



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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Women's Center  
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Domestic Violence Program  
United Services  
Dayville, CT

Network Against Domestic Abuse  
Enfield, CT

Domestic Abuse Services  
Greenwich YWCA  
Greenwich, CT

Interval House  
Hartford, CT

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Meriden, CT

New Horizons  
Middletown, CT

Prudence Crandall Center  
New Britain, CT

Center for Domestic Violence Services  
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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

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**Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence Welcomes Brazilian Women Leaders  
Through Exchange Program**

**Hartford, CT** – The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) today welcomed Rossana Camacho and Vania Regina Silveira Queiroz, a Brazilian police officer and lawyer respectively, as part of the Brazil Women’s Empowerment Project through the Institute for Training and Development in Massachusetts.

The project, which is funded by a grant from the Bureau for Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, provides an opportunity for female leaders from Brazil and the United States to gain firsthand experience of how organizations and institutions in the other country advocate for and serve women. As part of the program, 20 Brazilian women have come to the United States to exchange ideas and best practices for services and policies aimed at improving the quality of life for women.

“We are thrilled to have the chance to participate in this program and host leaders from Brazil,” said Karen Jarmoc, Executive Director of CCADV. “A top priority of CCADV is to increase diversity within the services available to domestic violence victims in Connecticut and ensure accessibility for victims of all backgrounds. I am confident that participation in this program will provide many opportunities for learning and enhancements to our own services.”

CCADV will host Ms. Camacho and Ms. Silveira Queiroz for 10 days during which they will have opportunities to meet with several local domestic violence service agencies across the state, as well as attend the *Emerging Best Practices to Strengthen Connecticut’s Response to Domestic Violence* conference sponsored by CCADV and the Department of Social Services.

Ms. Camacho is a police officer with the Women’s Police Station in Marilia/São Paulo, Brazil and specializes in the area of domestic violence. Ms. Silveira Queiroz is a lawyer and President of *Our Pink Power* where she provides legal advice to victims of domestic violence and breast cancer patients. Both are committed to combating domestic violence.

In January, the U.S. counterparts to the program, including CCADV’s Diversity and Accessibility Coordinator, Wendy Mota Kasongo, will travel to Brazil for two weeks to participate in short fellowships in Brazilian organizations and attend conferences on sharing best practices for promoting women’s leadership and community health.

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*The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. is a membership organization made up of the state’s 18 domestic violence agencies. Help is available to victims 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each agency offers free services to victims including a toll-free hotline, safety through shelter, counseling and support groups, and by assisting in securing a restraining order. If you or someone you know needs support, call the statewide free and confidential hotline at 888-774-2900. For more information about CCADV, visit us online at [www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org).*