



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 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
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Media Alert

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Law Enforcement To Lead National Initiative to Help Highest Risk Victims

Hartford, CT- The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is partnering with law enforcement from across the state to implement nationally recognized risk assessment strategies to better serve victims in the highest danger. Connecticut domestic violence advocates and police departments have been selected as one of ten sites across the country to receive training and technical assistance to address homicide prevention and reduce violence against women. According to the Connecticut Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee - a project of CCADV- Connecticut has averaged 16 homicides annually over the past ten years.

Individuals from the National Lethality Assessment Program-Maryland Model (LAP) Training and Technical Assistance Project will train advocates and law enforcement at the Connecticut Police Academy Police Officer Standards and Training Council ("CT Post") this month. CT Post has partnered with CCADV to sponsor the initiative which will put the life-saving project to work by the fall of 2012 in ten municipalities including Hartford, New Britain, Waterbury, Norwalk and New London. CCADV and its 18 member programs serve more than 54,000 victims of domestic violence annually.

The LAP, a project of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV), is a two-pronged intervention process that makes use of a specialized lethality assessment instrument and an accompanying protocol. Trained police officers on the scene of a domestic violence call assess a victim's risk for serious injury or death using the one-of-a-kind Lethality Assessment Screen. Officers immediately link "high risk" victims to the community-based domestic violence victim services program hotline in their area with the goal of having victims receive program services.

The LAP enables police officers and local domestic violence victim services programs to work as equal partners in a more coordinated, communicative, and cooperative manner to engage victims who would, otherwise, be unlikely to seek the support of domestic violence services. The LAP is the only program of its kind in the nation and was recently honored as a Mary Byron Foundation "Celebrating Solutions" Award recipient and recognized by Harvard University's Ash Institute as one of the "Top 50" Innovations in American Government programs in 2008.

According to Karen Jarmoc, Executive Director for CCADV, the Maryland LAP, provides a significant opportunity for Connecticut to expand its lethality assessment in a coordinated fashion between law enforcement and domestic violence agencies. "The implementation of this proven national model to assess a victim's risk will dramatically change how we serve those at the highest domestic violence risk in the state of Connecticut," said Jarmoc.

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.