Nutrition & Health Programs

Supplemental foods and nutrition education

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

Sullivan County Transportation

Bus routes and Volunteer Driver Program

Bus Service	603.542.9609
TTY Relay	711

Southwestern Community Services

SCS
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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
27 Pleasant 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

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

United Way

Directory of Agency Programs

A comprehensive listing of SCS programs and contact telephone numbers

SCS Southwestern Community Services

People helping people in Cheshire and Sullivan Counties

About SCS

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.

Mission Statement

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.

Affordable Housing

Housing units for both families and seniors

Resident Services	603.719.4240
Senior Housing	603.719.4288
Workforce/Family Housing	603.719.4288

Education & Child Development

A free, income-based early childhood program

Head Start	603.719.4160

Head Start Centers are located in 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	603.719.4159
Electric Assistance	
Cheshire County	603.352.7512
Sullivan County	603.542.9528
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	603.352.7512
Weatherization Assistance	603.719.4159

Housing Stabilization Services

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

NH Emergency Hotline	**211**
Outside New Hampshire call	1.866.444.4211
Homeless Outreach	603.477.6126

New Hope New Horizons

A program for adults with developmental disabilities

Community Participation Services	603.719.4266
Employment Services	603.719.4266
Community Outreach	603.719.4266