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ELDERLY SERVICES

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MASONICARE



MORE THAN A PLACE TO LIVE. A CONTINUUM BUILT AROUND THE WHOLE PERSON.

130+ years of caring for Connecticut seniors and their families

Not-for-profit. Mission-driven. Community-focused.

2,500+ employees united by a common purpose

9 communities across Connecticut

Independent living | Assisted living | Memory care | Skilled nursing | Home health | Hospice and more

ONE Organization . ONE Mission . A LIFETIME of Care

OUR PHILOSOPHY OF CARE



CARE SHOULD ADAPT TO THE PERSON. NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

CHOICE—Supporting independence and personal preferences

CONNECTION—Building relationships that create belonging and purpose

WHOLE-PERSON WELLNESS—Supporting physical, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing

SEAMLESS SUPPORT—Being there when needs change, without losing the familiarity and relationships that matter

THE GOAL isn't simply to add years to life. It's to add life to the years.

THE MASONICARE CONTINUUM



ONE CONTINUUM. MANY WAYS TO CARE.

INDEPENDENT LIVING—Live independently. Stay connected. Thrive

ASSISTED LIVING —The right support to make everyday life easier.

MEMORY CARE —Specialized support for individuals living with dementia.

SKILLED NURSING & REHABILITATION —Expert clinical care, recovery, and rehabilitation.

HOME HEALTH | HOSPICE | HOMEMAKER COMPANION —Care that comes to you, wherever home may be.

AND THE JOURNEY ISN'T ALWAYS LINEAR.

That's the power of an integrated continuum: we're not just caring for people at a point in their lives. We're walking alongside them through it.

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CT Department of Housing



<https://portal.ct.gov/>

Programs that Support the Needs of the Aging Population

Elderly Congregate Housing - The state financed Congregate Housing for the Elderly Program is a publicly subsidized congregate housing program for low-income elders age 62+ who have temporary or periodic difficulties with one or more essential activities of daily living. Services include housekeeping, emergency call systems in each room, 24-hour security, and community meals. Typically, residents have private living quarters and dine communally in a central dining area. For a list of funded projects - <https://portal.ct.gov/doh/-/media/doh/assisted-living-demonstration-listing.xls?rev=a554137a8450455f9f41cbab51d229a4>.

Renters' Rebate - State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room or living in cooperative housing, or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Application period is annually from 4/1 to 9/30.

Elderly Rental Assistance Program - In 2026 State legislature allocated 250 RAP certificates for individuals Age 62+. Priority is being given to individuals experiencing literal homelessness.

CT Fair Housing Center offers Office Hours. This is a free legal advice program for people 60+ who are in need of fair housing, tenant rights advice or foreclosure advice. This program is specifically for the individual(s) experiencing fair housing, tenant or foreclosure issues. To request an appointment - [Senior Legal Resources \(Office Hours\)](#).

Resources to Find Housing

[CT Housing Choice Voucher Program \(cthcvp.org\)](http://cthcvp.org)

To sign-up for email alerts on when housing authorities/section 8 waitlists become available, please use this website.

CT Housing Search - www.cthousingsearch.org.

A search engine for private and state-funded available properties and waitlists.

Housing Search Sites

<https://www.affordablehousing.com/ct/section8-owners/>

<https://www.apartmentfinder.com/Connecticut>

CT Blue Book - [HUD-Associated Rental Housing in Connecticut | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](https://www.hud.gov/udat/ct). Use this link to request a copy of the book. To check availability and apply, you'll need to contact each management company.

A list of federal **Public Housing Authorities** in Connecticut and a link to their websites is available at [PHA Contact Report by State and City](#). You can view information on each PHA website about the specific public housing or voucher programs they offer and whether their housing wait lists are open.

Apartment Sharing / Roommates

<https://spareroom.com>

<https://www.roommates.com>

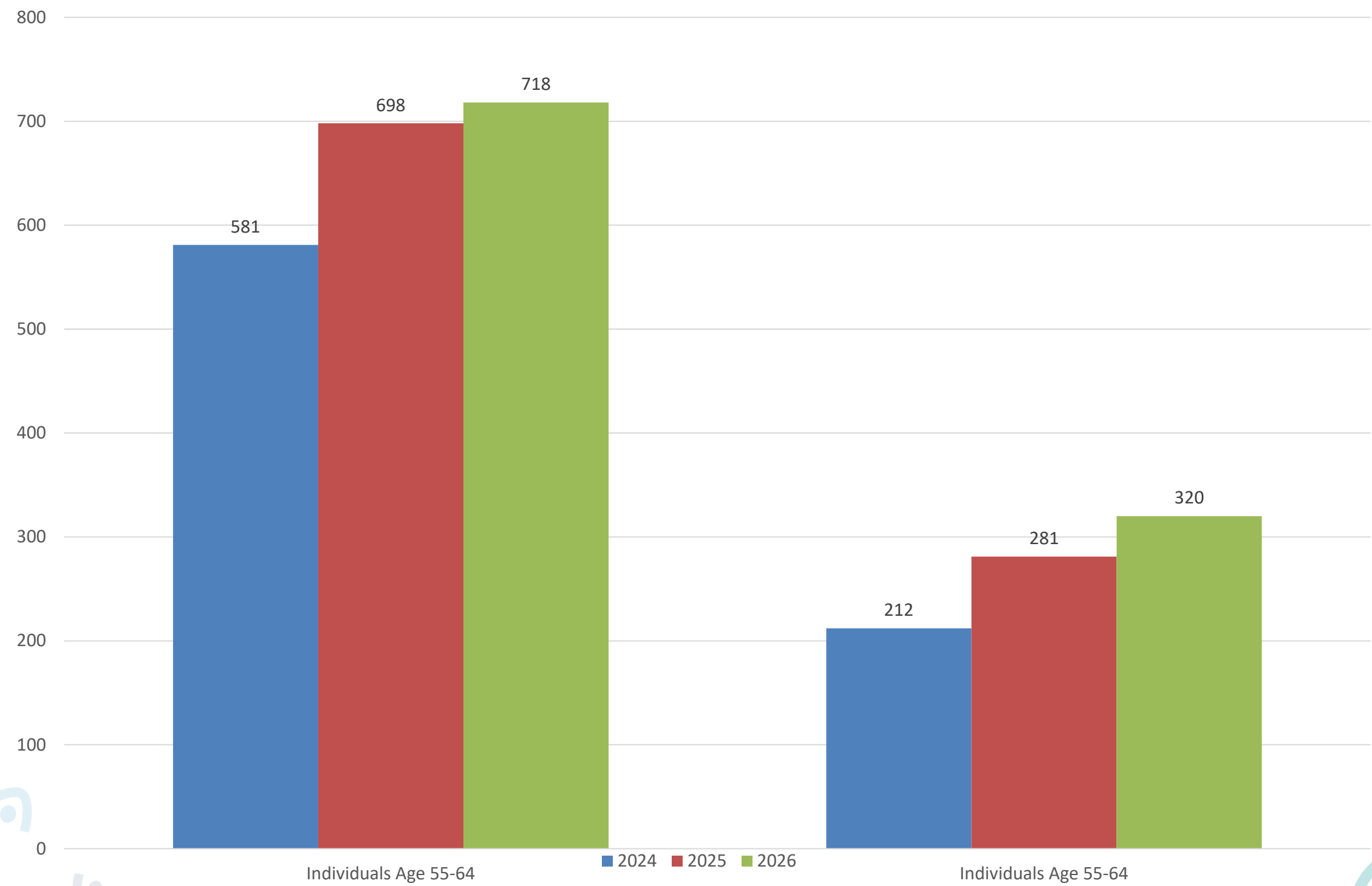
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<https://hotpads.com>

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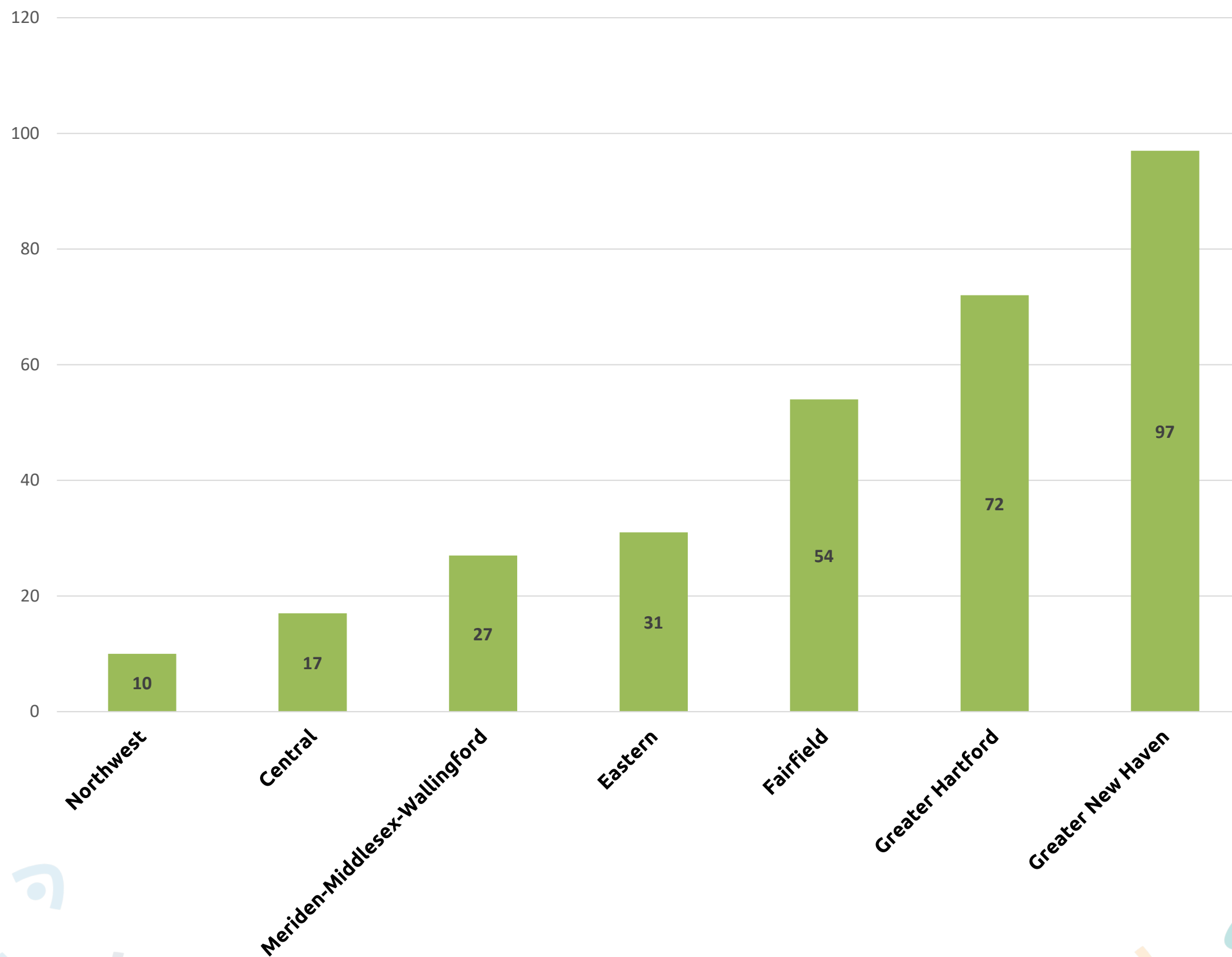
Annual Point -In-Time Count

A snapshot of individuals experiencing homelessness on one day at the end of January each other. These figures represent the number of individuals who were either in emergency shelter, place not meant for habitation, or transitional housing.



Elders in Emergency Shelter

This chart reflects, by region, the number of individuals staying in emergency shelter as of May 2026.



Connecticut Homeless System: Measuring Success



Fewer First Time Homeless

The most significant predictor of future homelessness is past homelessness. Prevention efforts including diversion from homelessness will make homelessness a less common occurrence.

Shorter Homeless Episodes

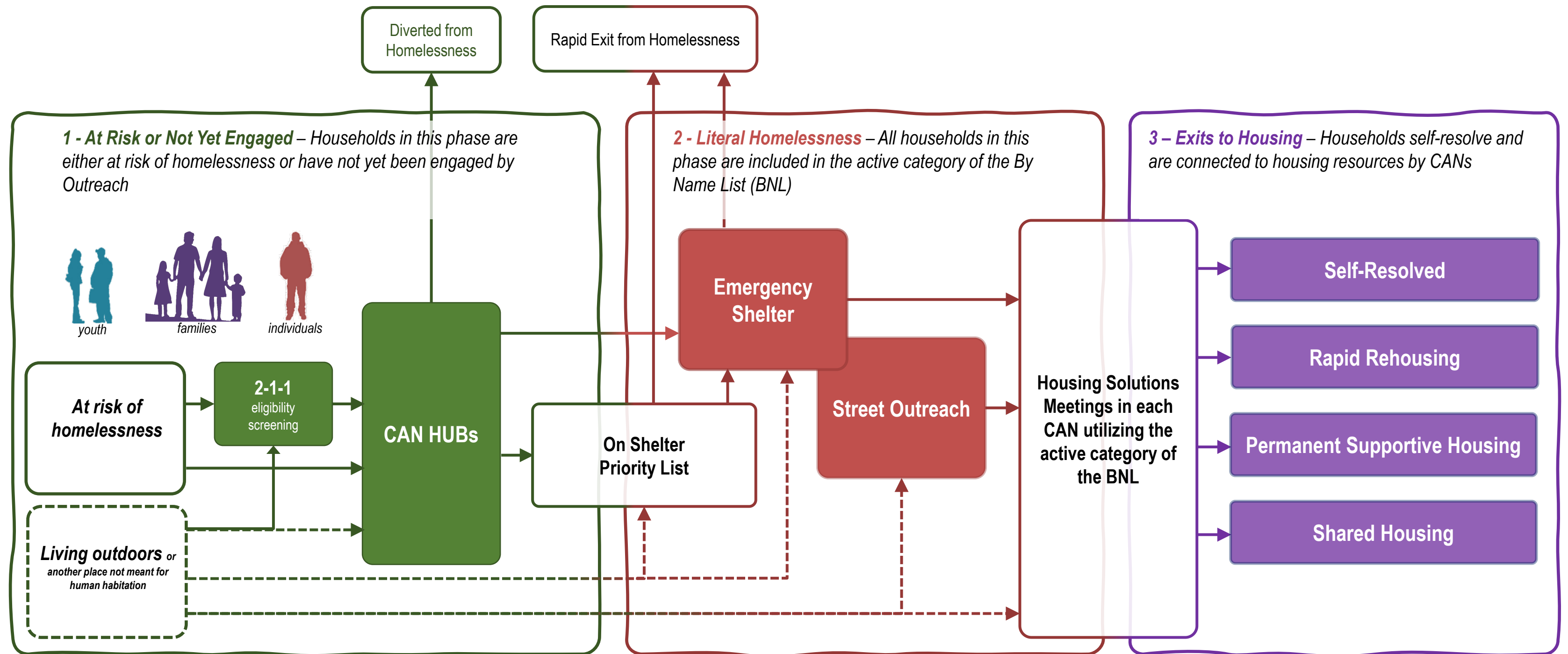
When we cannot prevent an episode of homelessness, we hope to at least make it as short as possible. The average number of days from the start of homelessness to the beginning of housing should be as low as possible.

Minimizing Returns

It can be a challenge to maintain housing stability after an episode of homelessness. Our system is successful when we can support people with maintaining their housing rather than re-enter the homelessness response system.

CT's Coordinated Access Network Overview

A high-level diagram of the coordinated access process from points of entry to points of exit



Partners and Roles



Oversee the Homeless Service System from Intake to Exit including Coordinated Entry. Development of affordable housing.



Coordination and consultation with the Senior Outreach & Engagement Program and Nursing Home Diversion & Transition Program.

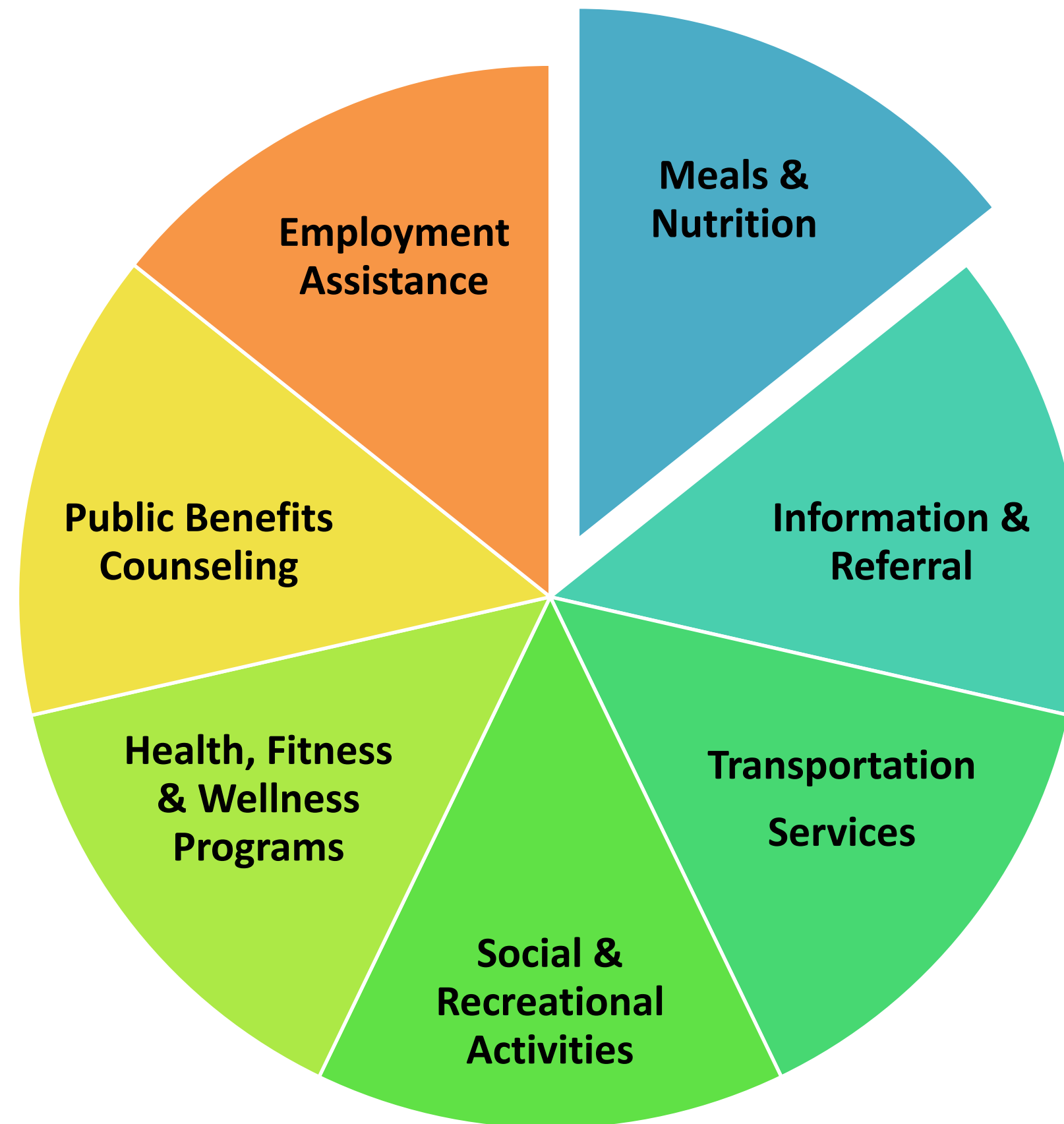


Coordination of care with the Protective Services for the Elderly (PSE) unit for programs such as Home Care Program for Elders & Money Follows the Person.



Provide financial resources for Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Coordinated Entry and Emergency Shelter. Work directly with local public housing authorities.

Linkage to Programs & Services at Your Local Senior/Community Center



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The important role of the **Municipal Agent for Aging** can generally be found at your local senior center.

- Every municipality is required by **State mandate** to identify a Municipal Agent for their community.
- This **appointed role** may be filled by an employee or qualified volunteer.
- Municipal Agents are knowledgeable about local, State and Federal Resources and programs, and **can assist older adults and/or their families.**
- **HOMEWORK:** Find out who your Municipal Agent is in your Town and how best to contact them.



Linkage to Programs & Services at Your Local Senior/Community Center

Due to a multitude of factors, including funding sources and differing resources, **there is a saying among senior centers**

If you've seen one senior center,
then you've seen ONE!

Because they can vary widely from town to town, it's **important to explore the resources** that your community offers for seniors.

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Oakley Home Access

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WHO WE ARE

A Connecticut team focused on aging and disability home modifications.

We pair remodeling expertise with OT and PT perspectives to address the daily barriers people and caregivers face.



A preferred place becomes more livable when its design supports the person

The person's goals shape the plan

Our process connects functional needs with practical changes

1 LISTEN

Ask what the person wants to keep doing and what feels difficult or unsafe.

2 ASSESS

Walk the routes and routines: entry, stairs, bathing, transfers, and caregiver tasks.

3 PLAN TOGETHER

Review choices with the person, family, and care team.
Define scope, cost, and timing.

4 IMPLEMENT

Install the chosen solution and make sure it works for daily use.



Self-determination starts with listening, then showing workable options

Access supports everyday choice

Solutions can fit homes and other residential care settings

ENTRIES AND MOVEMENT

Ramps, stairlifts, and handrails make essential routes more usable.

BATHING AND TRANSFERS

Low-threshold showers, grab bars, seating, and adaptive equipment support safer routines.



Dignity and equitable access depend on clear choices, early planning, and help finding resources.

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