

BLUE HILLS NRZ NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE

Institutional Support

The University of Hartford

The University of Hartford is an independent, nonsectarian, coeducational liberal arts institution with a total enrollment of approximately 6,900 students, nearly 61% of whom are full-time undergraduate students. The University is located in three communities (Hartford, West Hartford and Bloomfield), with much of its 320 acre main campus located in the Blue Hills neighborhood. The University interacts with its neighbors through a number of programs, including:

- Center for Community Service – students, faculty, staff and alumni provide service to the communities and public services agencies in Hartford, Bloomfield and West Hartford through volunteer service or class room service – learning programs.
- University Park, Inc. – a Hartford based regional 501(c)3 organization of for-profit, non-profit and municipal government organizations working together to improve the business, services and cultural climate of the University’s “regional neighborhood”. Through community planning, organizational cooperation and targeted use of limited resources, University Park is working to make a difference in education, health and social needs, employment opportunities and economic stability, and preserving, strengthening and promoting community/neighborhood quality of life.
- The Summer Place – a camp offering enrichment courses and athletic activities for first through ninth graders. Activities are conducted on the University campus and at the neighboring Watkinson School.
- Educational Main Street – an educational partnership linking the University with five Hartford schools (including Fisher and Rawson elementary schools and Weaver High School, all in Blue Hills) for activities and programs designed to enhance school performance, prevent dropouts and prepare students to pursue post-secondary education.

The Village for Families & Children

The Village for Families & Children is a private, non-profit community service agency dedicated to reversing the increase in child abuse and family violence. The Village’s preventive and protective services include outpatient counseling services (including partnerships with schools, health service providers and juvenile justice centers), adoption and foster care placement, community-based programs (including Family Resource Centers in 10 Hartford schools), residential services, quality improvement and applied research.

The Connecticut Institute for the Blind/Oak Hill

CIB/Oak Hill provides community-based residential facilities, day services and education programs for people with severe multiple disabilities and blind adults. Supplemental services include respite services, summer and computer camps, the Ella Anderson Resource Room (information needs/services), awareness/support training, equipment adaptation services, the

Hartford Artisan's Center , the New England Assistive Technology (NEAT) Marketplace and the Blindness Related Supports Program to enhance daily living skills and create independent living opportunities.

Saint Francis Care/Mount Sinai Campus

The former Mount Sinai Hospital facilities on Blue Hills Avenue is now a satellite location for several Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center healthcare services including the Rehabilitation Center, the Burgdorf/Fleet Health Center (includes medical-surgical, women's, pediatric and adolescent health, psychiatric and dental services as well as offices providing Public Health services and programs available through the City) and dependency services provided by the Hartford-based Alcohol and Drug Recovery Centers (ADRC).