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## **TEAM to Participate in Statewide Social Services Block Grant Case Management Program**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) recently awarded the Connecticut Association for Community Action, Inc. (CAFCA) a statewide contract to manage the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Case Management program. CAFCA subcontracted with its network of Community Action Agencies including, TEAM, Inc. to ensure that qualifying individuals and families have access to SSBG case management services throughout the state.

TEAM has SSBG Family Support Specialist in place to offer services depending on customer need. These services include counseling, crisis intervention, ongoing assessments, goal planning, life-skills training, monitoring and encouraging client progress, assistance with obtaining housing, transportation assistance, job readiness training, education, and employment assistance, income management and daily living skills training, and referrals to additional community support services including treatment or other services.

The SSBG case management services are available for vulnerable individuals and/or families, with special emphasis on those who are less able than others to care for themselves, and include those who are:

- Economically disadvantaged;
- Physically, mentally or developmentally disabled;
- Abused or neglected;
- In need of drug or alcohol services;
- In need of mental health support services;
- In need of supportive services to remain in the community;
- And in need of shelter.



To qualify for SSBG case management services, individuals must be deemed in need of services by Family Support staff, and make below \$17,820 per year.

Families must make below \$32,040 per year for a family of two (increasing \$8,280 per additional family member) and also have a child under the age of 18 living in the household.

For more information on the SSBG Case Management program, contact Amy LaChioma, Director of Family Support Services at [alachroma@teaminc.org](mailto:alachroma@teaminc.org) or 203.736.5420 ext. 246.



The Tingue Dam and fish bypass on the Naugatuck River in downtown Seymour offered a photo opportunity on a beautiful summer afternoon. The entire project, completed in 2015, cost \$6.3 million.

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# In Focus: Veterans Memorial Building in Derby



**By Ralph Villers**

DERBY - When I moved to the Valley 30 years ago I was intrigued by the many historic buildings gracing the downtown areas.

Beautiful, old-world style churches, the Sterling Opera House in Derby, and the Ansonia Opera House immediately come to mind.



One of those edifices that caught my eye as a newcomer to the area is the Veterans Memorial Building on Seymour Avenue at the corner of Atwater Avenue.

In 1897, the stone structure was built to house a Unitarian Church.

In 1925 it was purchased by several veterans' organizations and three years later it became the Veterans Memorial Home.

In 2002 a memorial to the Military Order of the Purple Heart was dedicated on the grounds of the Memorial Building, facing Atwater Avenue. It was erected by the George Washington Chapter 1, founding chapter of the organization.

**Note:**

Information found in the *Tercentary Pictorial and History of the Lower Naugatuck Valley* compiled by Leo T. Molloy on the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Connecticut and published in 1935

Take a look at Valley history at:

<https://archive.org/details/tercentenarypict00moll>



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