

# Norwich Fact Sheet

**Rural Community**  
**Population: 36,117**  
**County: New London**

**White: 83%**  
**African-American: 7%**  
**Latino: 6%**

Norwich is located in southeastern Connecticut, close to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos and not far from New London's defense industry. Despite this proximity to employment, Norwich is classified as an economically distressed area, mainly due to the low-wage service jobs created by the casinos, the higher education levels required at Pfizer Pharmaceutical and the downsizing of Electric Boat and other blue collar defense jobs.

## Special Needs Population

Total # special needs children 0-18 receiving services	Ages 0-3 <sup>1</sup>	Ages 3-5 <sup>2</sup>	Ages 6-12 <sup>3</sup>	Prevalence Rate <sup>3</sup> (K-12 population)
844	108	N/A	736	13.9%

## County & Town-level Economic Indicators\*

New London County Median Household Income, 1997 <sup>4</sup>	New London County Children Below Poverty, 1997 <sup>4</sup>	Norwich Children 0-19 Participating in HUSKY A/Medicaid, 06/02 <sup>5</sup>
\$44,566	12.4%	3,169

## Community Groups

### **Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (Niantic), 860-739-3089**

The CT Parent Advocacy Center, Inc. (CPAC) is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers information and support to families of children with any disability or chronic illness, age birth through 21. The Center is committed to the idea that parents can be the most effective advocates for their children, given the confidence that knowledge and understanding of special education law and its procedures can bring. It is CPAC's mission to support families in their efforts on behalf of their children with disabilities.

### **Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut (North Franklin)**

DNEC'S four Core services are: Advocacy, Information & Referral, Independent skills training, and Peer Support.

### **Norwich Social Services, 860-823-3778**

### **Thames Valley Council for Community Action (Norwich), 860-889-1365**

*\*Current town-level data available only for Medicaid statistics.*

<sup>1</sup>Connecticut Birth to Three System Annual Report July 1999-September 2000.

<sup>2</sup>CT Dept. of Education, Early Childhood and Social Services Preschool Profiles, 1998-99, [www.state.ct.us/sde/early/profile.htm](http://www.state.ct.us/sde/early/profile.htm), [11/5/01].

<sup>3</sup>CT DOE Special Education Profiles, School Year Data 1999-00, [www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/ssp/ssp\\_frameset.htm](http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/der/datacentral/ssp/ssp_frameset.htm), [11/5/01].

<sup>4</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, State and County Quickfacts, [www.quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/09/09003.html](http://www.quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/09/09003.html), [10/24/01].

<sup>5</sup>Connecticut Children's Health Council, Husky Enrollment Numbers, [http://www.childrenshealthcouncil.org/outreach/data/TownA/dec01\\_enrollment.htm](http://www.childrenshealthcouncil.org/outreach/data/TownA/dec01_enrollment.htm), [12/04/01].

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