Our Mission
To create opportunities that empower under-resourced individuals, families & communities to achieve and sustain economic stability.

Nuestra Misión
Crear oportunidades que fortalezcan a individuos, familias y comunidades de insuficientes recursos para alcanzar y mantener estabilidad económica.

The Strategic Commitments
we make to achieve our Mission:
• Access to Food and Housing
• Access to Jobs and Self-Reliance
• Mobilize Stakeholders

The High Impact Strategies
we use to meet our Commitments:
• Focus on results
• Ensure a customer-friendly infrastructure
• Engage all sectors of the community to reduce local poverty

How you can help?
Your tax deductible donation will create changes that help people lift themselves and their families out of poverty. That is good for them and the whole community.

Send your donations to:
Access Community Action Agency
Attn: Community Engagement
1315 Main Street, Suite 2
Willimantic, CT 06226
(860) 450-7400

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Main Offices
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Emergency Shelter
51 Reynolds Street
Danielson, CT 06239
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Access to Food and Housing

Case Management/HSI:
The first stop for those seeking assistance. Customer needs are assessed and plans are developed for assistance with employment, DSS benefits, housing, transportation, referral, and information about other Access programs and other community providers. Individuals age 60 and over in Columbia may receive case management, information, assistance, outreach, and education services at Beckish Senior Center.
Danielson: (860) 412-1600
Willimantic: (860) 450-7400
Columbia (Seniors): (860) 228-0759

Emergency Shelter:
Emergency Food Pantry:
Emergency Shelter: The 50-bed Emergency Shelter is available to homeless families and individuals. Daily meals and all necessary personal items are supplied. Residents must participate in a house and job search as part of their action plan.
Danielson: (860) 774-4977

WIC:
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program provides nutritious, supplemental no-cost food, nutrition education, heath service referrals, and breast feeding support to eligible families. Vouchers are provided for specific WIC-approved foods that can be exchanged at participating markets and stores.
Willimantic: (860) 450-7405

Next Steps Supportive Housing:
Provide assistance to chronically homeless single adults in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing through case management education, vouchers and other support.
Danielson: (860) 774-4977 ext. 3505

Supportive Housing for Families:
Dedicated to family preservation and reunification, Access is contracted by The Connection, Inc. to provide Supportive Housing for Families (SHF) providing intensive home-based case management and subsidized housing to families who are in successful compliance with their DCF treatment plan.
Danielson: (860) 412-1600

Affordable Housing Programs:
Provides opportunities for residents in Windham and Tolland counties to have safe, affordable housing. Our programs include the rehabilitation of multi-family homes that are available for purchase, as well as funding to help current homeowners who are income eligible improve their properties.
Danielson: (860) 412-1600
Willimantic: (860) 450-7400

Senior Housing:
Access sponsored two HUD-funded, one-bedroom unit affordable housing complexes for seniors. Access Senior Housing of Willimantic (ASHoW) operates Willington Woods featuring 32 units and Access Senior Housing of Franklin (ASHoF) operates Elisha Brook featuring 27 units.
Willimantic: (860) 429-8777
Franklin: (860) 866-0367

Hawkins House Affordable Housing:
Safe and Affordable Housing for Low-Income Individuals with preference of Veterans and Young Adults.
Danielson: (860) 412-1600

Access to Jobs and Self-Reliance

Access to Employment:
Provides targeted trainings for the under and/or unemployed so they are prepared to fill specifically identified job openings in the region. Identifies gaps and barriers and collaborates with agencies, employers and funders to keep people successfully employed.
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Willimantic: (860) 450-7400

Energy Assistance:
Income eligible households at risk of going without heat during the winter may apply for Connecticut Energy Assistance or the Contingency Heating Assistance Program. Programs provide deliverable fuel and also replace inoperable heating systems or repair, clean, tune and test systems. Reduced energy burden, improved payment patterns, energy conservation, and improved self-sufficiency also available for qualified participants.
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Willimantic: (860) 450-7400

Crossroads:
This eight-bed residential, community-based, clustered apartment transitional living program in Norwich assists adolescent girls and boys transitioning to independent living as they leave DCF care.
Danielson: (860) 412-1600

Mobilize Stakeholders

Community Engagement:
Help Access and coordinate a fund drive, social media crowdfunding, partnerships, and grants.
Willimantic: (860) 450-7455