with a “NO Heat” situation are given first priority. Elderly, handicapped, children under 6 are given additional priority.

Note: Greater Taunton residents seeking information or who wish to apply should contact the office in Fall River at the telephone number listed above.

*Program:* Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

*Director:* Madeleine Cormier

*Address and Telephone:* 427 Robeson Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 675-2157 Ext. 231, 232, 287

FAX (508) 324-7522

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Provide insulation, air sealing and perform health and safety testing at no cost to homeowner or tenant. Program operates in the Greater Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton areas.

*Eligibility:* People who ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
Interested people should call the office to determine eligibility.

*Documentation Needed:* If an applicant is already in the Fuel Assistance program then a copy of the fuel application is needed. A Property Owner Agreement must be signed.

*Application Process:* One may apply directly through the Weatherization office.

*Criteria for Selection:* High priority clients are done first. It's a numbered system with elderly receiving 3 points, handicapped-2, children under seven-2, Native American-1, and high energy costs-2. The total number of points determines the order in which houses will be served.

Note: Greater Taunton residents seeking information or who wish to apply should contact the office in Fall River at the telephone number listed above.

*Program:* Family Planning

*Director:* Lynda Sampson

*Address and Telephone:* 1 Taunton Green  
Taunton, MA 02780  
School Street Entrance

TEL (508) 823-6924

FAX (508) 821-9254

*Office Hours:* Mon. 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tues. 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Wed. 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every other Tuesday  
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(Closed Thursday)

*Brief Program Description:* Comprehensive Family Planning services include: comprehensive gynecological exams, birth control counseling and supplies, client education about HIV/AIDS prevention, screening for breast, pelvic, and cervical cancer, testing and treatment for most sexually transmitted infections, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing, nondirective counseling and referral for pregnancy, infertility, substance abuse, and other health conditions. Services have been expanded to include health assessment and sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment for men.

Family Planning services include community education/outreach programs for school, religious, and parent groups, human services, and other organizations. These programs cover such topics as: sexuality, teen pregnancy prevention, family communication about sexuality issues, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS.

*Eligibility:* Reproductive health services are open to anyone. Sliding fee scale. No one refused because of inability to pay.

*Documentation Needed:* None required.

*Application Process:* 1<sup>st</sup> available appointment is given.

*Criteria for Selection:* None

*Program:* Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program Taunton

*Director:* Lee LeBlanc Corrigan

*Address and Telephone:* 337 Hanover Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 679-0198 and (508) 673-2400

FAX (508) 324-7508

*Office Hours:* Monday – Friday 9:00 – 4:30

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program in Taunton / Focus on Kids

(FOK) is a science-based curriculum designed for high school teens. It has been proven to reduce the risk of HIV infection among urban youth. FOK is designed to provide youth with both the knowledge and the skills they need to protect themselves from becoming infected with HIV. The program emphasizes communication and negotiation skills, goal setting, and decision-making. CFC Family Planning implements this program in Taunton High School running four groups per year. The program is funded through the Department of Public Health.

*Program:* Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

*Director:* Karen Swass

*Address and Telephone:*

Full time offices:	1 Taunton Green Taunton, MA 02780	95 Pine Street Attleboro, MA 02703
	TEL (508) 823-6346	TEL (508) 226-4543
	FAX (508) 821-9254	FAX (508) 285-3879

Part time offices:

Norton Senior Center 55 West Main St.	Rehoboth Town Hall Nurse's Office Peck Street
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Mansfield Town Hall  
6 Park Row 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

*Office Hours:* Taunton- Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tues 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
2 Saturdays per month 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Attleboro-Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tues. 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Norton – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month  
Rehoboth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Mansfield – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

*Brief Program Description:* WIC is a special nutrition and health care program for Women, Infants, and Children. WIC provides dietary assessment and counseling, nutrition education, food checks, immunizations, assessment, voter registration, farmer's market coupons, breastfeeding peer counselors, breastfeeding promotion and support, and health and human service referrals.

*Eligibility:* Must be pregnant, postpartum, an infant or child up to age 5; must meet income guidelines; must live in Massachusetts. TAFDC, MassHealth or Food Stamp participation makes WIC eligibility automatic.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income, proof of birth date, and proof of residency.

*Application Process:* Applications are taken via telephone. Appointment is made for a consultation. At the consultation, medical information is gathered, along with documentation of income, residency, and date of birth. Once certified, food checks are issued.

*Criteria for Selection:* Must meet eligibility criteria. There is no waiting list at this time.

*Program:* Foster Grandparent Program

*Director:* James Souza

*Address and Telephone:* 1 Taunton Green  
Taunton, MA 02780

TEL (508) 823-6346

FAX (508) 821-9254

*Office Hours:* 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* The Foster Grandparent Program serves children throughout Fall River and Taunton who have special needs and at the same time provides low income, elderly with the opportunity to work with these children and supplement their income.

*Eligibility:* Must be age 55 or older and meet income guidelines.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income.

*Application Process:* An applicant must come to the Taunton office and fill out an application.

*Criteria for Selection:* Those who meet income guidelines will be considered first.

*\*Although our main office is located in Fall River, Greater Taunton residents are welcome to join the program.*

*Program:* Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

*Director:* William D. Leary

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street\*  
Fall River, MA 02724

Literacy Coordinator

Joanne Green  
1 Taunton Green  
Taunton, MA 02780

TEL (508) 679-0041 x 220 TEL  
FAX (508) 324-7503

(508) 823-6346  
FAX (508) 821-9254  
E-Mail: [bleary@cfcinc.org](mailto:bleary@cfcinc.org)

*Office Hours:* 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* RSVP allows approximately 300 to 400 seniors over the age of 55 to be placed in worthwhile activities in public and private non-profit agencies throughout our service area.

*Eligibility:* Must be age 55 or older.

*Documentation Needed:* None

*Application Process:* Interested parties must come to the Taunton office and fill out an application. The Taunton office is located at 1 Taunton Green, Taunton, MA. The skills and interests of the volunteers are matched up to meet a community need.

*Criteria for Selection:* Anyone 55 years of age or older may apply.

*\*Although our main office is located in Fall River, Greater Taunton residents are welcome to join the program.*

- \* All volunteers are reimbursed for mileage to and from volunteer sites (.22/mile) and some sites provide meals.
- \* All volunteers are covered by supplemental Accident and Liability Insurance.
- \* An Annual Recognition Day Brunch is held every June at the Venus DeMilo Restaurant to honor all volunteers.

*Program:* Senior Aide Program

*Director:* James Souza

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin St.  
Fall River, MA 02724

TEL (508) 679-0041

FAX (508) 324-7503

*Office Hours:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Senior employment is a training program for elders to be placed back into the work force. Seniors in Bristol County, Norfolk County and Plymouth County are served by this program.

*Eligibility:* Must be age 55 or older and meet income guidelines.

*Documentation Needed:* Proof of income.

*Application Process:* Interested parties should contact the Fall River office.

*Criteria for Selection:* Those who meet income guidelines will be considered first.

*Program:* FEMA

*Director:* Debbie Araujo

*Address and Telephone:* 1 Taunton Green  
Taunton, MA 02780

TEL (508) 823-6346

FAX (508) 823-6348

*Office Hours:* 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Emergency aid for food and utilities. Provide one time voucher for food or payment for utility or heating oil when all other sources are exhausted.

*Eligibility:* Must have no food, no heating oil, no money, or be in a shut off situation.

*Documentation Needed:* Varies with type of assistance needed.

*Application Process:* Application is taken at the office, need to have an appointment.

*Criteria for Selection:* Must be in an emergency situation.

*Program:* Operation Christmas

*Director:* Debbie Araujo

*Address and Telephone:* 1 Taunton Green  
Taunton, MA 02780

TEL (508) 823-6346

FAX (508) 823-6348

*Office Hours:* 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Operation Christmas distributes toys and clothing to parents of children age 12 and under to be given as gifts at Christmas.

*Eligibility:* Children must be 12 or under and document a need.

*Documentation Needed:* Signed and returned application. Applications available November 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Application Process:* Must have application signed by School Dept., Dept. of Transitional Assistance, D.S.S., or an appropriate human service agency to document a need.

*Criteria for Selection:* Children 12 and under.

*Program:* Information and Referral

*Director:* Debbie Araujo

*Address and Telephone:* 1 Taunton Green  
Taunton, MA 02780

TEL (508) 823-6346

FAX (508) 823-6348

*Office Hours:* 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* Information and referral is assistance given to clients in need of services. Clients are directed to appropriate programs or agencies for services.

*Eligibility:* None

*Documentation Needed:* None

*Application Process:* Application taken over telephone.

*Criteria for Selection:* Open to anyone in need of information.

*Program:* On-Line Food Stamp Application Program

*Director:* Paul Desmarais

*Address and Telephone:* 264 Griffin Street  
Fall River, MA 02724  
508-679-0041

*Office Hours:* M-F 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Brief Program Description:* The purpose of this program is to improve access to Food Stamp benefits for low income households who are otherwise seeking services at CFC. Applications are completed and transmitted to the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance by CFC personnel who also assist applicants with the necessary follow-up.

*Eligibility:* Eligibility is based on such factors as monthly income, household size, and age of applicants, housing costs, and available assets. The Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance makes the final decision on eligibility in accordance with their guidelines.

*Documentation Needed:* Applicants must produce proof of income for the previous four weeks, current bank statements, receipts for child care, utility bills, medical bills, and rent or mortgage statements.

*Application Process:* Applications are prepared and transmitted during a face to face interview with a CFC case worker. Supporting documents are faxed.

*Criteria for Selection:* These are determined by the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance.

*Service Area:* The program currently services the Greater Fall River area. We are pleased that we have expanded this program into the Greater Taunton area.