



## **CONNECTICUT COALITION AGAINST BED BUGS**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

#### **History**

**The Connecticut Coalition Against Bed Bugs (CCABB) was founded to address bed bug and future insect pest issues in Connecticut. The committee was formed in the fall of 2008 to run the first of many bed bug forums and other public education programs and services under the leadership of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Board members are from The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Norwalk Department of Health, Connecticut Pest Elimination, Quest Pest Control, State's Attorney for Housing Matters Office of the Connecticut Chief State's Attorney, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Due to the success of the early forums and public and professional need for an organization to provide a resource for bed bug information and education, the committee was formalized into CCABB in the fall of 2009.**

**CCABB's mission is to provide:**

- **Training and support for professionals in health departments, housing authorities, medical facilities, colleges and universities, the real estate and hospitality industries, recycling programs, and pest management in Connecticut**
- **Information on scientific research and pest management practices including integrated pest management (IPM)**
- **Public education on bed bug management, self-protection, understanding of bed bug behavior, reducing social stigma, and on legal-legislative advice and assistance**
- **Support for scientific research and education to assist state and local government agencies, non-profit organizations, and professional groups who are seeking solutions on bed bug problems**

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