NUTRITION & HEALTH PROGRAMS

Supplemental foods and nutrition education

WIC 603.719.4234
Commodity Supplemental Foods (for seniors 60+)
Emergency Food Assistance
  Cheshire County 603.719.4243
  Sullivan County 603.719.4310
USDA Childcare Food Program 603.719.4192
Summer Food Program 603.719.4240

SULLIVAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes and Volunteer Driver Program

Bus Service 603.542.9609
TTY Relay 711

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Career guidance, skills development, and work experience for income-eligible participants

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
  Cheshire County 603.358.5813
  Sullivan County 603.543.2113

Southwestern Community Services

A Community Action Agency Serving Cheshire and Sullivan Counties

CHESHIRE COUNTY
PO Box 603
63 Community Way
Keene, New Hampshire 03431
Phone: 603.352.7512
Fax: 603.352.3618
Open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday-Friday

SULLIVAN COUNTY
PO Box 1338
96-102 Main Street
Claremont, New Hampshire 03743
Phone: 603.542.9528
Fax: 603.542.3140
Open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday-Friday
Toll Free: 800.529.0005
or
Visit us on the web at www.scshelps.org

Directory of Agency Programs

A comprehensive listing of SCS programs and contact telephone numbers

Southwestern Community Services
People helping people in Cheshire and Sullivan Counties

https://www.facebook.com/scshelps
Southwestern Community Services, one of New Hampshire’s five community action agencies, has served the needs of Cheshire and Sullivan County citizens since 1965. SCS is a tax-exempt non-profit organization whose vision is to create and support a climate where poverty is never accepted as a chronic or permanent condition of any person’s life.

SCS works to maintain awareness of the needs of the people in our communities. We provide a comprehensive range of services and advocacy programs—from housing to nutrition to education and more. Our programs are designed to have a measurable impact on poverty by covering the needs of children, families, and the elderly.

Some SCS programs must follow eligibility guidelines as stated on our program applications or during appointments. Not all eligibility and guidelines are the same: they vary from program to program. If you are interested in any of our programs, please call the phone number listed in this directory, or call the main number for the Keene or Claremont office.

SCS has a definite impact on the economy of the communities served in both counties. To learn more about the economic impact on your specific town, we invite you to review a copy of the SCS Economic Impact Report, which may be found on the SCS website.

Please visit us online at www.scshelps.org where you will find general information regarding our agency and our programs, answers to specific questions, and printable applications.

SCS strives to empower low-income people and families. With dignity and respect, SCS will provide direct assistance, reduce stressors, and advocate for such persons and families as they lift themselves toward self-sufficiency.

SCS is a partner of the Monadnock United Way.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

| Housing units for both families and seniors
| **Resident Services** | 603.719.4295 |
| **Senior Housing** | 603.719.4288 |
| **Workforce/Family Housing** | 603.719.4288 |

**EDUCATION & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

| A free, income-based early childhood program
| **Head Start** | 603.719.4161 |
| Head Start Centers are located in Ashuelot, Claremont, Jaffrey, Keene, Newport, and Swanzey |

**ENERGY PROGRAMS**

| Financial assistance for heating and utility expenses
| **Fuel Assistance**
| Cheshire County | 603.352.7512 |
| Sullivan County | 603.542.9528 |
| **Utility Sponsored**
| Core Residential Conservation | 603.719.4291 |
| Electric Assistance
| Cheshire County | 603.352.7512 |
| Sullivan County | 603.542.9528 |
| Neighbor Helping Neighbor | 603.719.4120 |
| Weatherization Assistance | 603.719.4291 |

**HOUSING STABILIZATION SERVICES**

Programs that provide direct and immediate care for people experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

**Emergency Hotline** | 211 |

**Emergency Homeless Shelters**

| Cheshire County | 603.313.7238 |
| Sullivan County | 603.542.3160 |

**Financial Literacy, Life Skills, and Tenancy 101 Workshops** | 603.719.4226 |

**Homeless Outreach/Intervention** | 603.313.9845 |

**Homeless Permanent Housing** | 603.719.4296 |

**Homeless Prevention/Intervention** | 603.719.4226 |

**Housing Security Guarantee Program** | 603.719.4281 |

**NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP)** | 603.719.4281 |

**NEW HOPE NEW HORIZONS**

A program for adults with developmental disabilities

| Community Participation Services | 719.4266 |
| Employment Services | 719.4266 |
| Community Outreach | 719.4266 |