



## Available Services

### Have a Disability or Know Someone Who Does?

The Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with all types of disabilities. The center provides consumers with supports that empower them to explore choices and work toward their individual goals.

The Minority Outreach Program staffed by bilingual speakers reaches out to Hispanic persons with developmental, mental and physical disabilities and their families and helps them to address their unique needs. Direct services and programs, which are provided in a culturally appropriate manner, include:

- Benefits and Entitlements Advisement
- Mental Health Advocacy Program
- Students with Disabilities Transition Program
- Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- Client Assistance Program
- System Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Peer Advisor Advocacy Program

*The programs are free to persons with disabilities and their family members.*

The Westchester Independent Living Center is on the second floor of the White Plains Mall (the same building as the Department of Motor Vehicles.) For further information or to make an appointment and/or to

speak with a specialist, call Evelyn Fernandez or Dally Sanchez at (914) 682-3926.

### Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester (VNSW) - Home Health Care Services

Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester (VNSW) is a not-for-profit, Medicare-certified home health care agency serving local residents of all ages, their families and caregivers. VNSW provides skilled nursing care, physical, occupational and speech therapy, home health aide services, medical social work services and community health education programs, plus a number of comprehensive specialty programs in the following areas:

- Cardiac Disease
- Mental Health Home Care
- Pain Management/Palliative Care
- Wound and Ostomy Care
- Dysphagia Rehabilitation
- Tobacco Cessation

For more information about other programs and/or to make a referral, Please call (914) 682-1480, ext.621

### Helping Small Business

What do a bakery owner from Paraguay, a seamstress from Peru, and an architect from Mexico have in common?

They all have received a loan from or are participating in programs of the Westchester-based

Enterprise Fund based in Hawthorne. The Enterprise Fund, a division of Community Capital Resources, is Westchester County's preeminent microloan program for small and emerging businesses.

The Fund has several programs that provide access to capital and technical assistance for businesses and individuals that cannot initially access a commercial bank loan.

The Enterprise Fund loans up to \$5,000 for a start-up business and \$10,000 for an existing business. There is a \$25 loan application fee. In addition to providing loans the Enterprise Fund provides technical assistance to borrowers, helping with financial statements, cash flows and marketing ideas.

For information contact Melanie Stern at (914) 747-8020 ext.14

### Banking without the Bank

UniStar Federal Credit Union is a local financial institution with a big difference – it's owned by the people it serves.

UniStar offers a range of financial services, including consumer loans, savings and investment accounts, financial planning, Internet banking and 24-hour telephone banking and loans by phone. It is also open to businesses and other legal entities.

As a not-for-profit institution, UniStar returns its excess earnings to credit union members in the form of lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on



savings or new products and services. Member-ownership is open to people who live, work, worship or go to school in Central Westchester County.

Service is available in Spanish. For more information call: Henry Mora at (914)939-8292 in Port Chester; (914)631-1381 in Tarrytown, and (914)347-9508 in Greenburgh; or visit [www.unistarfcu.org](http://www.unistarfcu.org).



### Immigration/ Citizenship Services

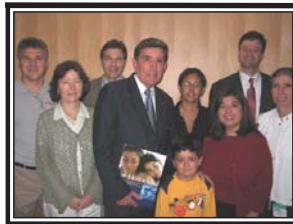
The Westchester Hispanic Coalition is a private not-for-profit human service agency dedicated to the economic and social development of the Latino Community. One of the agency's most important resources is its immigration legal services program staffed by attorneys and paralegals that provide a comprehensive array of services.

In addition, the agency has a FREE citizenship program for immigrants who want to become U.S. citizens.

Some of the services provided by the Coalition are:

- Full Service Immigration Legal Program
- Enrollment in Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus insurance programs
- Housing Resource Retention Program
- Wage Recovery
- Employment Sites for Day Laborers
- Information, Employment and Housing Referrals
- ESL and Bilingual Vocational Training Programs

The coalition has offices in White Plains, Port Chester, Sleepy Hollow and Mount Kisco. For more information and/or questions call (914) 948-8466.



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wants you to know these services are available to you **FREE!**



- Assistance for victims of domestic violence (914) 995-6581
- Anti-drug and anti-alcohol literature and programs (914) 995-2476
- Bilingual transit and recycling guides plus consumer information (914) 995-2476
- Housing eviction prevention and immigration services (914) 995-2476
- Job training counseling and placement services (914) 995-3910
- Half-fare bus discount program for seniors (914) 813-6393
- Lunch programs for seniors (914) 813-6393
- Confidential and anonymous HIV testing as well as counseling (914) 813-5000
- Eligibility screening for low- or no-cost health insurance programs (914) 813-5000
- Free or low cost screening available to eligible clients for colorectal, breast and cervical cancer (914) 813-5000
- Immunization for eligible children to prevent childhood diseases (914) 813-5000
- Rabies vaccines for pets (914) 813-5000
- Supplemental food and nutrition education for eligible pregnant women, infants and children up to age of 5 (914) 813-5000
- And so much more!

For more information on these or other services, call our Hispanic liaison Martha Lopez at the Office for Hispanic Affairs (914) 995-2476 or at [mal6@westchestergov.com](mailto:mal6@westchestergov.com)



### Come to the Summer Movies

Come see a movie under the stars this summer!

Once again, Westchester County will offer two family films in a free outdoor film series called "Screenings Under the Stars." Offered in conjunction with the Jacob Burns Film Center, this year's films will be *Madagascar* on Thursday, July 13 and *Big* on Thursday, August 3 at the Kensico Dam

Plaza in Valhalla.

The events are for the whole family and residents are encouraged to bring blankets, folding chairs and a picnic. Each night, before the movie begins, children and adults can participate in games, contests and raffles.

For seasonal information, log on to [westchestergov.com/parks](http://westchestergov.com/parks) or [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org) or call 914-864-PARK.