**Our mission**

Maximizing opportunities for the independence and well-being of people with disabilities and older adults in Connecticut.

**What we do**

The **Department of Aging and Disability Services** provides a wide range of services to individuals with disabilities and older adults who need assistance in maintaining or achieving their full potential for self-direction, self-reliance and independent living.

**Employment Services**

* Services to support employers
* Job skills development
* Job search assistance
* On-the-job training
* Employment counseling
* Ongoing employment support
* Benefits counseling
* Entrepreneurial food service opportunities at government locations for individuals who are blind
* Interview and resume skills

**Education Services**

* Support for college and career skills training programs
* Braille instruction
* Educational best practices for students who are blind or have low vision

**Independent Living Services**

* School-to-work transition services (pre-employment)
* Services to infants and pre-school children who are blind or visually impaired and their families
* Community inclusion services for individuals who are deafblind
* Daily living aids and instruction
* Independent travel training
* Vehicle and home modifications
* Elderly Nutrition Services, including congregate and home-delivered meals
* Social Security Disability application processing and eligibility determination
* Fall prevention
* Programs to improve self-management of chronic health conditions
* Driver training for individuals with disabilities

**Accessibility Services**

* Assistive technology services
* Deaf and Hard of Hearing counseling services
* Sign Language Interpreter Registry
* Telecommunications Relay Services Grant

**Advocacy Services**

* Residents’ Rights in long-term care settings
* Health insurance counseling
* Disability rights advocacy
* LGBT advocacy for older adults and long-term care residents
* Medicare fraud prevention
* Elder rights advocacy

**Department of Aging and Disability Services**

*For general information:*

[*www.portal.ct.gov/aginganddisability*](http://www.portal.ct.gov/aginganddisability)

*(860) 424-5055*

*For Social Security Application information:*

[*www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability*](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability)

*(800) 772-1213*

*For services to older adults:*

*(860) 424-5274*

*For Long-Term Care Ombudsman services:*

*(860) 424-5200*

*For services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired:*

*(860) 602-4000*

*For services to individuals with a disability other than blindness:*

*(860) 424-4844*