



Comprehensive Report

2024- 2025

Building Bridges, Empowering Communities

Haitian Hub Resource Center



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Haitian Hub Resource Center (HHRC) continues its role as a vital community anchor serving Haitian Immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers in Southeastern Connecticut. Since our official launch in 2024, we have taken an intergraded approach that combines direct service delivery, community outreach, strategic partnership, and cultural preservation. HHRC helps individuals and families overcome barriers to stability, self-sufficiency, and belonging.

HHRC provided over 364 documented services, without counting our ongoing ESL/Digital literacy classes, organized multiple community events, awarded scholarships to high school students, and strengthen collaborations that foster civic engagement, health access, and financial stability.

The following report detail service data, program overview, and community outreach initiatives that reflects HHRC's growing impact and commitment to breaking down the language and resource gaps that disenfranchises Haitian community members.



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OUR MISSION & VISION



Mission:

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in the New London Haitian community by providing comprehensive resources and support programs. We are committed to identifying and meeting the unique needs of individuals and families, offering a range of services, including education, immigration assistance, economic empowerment, and cultural preservation. Through strategic partnerships and community engagement, we aim to build resilient networks that foster self-reliance and empower each community member, creating lasting positive change.

Vision:

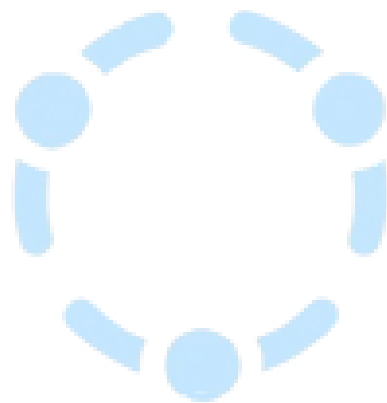
We envision a vibrant Haitian community where every member has access to a comprehensive range of resources, creating an environment that fosters growth, strength, and well-being.. Together, we aim to build a New London where Haitian communities are not only sustainable but also empowered to reach new heights through enhanced accessibility.





YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 225 reoccurring clients
- 8 Scholarships Awarded
- 364 unique services provided
- 500+ people reached



KEY PROGRAMS OVERVIEW



Immigration Assistance:

Provide application assistance and connect participants to additional legal support.

Economic Empowerment:

Career developments through workshops, resume building, financial education, and emergency assistance.

ESOL, Civic & Digital Literacy:

In partnership with New London Regional Adult Education, we offer ESL classes, Civics education & Digital literacy

Youth Empowerment:

Supporting the youth with tutoring resources, mentorship, and scholarships for higher education.

Community outreach:

Host community facing events that support children, families, and immigrants.

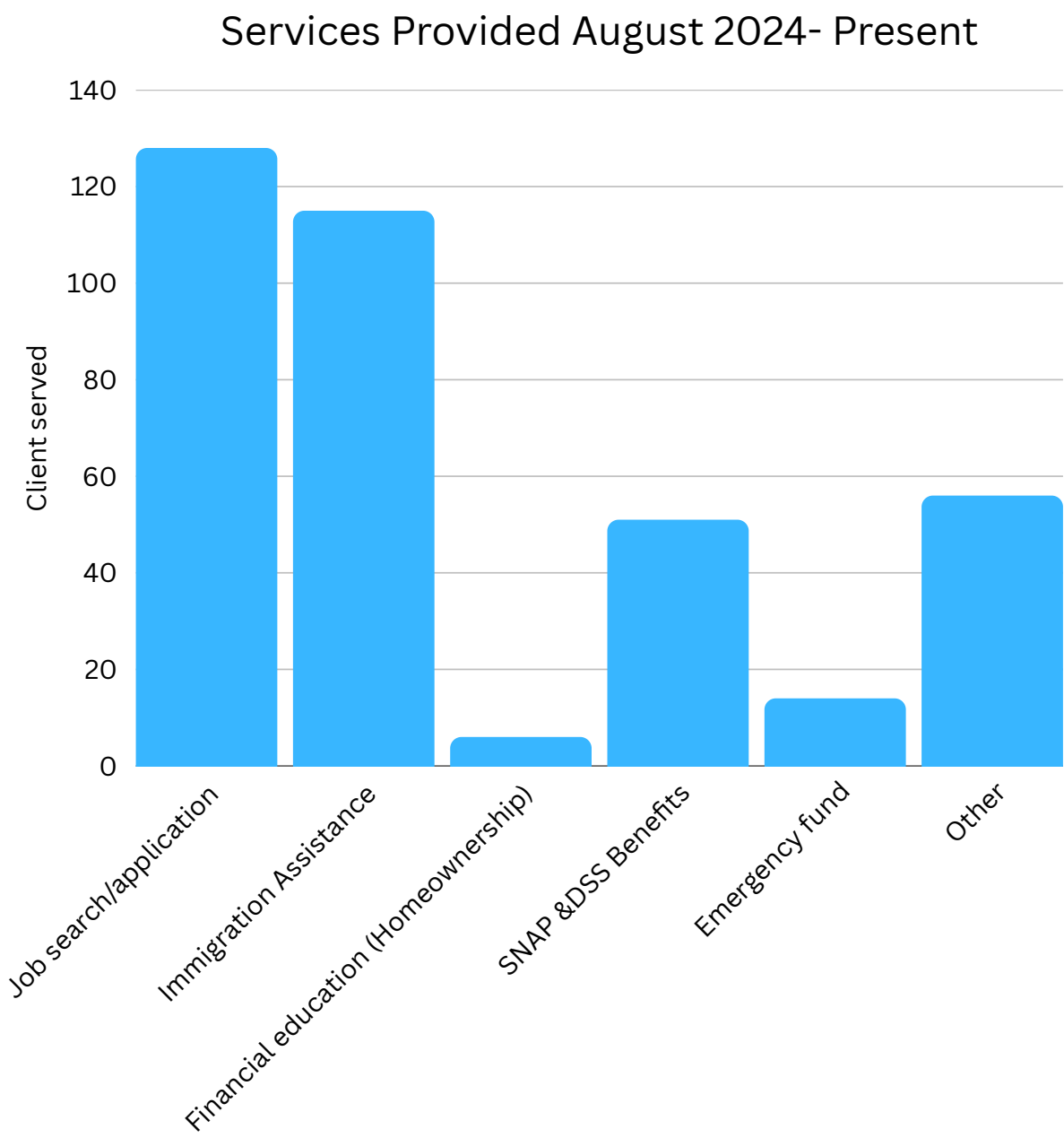
Referral Services:

Connecting participants with various local agencies to ensure equal access to resources.

DIRECT SERVICES OVERVIEW



Between August 2024 and the present, HHRC delivered a total of 364 individual services, helping residents navigate employment applications, immigration processes, and access to public benefits. Each service represents a personalized effort to meet individuals where they are—addressing both immediate crises and long-term empowerment needs.



IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE



HHRC remains a trusted provider of immigration services for Haitian nationals navigating complex legal processes, including TPS renewals, work authorization applications, and family reunification efforts. HHRC collaborates with the City of New London and other legal service providers to host immigration forums where all community members can come and ask questions regarding immigration.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



Employment and Workforce Development:

Employment support continues to represent the largest share of HHRC's work. Through job application assistance, resume workshops, and interview preparation, clients have been better positioned to access stable employment and overcome barriers to economic stability.

Public Benefits and Crisis Support:

HHRC provides critical support to clients facing food insecurity, housing instability, and financial hardship through SNAP applications, DSS navigation, and emergency fund assistance. We dedicated a portion of our overall budget to give to vulnerable community members. So far we have given over \$15 thousand!

Financial Literacy and Educational Empowerment:

The Hub delivers financial education, school enrollment assistance, and first-time homebuyer guidance to promote long-term self-sufficiency.



Homebuyer Information Session
3 PART SERIES ON HOMEOWNERSHIP
"START YOUR JOURNEY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP WITH CONFIDENCE"

Benefit:
✓ WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- The complete homebuying process—from preparation to closing
- The role and impact of credit in securing a mortgage
- How to qualify for and obtain the right mortgage for your needs
- Understanding credit scores and reports
- Building savings and assessing affordability
- Preparing financially for a home purchase
- Home inspections and appraisals
- Making an offer, navigating the process, and transitioning into homeownership

SPECIAL GUEST
MAVIS CHARLES-DURHAM
Shekinah Haitian SDA Church
60 Huntington St.
New London CT 06320
Part 1:
Saturday, October 18
Starts at 2:30PM



Sesyon Enfòmasyon pou Achte Kay
SERI 3 PATI SOU PWOPRIYETÈ KAY
"KOMANSE VWAYAJ OU POU VIN PWOPRIYETÈ KAY AK KONFYANS"

Avantaj:
✓ SA W AP APRANN:

- Pwosesis konplè pou achte kay la — soti nan preparasyon rive nan siyen kontra final
- Wòl ak enpòtans kredi nan jwenn yon prè ipotèk
- Kijan pou kalifye epi jwenn prè ipotèk ki bon pou bezwen ou
- Konprann nòt kredi ak rapò finansye
- Kijan pou ekonomize lajan ak evalye kapasite finans ou
- Prepare finansyèman pou achte kay
- Enspeksyon kay ak evalyasyon
- Kijan pou fè yon of, suiv pwosesis la, epi fè tranzisyon pou vin pwopriyete ka

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ESOL, CIVIC & DIGITAL LITERACY



In partnership with New London Regional Adult Education, HHRC proudly launched a new adult learning initiative designed to empower community members through education and skill development.

The program officially began on October 21, 2024, and offers a combination of:

- English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction
- Civics education focused on citizenship, rights, and community engagement
- Digital literacy training to help participants navigate online platforms and essential technologies
- Workforce readiness skills including job search strategies, interview preparation, and workplace communication

Through this partnership, HHRC continues to fulfill its mission of breaking barriers to access by offering inclusive, culturally responsive programming that equips residents for long-term success.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



HHRC is dedicated to promoting higher education access and celebrates youth leadership and resilience. HHRC works closely with High school seniors, engaging them in volunteering for community service hours across events, supporting HHRC operations and gaining valuable civic experience.

On July 12, 2024, HHRC launched the ***Armor Advantage Fund*** (*Dream Fund*), awarding scholarships ranging from \$500 or more towards higher education to 8 students. The Dream Fund was created to honor the perseverance, strength, and resilience of Haitian American students who, despite the challenges of the world around them, including the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Haiti, have pushed forward, pursued their education, and are now high school graduates.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

HHRC hosted a series of impactful community events including the Backpack Drive, Health Fair, Clothing Drive, Immigrant Forum, Know Your Rights presentation, Flag Day & Heritage Talk, and the Annual Fundraising Gala. These initiatives foster unity, empowerment, and pride.



Donate Today!!



Your support transforms lives. Join us in building brighter futures.

“Innovating for a resilient Haitian future—where resources fuel lasting change”



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