

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A CONNECTICUT PERSPECTIVE

Member Agencies

Center for Domestic Violence
Services at BHcare
Ansonia, CT

The Center for Women &
Families
Bridgeport, CT

Women's Center of Greater
Danbury
Danbury, CT

Domestic Violence Program
United Services
Dayville, CT

Network Against Domestic
Abuse
Enfield, CT

Domestic Abuse Services
Greenwich YWCA
Greenwich, CT

Interval House
Hartford, CT

Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis
Meriden, CT

New Horizons
Middletown, CT

Prudence Crandall Center
New Britain, CT

Center for Domestic Violence
Services at BHcare
New Haven, CT

Safe Futures
New London, CT

Domestic Violence Crisis
Center
Norwalk, CT

Women's Support Services
Sharon, CT

Domestic Violence Crisis
Center
Stamford, CT

Susan B. Anthony Project
Torrington, CT

Safe Haven
Waterbury, CT

Domestic Violence Program
United Services
Willimantic, CT

FACT: BATTERING IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN CONNECTICUT

In the last fiscal year (7/1/11 - 6/30/12), CCADV's 18 domestic violence agencies provided services to **57,785 victims** of domestic violence. The following is a breakdown of statistics. Please note that these numbers only represent those victims who sought services at our member agencies and do not represent the total number of individuals victimized by domestic violence in Connecticut.

- **Crisis Services** – **27,787** contacts with victims in crisis were handled by the staff and volunteers of our member agencies.
- **Safe Home Services** – **1,378 adults** and **1,018 children** stayed in our emergency safe homes because they were in serious physical danger and had no other safe options.
- **Community Services** – **11,721 adult victims**, **76 teens** experiencing dating violence and **522 children** received support services from our agencies. These services included individual counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, information and referral, and assistance with developing safety plans.
- **Criminal Court Based Services** – **42,923** court referred domestic violence victims received direct services from our staff and volunteer advocates who are based in the criminal courts. These services included counseling, court advocacy, assistance with orders of protection, information and referral to community services and assistance with developing safety plans.
- **Community Education Services** – **130,771** people attended our community education programs. These programs included training for police officers and other professional groups; presentations to religious, civic and business organization; and domestic violence prevention programs to elementary through college-age students.

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse or financial abuse. It is a pervasive, life-threatening crime that affects thousands of individuals in Connecticut regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, sexual orientation or education. Victims are left feeling scared, confused, dependent and insecure about their ability to survive on their own, financially or otherwise. The children of a battered parent must contend with these same fears and realities.

WHO IS CCADV?

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is proud to be the state's leading voice for victims of domestic violence and those agencies that serve them. Founded in 1978, CCADV is a membership organization of 18 domestic violence agencies that provide critical support to keep victims safe 24 hours per day, wherever they live in our state.

CCADV works at a state and national level to create and implement policy changes that strengthen Connecticut's response to domestic violence. Collaborating closely with a number of community, government and business leaders, we work to ensure a systematic and comprehensive approach to victim services and offender accountability.