



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

**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

**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 Ansonia Domestic Violence Homicide**

**Glastonbury, CT** – The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is deeply saddened to learn that a woman in Ansonia was the victim of an intimate partner homicide. This marks the 9<sup>th</sup> known intimate partner homicide in Connecticut this year.

"While we do not know any specifics related to this tragic event, what we do know is that nationally an intimate partner homicide or attempted homicide is the first act of violence for between 28-33% of victims," said Meghan Scanlon, President & CEO, CCADV. "Often the behaviors that precede homicide are jealousy, control, and stalking. We urge individuals to consider speaking with an advocate when they begin to experience these coercive behaviors, even before they turn physical."

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. Domestic violence does not discriminate - it impacts people regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or education. When a victim takes steps to end a relationship, this is the most dangerous time as the abuser is likely to feel a loss of control and escalate their behaviors to regain control.

"We want everyone who may be experiencing abuse in their relationship to know that they are not alone," said Esperina Stubblefield, Director of Domestic Violence Services, BHcare, which serves the New Haven and Valley areas. "Abusive, controlling behaviors can be subtle but escalate over time, becoming more physically violent. Whether you have questions, need resources, or just want someone who will listen without judgement, our advocates are available 24/7."

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](http://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](http://www.CTSafeConnect.org) or by texting/calling (888) 774-2900. For more information about CCADV, please visit [www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org).*