



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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Member Organizations

**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

The Network
Enfield, CT

**Domestic Abuse Services
Greenwich YWCA**
Greenwich, CT

Interval House
Hartford, CT

**Chrysalis Domestic Violence
Services**
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 County

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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Statement Regarding Arrest in Guilford Homicide

Glastonbury, CT – Today's arrest of the husband of a woman murdered in Guilford this past July marks Connecticut's 7th intimate partner homicide this year. Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and its 18 member organizations urge anyone who is concerned about their own safety or that of a loved one to reach out to Safe Connect, Connecticut's domestic violence resource center.

"We want victims to know that they're not alone and that anyone who suspects that someone they know or love might be in an abusive relationship can reach out and seek advice," said Meghan Scanlon, President & CEO, CCADV. "Domestic violence is about control and coercion and it often isolates victims from common sources of support such as family and friends. Whether you have questions, need resources, or just want someone who will listen without judgement, Safe Connect advocates are available 24/7."

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior used by one partner to gain and maintain control over the other partner. It is complex and takes many forms, including emotional, psychological, physical, sexual, financial, and technological. Abuser tactics can be subtle, but may escalate over time and become more physically violent. Domestic violence does not discriminate - it impacts people regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or education.

Certified domestic violence advocates available through Safe Connect and CCADV's 18 member organizations across the state can help individuals explore different options for staying safe and increasing their independence. This includes talking with individuals who are concerned that someone they know is experiencing domestic violence – offering ideas and resources that will allow the victim to engage with services when they are ready.

The pandemic has exacerbated some of the abuse being experienced by victims across the state. There has been a noticeable increase in the complex situations with which victims are dealing as they navigate their safety and that of their children with pandemic-related financial stressors such as unemployment, remote learning and limited childcare options. Some of CCADV's 18 member organizations have also reported an increase in the intensity of physical violence experienced by some victims.

Anyone who feels unsafe in their relationship is urged to call/llamada or text/texto 888.774.2900 or chat/email/correo electrónico at www.CTSafeConnect.org. Bilingual, multi-cultural staff are available 24/7. Safe Connect provides safety planning, extensive resources, and a safe connection to CCADV's 18 member organizations for ongoing support and services locally. All services provided through Safe Connect and CCADV's 18 member organizations are confidential, safe, free, and voluntary. They are provided to all victims and survivors of domestic violence regardless of age, ability, gender identity, sexual identity, racial or ethnic identity, religion, socioeconomic status, immigration status. Family, friends, professionals or anyone who suspects that someone they know is experiencing domestic violence are also encouraged to access information and resources via Safe Connect.

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Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. is the state's leading voice for victims of domestic violence and those organizations that serve them. We are a membership organization of the state's 18 domestic violence organizations. Help is available to victims 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by visiting www.CTSafeConnect.org or by texting/calling (888) 774-2900. For more information about CCADV, please visit www.ctcadv.org.

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