



The Consumer Home Repair Guide's

Benefits Counseling Program

What is the Benefits Counseling Program?

Volunteers help people age 60+ or persons with disabilities

- ❖ locate FREE and low cost benefits to:
 - ❖ Make home repairs
 - ❖ Promote energy efficiency
 - ❖ Find ways to save money

What do Benefits Counselors Do?

- ❖ Find an organization that can help you
- ❖ Work with you to fill out applications

Who Are Benefits Counselors?

They are people from your community who are trained to provide assistance. Some are affiliated with organizations like Councils on Aging. Home visits are possible.

How do I find a Benefits Counselor?

Contact Christine Baronas at

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This program serves Franklin County & the North Quabbin area.

Benefits Counseling training is sponsored by Franklin County Home Care Corporation with funding from the United Way of Franklin County. State, federal and private organizations participate as training partners. Volunteers are currently trained in helping people over age 60, or those with disabilities, apply for benefits from MassSave/CET, Pioneer Valley Planning Commissions, US Dept. of Agriculture, Community Action Fuel Assistance & Weatherization, Franklin Regional Housing & Redevelopment Authority and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

Training sessions for volunteers are ongoing. Interested volunteers should contact Christine Baronas at 413-773-5555 or 978-544-2259 or cbaronas@fchcc.org

