



Election 2008

Help Make the Voices of Your Clients, Consumers, Club House Members, and Residents Heard!

The next election will set the country’s course on **health care, jobs, housing and other key issues. Everyone’s vote counts!**

**Monday, September 29, 2008 – Friday, October 3, 2008
Connecticut’s National Homeless & Low Income Voter
Registration Week**

Join the CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH), National Alliance for Mental Illness – CT, Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition and the Reaching Home Campaign in participating in this national week. This week is in conjunction with the national efforts of the National Coalition for the Homeless, the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, and the National Low Income Housing Coalition

How can your organization get involved?

- Host a voter registration drive and promote voter education and participation. To participate, you can hold a voter registration event anytime during the week of September 29, 2008. And then make a plan to encourage all who registered to get out and vote in November!
- Contact Natalie Matthews, Director of Policy and Information, at 860-721-7876 or nmatthews@cceh.org to let us know when you are planning your event
- We will collect your completed voter registration forms on Monday, October 6, 2008

What is the goal?

Our goal is to register hundreds of homeless and low income individuals across the state to vote.

What resources are available?

- Go to www.ctreachinghome.org for voter registration forms and materials and more!
- Contact the Secretary of State’s Office at 1-800-540-3764 to invite an election officer to attend your event

Can individuals who are homeless register to vote?

Yes. They must identify the specific location considered to be home, the place where the individual returns regularly and has a present intention to remain.

Can convicted felons who have been incarcerated vote?

Yes, individuals, except those released on parole or convicted of election law violations, can restore their voting rights by completing a voter registration application and mailing it to the local Registrars of Voters or by appearing in person in the Registrars of Voters’ town hall office. Individuals convicted of a felony and sentenced to probation no longer lost their voting rights. For more information contact the CT Secretary of State’s Office at 1-800-540-3764

Questions? Contact: Natalie Matthews at nmatthews@cceh.org or 860-721-7876



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