

Making Homelessness in Connecticut Rare, Brief and One Time

Eviction Prevention Partnership

What is the Eviction Prevention Partnership?

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The Eviction Prevention Partnership (EPP) will assist low-income households that are facing eviction and are at the highest risk of becoming literally homeless without targeted intervention. The EPP implements a proven eviction prevention model: coupling legal services with high-quality social work to address vulnerable renter's needs holistically. In combination, these interventions work to end the eviction process and stabilize housing for the long-term.

The Need

For highly vulnerable households, eviction leads to homelessness. Homelessness is a traumatic and expensive experience to individuals, families, communities and the state. **Evictions are increasing in Connecticut.** Legal Aid organizations are launching Right to Counsel, further increasing the number of tenants seeking representation for eviction. Many tenants have complex needs that would benefit from social services.

The Solution

The EPP combines services to address the risk factors of homelessness with legal services to stabilize tenancy. Partners will accept referrals and conduct outreach, prioritizing those who are most likely to enter the homeless system. Once enrolled, households will receive comprehensive individualized casework, legal services (through Right to Counsel), and financial assistance (UNITECT when applicable) to address their unique needs and the underlying causes of housing instability.

EPP requires an investment of \$2.5 million over two years to fund caseworkers and regional partnership coordination in five locations across the state.

Impact

Eviction and homelessness are expensive, and they are preventable. By implementing EPP, Connecticut can make homelessness rare, reduce the costs incurred to provide emergency shelters and other services associated with homelessness, and mitigate the disparate impact eviction has on black and brown communities.

Connecticut's Eviction Crisis

~32% increase in **eviction filings**
~45% increase in **eviction executions**

January 1, 2020- December 8, 2021
[CT Fair Housing](#)

Requests for:

- rental assistance **up 202%**
- housing and shelter **up 33%**
- landlord/tenant legal issues **up 82%**

January 1, 2019- December 31, 2021
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Who will be served?

The EPP will serve an estimated 100 households per year and will focus on five court districts across the state based on volume of eviction filings:

- Fairfield County (Stamford, Norwalk, Bridgeport, Danbury)
- Northwest (Waterbury/Litchfield)
- Greater New Haven & MMW (Middletown/Meriden/Wallingford)
- Greater Hartford & Central (New Britain, Bristol)
- Eastern (New London, Windham)