



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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*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

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Chrysalis Domestic Violence Services
Meriden, CT

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Middletown, CT

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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
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Torrington, CT

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Domestic Violence Advocates Available to Assist with Restraining Orders
*-Governor Lamont issues Executive Order that paves way for
remote electronic filing of restraining orders-*

Glastonbury, CT – The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) today thanked Governor Lamont for yesterday’s Executive Order creating an alternative to affidavits in restraining orders. The [Executive Order](#), coupled with new processes established by the CT Judicial Branch, will allow victims to apply for a restraining order completely electronically without having to go to court. Effective Monday, April 6, 2020, CCADV, CT Safe Connect and advocates at our 18 member organizations will be able to assist victims with completing the restraining order application remotely.

“Victims have expressed concerns about going to courthouses due to this public health emergency, so we are working to be flexible and creative in how we meet their needs,” said Karen Jarmoc, chief executive officer of CCADV. “CT Safe Connect advocates are well-positioned to assist victims with restraining order applications and can provide critical safety planning throughout the process.”

CT Safe Connect advocates can work directly with victims to guide them through the restraining order process, scribe the application on behalf of the victim, and then submit the application electronically to the court. Once a temporary restraining order or notice of hearing is issued by a judge, Safe Connect and the local CCADV member organization advocate will then work to coordinate service of process with a state marshal. Victims will still have the option to complete the process themselves.

CCADV worked with the Judicial Branch to develop this process in response to necessary court closures. Due to COVID-19, the Branch had to reduce the number of open courts to six. While necessary, such closures would potentially result in transportation challenges for victims in need of a restraining order.

Domestic violence victims in need of assistance with a restraining order can contact CT Safe Connect 24 hours per day, 7 days per week via call, chat and email at www.CTSafeConnect.org or (888) 774-2900. Safe Connect is Connecticut’s domestic violence resource hub and offers bilingual, multicultural services to all victims regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. All services are confidential, safe, free and voluntary.

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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.