



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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A Typical Day in Connecticut: Our View

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The Umbrella
Ansonia, CT

The Center for Women & Families
Bridgeport, CT

Women's Center
Danbury, CT

Domestic Violence Program
United Services
Dayville, CT

Network Against Domestic Abuse
Enfield, CT

Domestic Abuse Service
Greenwich YWCA
Greenwich, CT

Interval House
Hartford, CT

Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis
Meriden, CT

New Horizons
Middletown, CT

Prudence Crandall Center
New Britain, CT

Domestic Violence Services
New Haven, CT

Women's Center of SE CT
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

Hartford, CT-On September 15, 2011, 768 victims of domestic violence reached out for help in Connecticut. That total included 262 adults – mostly women – who found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services which aim to strengthen their opportunity to live free from abuse. In addition, 496 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

That's a typical day in Connecticut.

There are 18 agencies in our state dedicated to providing services to victims of domestic violence. While these agencies serve a particular town or geographic area, they are strategically located so that any Connecticut victim of domestic violence is just a phone call away **(888-774-2900)** from getting the help and services they need. The agencies collectively form the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence or CCADV.

On September 15, 2011, each of the 18 CCADV member agencies took part in the National Network Against Domestic Violence (NNEDV) annual survey of domestic violence services provided in one day. The numbers show that while domestic violence advocates from across the US assisted more than 67,000 victims in one day, more than 10,000 victim needs went unmet. In addition to the 768 individuals who found shelter and assistance, the statewide domestic violence hotline received 204 calls – or 8 calls an hour – from victims in danger. This lifeline service provides support, information, a safety planning strategy and other resources for those who need it.

One caller was a 23 year-old woman whose boyfriend had assaulted her when she told him she was leaving. He stood on her feet so she could not leave and punched her. She was able to break away and call the police who helped her get to the emergency room. The violent attack left her with a fractured ankle, but one of our programs was able to shelter her and her infant son in a safe and physically accessible room.

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CCADV works to make women safer by strengthening Connecticut's prevention and response policies and laws for victims of domestic violence. The Connecticut legislature is currently considering some important proposals that could help reduce these daily and yearly numbers. For example, HB 5548 would extend the length of a Restraining Order from six months to one year. Connecticut is one of only five states in the nation that force a victim to face their offender at least once every 180 days. Other states allow orders to be effective from one to five years. Another positive step is a legislative recommendation for a statewide model policy that would serve as the foundation for all law enforcement who respond to domestic violence incidents. A part of this measure, a domestic violence liaison would be designated within each police department as well as the establishment of a Family Violence Model Policy Governing Council to provide for continuous policy oversight to ensure strong laws for victims. CCADV is committed to advancing these policies, along with several others, that have the potential to reduce some of these disturbing numbers. Let's make each day a safe one for all Connecticut families.

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide coalition which works collaboratively with its 18 community based domestic violence agencies in Connecticut. Each agency offers free services to victims 24-hours-a-day to include hotline, safety through shelter, counseling and support groups and help to obtain a restraining order. If you or someone you know needs support, call the statewide free and confidential hotline at 888-774-2900. To learn more about CCADV, visit us online at www.ctcadv.org.