



About Us

LeadingAge Connecticut is proud to represent senior housing providers.

Our Mission

LeadingAge Connecticut member organizations are dedicated to helping older adults maintain their independence, autonomy and choice of residential setting.

Senior Housing

Support of senior housing is a key step in a strong and healthy program of services and supports for older adults.

For additional information about senior housing services, please contact us at (860) 828-2903.

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Senior Housing In Connecticut

The term “senior housing” includes a wide array of residential options for older adults. Senior housing encompasses a variety of residential and social programming that may vary from location to location. In general, senior housing programs include smaller, more manageable living quarters, built-in opportunities for socializing, and access to needed services such as transportation or emergency-response care.

Both private and public funding streams support senior housing. Individuals’ privately paid rents may cover the full cost of housing and amenities; state or federal subsidies may support the construction and/or ongoing operations of senior housing; and there may be variations of these models that combine federal and state subsidies with private rents.

Following are brief descriptions of these broad categories of senior housing.

Market-Rate Senior Housing

Depending entirely on the ability of residents to buy or rent their own housing, this option encompasses many different models, with or without amenities. Market-rate senior housing is usually designed with some degree of planning for older occupants, possibly including handicap-accessibility and/or pay-as-you-go services.

State-Funded Congregate Housing

This description refers to apartments or cottages for which residents pay one monthly fee that covers rent, utilities, one or more congregate meals, housekeeping/chore services, 24-hour emergency response, and essential transportation. Personal care services are arranged between residents and private vendors. There are just 24 such programs in Connecticut. State funds were used to help construct these units, and operating subsidies enable them to provide housing for low-income elderly residents. Some state-funded congregate senior housing programs offer state-subsidized assisted living services as part of a pilot project.

Federally-Funded Senior Housing

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the agency involved in most federally-funded senior housing. HUD assists in funding privately owned and/or managed senior housing through mortgage insurance for developers or a federal mortgage interest subsidy. This assistance helps to keep rents affordable to low- or very-low income persons. These projects may also receive ongoing assistance including subsidies to keep rents affordable. Most fall under federal programs such as Section 202, Section 221(d)(3), Section 236, Section 231, Section 232 or Section 8 rental assistance. Over the years, HUD has offered a variety of programs to support various aspects of senior housing, including loans to help pay for renovations, grants and budgetary support for service coordinators, targeted assistance for financially troubled projects, and specific programs for rural housing.

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program

This program is an additional source of financing for development of affordable senior housing. Independent and assisted living communities, congregate senior housing projects, properties with Section 8 rental assistance or HUD/FHA mortgage insurance can qualify for tax credits. In each state, housing finance agencies are responsible for administering the tax credit program. Each state has a quota of tax credits that can be allocated during each year; prospective projects compete for the tax credits.

About LeadingAge Connecticut

Founded in 1961, LeadingAge Connecticut (formerly CANPFA) is a membership organization representing not-for-profit and mission driven nursing homes, residential care homes, senior housing, continuing care retirement communities, adult day centers, home care agencies and assisted living. LeadingAge Connecticut members are sponsored by religious, fraternal, community and governmental organizations that are committed to providing quality care and services to their residents and clients.

LeadingAge Connecticut promotes a vision of the world in which every community offers an integrated and coordinated continuum of high quality, affordable and innovative health care, housing, and home and community-based services; and in which self-determination, compassion, benevolence, individual dignity, diversity and social responsibility are valued.

LeadingAge Connecticut is the state partner of LeadingAge www.leadingage.org. Members of LeadingAge help millions of individuals and their families every day through mission-driven, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to providing the services that people need, when they need them, in the place they call home. LeadingAge's commitment is to create the future of aging services through quality people can trust.

LeadingAge Connecticut's Senior Housing Members

To find a LeadingAge Senior Housing Member, go to www.leadingagect.org

LeadingAge Quality First

***Quality First** is a philosophy of quality and a framework for earning the public's trust in our field. **Quality First** is the way in which LeadingAge Connecticut members accept responsibility for assuring that the people they serve receive quality care and services. **Quality First** makes providers directly accountable for excellence and distinguishes LeadingAge Connecticut members as not-for-profit aging-services providers.*



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