

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Member Organizations** 

The Center for Family Justice Bridgeport, CT

The Center for Empowerment & Education 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

Project SAGE Sharon, CT

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services Shelton, CT

**Domestic Violence Crisis Center** Stamford, CT

Susan B. Anthony Project Torrington, CT

Safe Haven Waterbury, CT

Domestic Violence Program United Services Willimantic, CT For Immediate Release February 8, 2023

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## Statement on Governor's Budget Proposals Related to Victim Services & Domestic Violence

**Glastonbury, CT –** Meghan Scanlon, President & CEO of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV), today released the following statement regarding Governor Lamont's biennial budget proposal which includes \$13.175 million allocated from pandemic relief funds in Fiscal Year 2024 to replace lost federal funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Said Scanlon:

"We thank Governor Lamont for stepping up again this year to help keep victim service organizations in Connecticut whole in the face of declining federal funding. A portion of the Governor's proposed allocation will help ensure that CCADV and our 18 member organizations can continue to provide life-saving services to the nearly 40,000 survivors of domestic violence who walk through our doors each year. Filling the federal funding gap will help support crisis response, court-based advocacy, coordination with law enforcement, and advocacy related to the basic needs of victims, all critical services as the state continues to grapple with a string of horrific domestic violence homicides. We applaud Governor Lamont for his continued leadership in supporting victim service organizations and all of those whom we serve."

For more information on the impact of declining federal VOCA funding on domestic violence services in Connecticut, <u>please click here</u>.

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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 <u>www.CTSafeConnect.org</u> or by texting/calling (888) 774-2900. For more information about CCADV, please visit <u>www.ctcadv.org</u>.