



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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Member Agencies

**The Umbrella Center for
Domestic Violence Services**
Ansonia, CT

The Center for Family Justice
Bridgeport, CT

Women's Center
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

**The Umbrella Center for
Domestic Violence Services**
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

Statement Regarding Windsor Locks Domestic Violence Murder-Suicide

Hartford, CT – The intimate partner murder-suicide alleged to have occurred today in Windsor Locks marks Connecticut's 9th homicide stemming from intimate partner violence since January 1, 2014. This total includes 2 intimate partner violence homicides per month since April.

"We are saddened by yet another senseless death stemming from domestic violence," said Karen Jarmoc, Executive Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "We are alarmed that at the halfway point of 2014, there have been as many intimate partner homicides as took place in all of 2013."

The Network serves Windsor Locks, East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, Stafford and Suffield – providing comprehensive, confidential, free services to victims of domestic violence and their children. "We want the Windsor Locks community to know that we are here to help," said Kathy Barron, Executive Director of The Network. "If you think you or someone you love might be a victim of domestic violence, please reach out to us. We are here to listen and help you plan for your safety."

Connecticut has averaged 14 intimate partner violence homicides each year over the past decade. The 2013 Connecticut Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee Report issued in July 2013 indicates a need for increased training across sectors to understand "red flag" indicators that may occur in an abusive relationship that indicate escalating and potentially fatal violence. To learn more about the report go to, www.ctcadv.org.

Working with a certified domestic violence counselor is a strong protective factor against domestic violence homicide. Connecticut's 18 domestic violence organizations invite anyone who believes that they may be a victim of domestic violence or who knows someone that may be a victim of domestic violence to **call the 24 hour, toll-free, statewide domestic violence hotline at 888.774.2900 to speak with your local domestic violence agency. In Windsor Locks, East Windsor, Enfield, Somers, Stafford and Suffield, individuals can call The Network directly at 860.763.4542.**

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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 to be connected to your local domestic violence agency. For more information about CCADV visit us online at www.ctcadv.org.