



## Domestic Violence in Connecticut

### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CONNECTICUT

- In Connecticut, 1/3 of all criminal court cases involve family violence.<sup>i</sup>
- In 2011, there were 11 intimate partner homicides in Connecticut. A gun was used in 8 of these homicides.<sup>ii</sup>
- In one year in Connecticut, 46,750 victims were served by domestic violence relief programs.<sup>iii</sup>
- In one day in 2014, Connecticut shelters served 1,109; 44 victims were turned away from services because of a lack of resources.<sup>iv</sup>

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner<sup>v</sup>
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive approximately 20,800 calls.<sup>vi</sup>
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.<sup>vii</sup>
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.<sup>viii</sup>
- 72% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>ix</sup>

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN CONNECTICUT

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District

Interval House  
Hartford  
(860) 246-9149

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District

United Services Domestic Violence Services  
Willimantic  
(860) 456-2261

The Network Against Domestic Abuse  
Enfield  
(860) 763-7430

Safe Futures  
New London  
(860) 447-0366

#### **If you need help:**

Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
Or, online go to [DomesticShelters.org](http://DomesticShelters.org)





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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services  
Ansonia  
(203) 736-2601

New Horizons  
Middletown  
(860) 344-9599

### 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

The Center for Family Justice  
Bridgeport  
(203) 334-6154

Domestic Abuse  
Services/Greenwich YWCA  
Greenwich  
(203) 622-0003

Domestic Violence Crisis Center  
Stamford and Norwalk  
(203) 588-9100 and (203) 853-0418

### 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Women's Center  
Danbury  
(203) 731-5200

Susan B. Anthony Project  
Torrington  
(860) 489-3798

Women's Support Services  
Sharon  
(860) 364-1080

Prudence Crandall Center  
New Britain  
(860) 225-5187

Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis  
Meriden  
(203) 630-1638

Safe Haven Waterbury  
Waterbury  
(203) 575-0388

<sup>i</sup> Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2014). *Upon further examination: 2014 findings and recommendations of the Connecticut domestic violence fatality review committee*. Retrieved from [http://www.ndvfri.org/reports/connecticut/Connecticut\\_Statewide\\_AnnualReport\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ndvfri.org/reports/connecticut/Connecticut_Statewide_AnnualReport_2014.pdf).

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<sup>iii</sup> Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2014). *Domestic violence service statistics*. Retrieved from <http://www.ctcadv.org/files/2414/2109/8521/CTDVServiceStatsFY14.pdf>.

<sup>iv</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence (2015). *'14 domestic violence counts Connecticut summary*. Retrieved from <http://nnev.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2014/CT.pdf>.

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<sup>ix</sup> Violence Policy Center (2012). *American roulette: Murder-suicide in the United States*. Retrieved from [www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf](http://www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf).

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