



How your United Way donation makes a difference in **PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE**



United Way
of Southeastern Connecticut

GOAL:

Individuals improve their socioeconomic status.



1,017

individuals who received job training and/or accessed affordable housing, financial products, and services



781

households helped through our ALICE Relief Fund



Meet David. He has a severe anxiety disorder but was working full-time when his employer ordered him to work in close proximity to a customer who had tested positive for COVID-19. The situation triggered an anxiety attack and David had to leave work. David's employer fired him the next day. David applied for unemployment benefits but was denied. He went to Connecticut Legal Service (CLS) for help. His CLS attorney appealed the denial and represented him at the hearing. In addition to providing all of the necessary information to show that David was eligible for unemployment benefits, David's CLS attorney also called David's therapist who testified, that David's anxiety disorder was the reason David left work. There was no intentional misconduct on David's part. The appeals officer agreed and found David eligible for the state unemployment benefits as well as supplemental COVID-19 unemployment benefits. David is now able to support himself and his son.

Highlights of our work for PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE:

- More than \$450,000 invested
- 3,218 service encounters provided through our Partner Programs such as career education, employment preparation training, and job development
 - 88.5% of individuals served gained employment
 - 60.1% of individuals served increased their wages
 - 99.6% of individuals increased their disposable income by accessing benefits and/or decreased costs

Programs funded in Promoting Independence through Allocations are: **Arc New London County, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Legal Services, Madonna Place, Martin House, OIC, Safe Futures, Thames River Community Service, and United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern CT**

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NEW CAPACITIES

- New CapaCITIES is a collective impact initiative convened and funded by United Way.
- The goal is that in ten years, the number of financially stable households in Norwich will increase to 66%.
- Began with a request from the City of Norwich that United Way take the lead on an opportunity to promote economic growth.
- The plan now in place is the culmination of a year of training, learning, meetings, one-on-one discussions, and community conversations with input from more than 450 people all committed to seeing Norwich thrive.

Read more about it at uwsect.org/newcapacities.