

Victim Services Provided by  
Member Sexual Assault  
Crisis Programs

- 24-hour hotline with immediate access to trained, certified counselors
- Crisis intervention and short-term counseling
- Accompaniment and advocacy through the medical and police systems
- Preparation, accompaniment, and advocacy through the court system
- Information and referral for other needs
- Support groups
- TTY access during office hours (M-F, 9-4:30)  
*After hours, use CT relay 800-842-9710*
- Sign language interpreters available
- Interpreters are available for other languages
- Male counselors
- Emergency transportation by arrangement
- Professional training, community education, and child sexual abuse prevention programs



24-Hour Statewide Toll-free  
Confidential Hotline  
888-999-5545 (English)  
888-568-8332 (Español)

Member Sexual Assault  
Crisis Programs

Center for Women & Families  
(Bridgeport)  
203-334-6154 office  
203-333-2233 hotline

Women's Center  
of Greater Danbury  
203-731-5200 office  
203-731-5204 hotline

Women & Families Center  
(Meriden/Middletown/New Haven)  
860-344-1474 office  
860-635-4424 hotline

Rape Crisis Center of Milford  
203-874-8712 office  
203-878-1212 hotline

New Britain YWCA  
(New Britain & Hartford)  
860-225-4681 office  
860-223-1787 hotline

Stamford Sexual Assault Crisis  
& Education Center  
203-348-9346 office  
203-329-2929 hotline

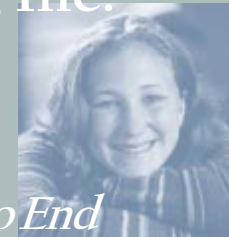
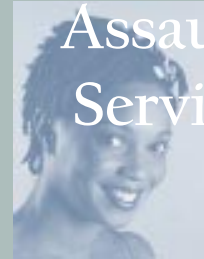
Susan B. Anthony Project  
(Torrington)  
860-489-3798 office  
860-482-7133 hotline

Safe Haven  
of Greater Waterbury  
203-753-3613 office  
203-753-3613 hotline

Sexual Assault Crisis Center  
of Eastern CT  
(Willimantic/New London)  
860-456-3595 office  
860-423-7673 hotline



Connecticut Sexual  
Assault Crisis  
Services, Inc.



*Working to End  
Sexual Violence  
in Connecticut*



Training & Technical Assistance

Talking and learning about sexual violence is important. Everyone can have a role in preventing sexual violence and ensuring support for victims. CONNSACS conducts numerous presentations and workshops for professionals within statewide organizations and agencies, including police officers, health care providers, and teachers. For more information contact: [training@connsacs.org](mailto:training@connsacs.org).

Victim Advocacy

CONNSACS' victim advocates work with sex offender treatment providers and probation officers as part of a Sex Offender Probation Team. The goal of this team is to better supervise sex offenders in order to keep victims and the community safe. The victim advocates, in both the adult and juvenile systems, support and represent the interests of the victim within this nationally recognized collaboration.

CONNSACS' victim advocates also facilitate the Victim/Survivor Advisory Council (VSAC), a committee formed to represent the interests of victim/survivors within CONNSACS' work.

CONNSACS' projects and services are made possible through funding from: Office of Victim Services, Superior Court Operations Division, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Act Grant Program, U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women and Office for Victims of Crime, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health and Office of Policy and Management, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and private grants and donations.



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## Working to End Sexual Violence

Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc. (CONNSACS) is a statewide coalition of individual sexual assault crisis programs and is Connecticut's leading voice for sexual assault victims and their families.



CONNSACS' mission is to end sexual violence and ensure high quality, comprehensive, and culturally competent sexual assault victim services.

We do this by:

- Participating in collaborative efforts to promote social change at national, state and local levels.
- Promoting change in public policy and legislation to benefit victims of sexual assault
- Developing primary prevention initiatives, policies and objectives for the coalition
- Supporting and promoting the development of member sexual assault crisis programs, including developing standards of services.

## What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is a violent crime motivated by hostility, power and control, not sexual desire. Men, women and children of all ages, races, religions, sexual orientations and economic classes can be and have been sexually assaulted. A sexual assault is **NEVER** the victim's fault.



## Know the Facts

- According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a rape or attempted rape takes place **every 5 minutes** in the United States.
- **One in four girls and one in six boys** will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18.
- **Less than 20%** of sexual assaults are reported to the police.
- Approximately **80%** of rape victims **know the person who rapes them.**



## In Connecticut

According to a study completed in 2000 documenting the extent of sexual assault in Connecticut:

- **69%** of Connecticut residents consider sexual assault to be a problem in their community.
- **19%** of Connecticut residents have experienced a sexual assault in their lifetime.
- **14%** of Connecticut residents experienced childhood sexual assault.
- **One in eleven** women in Connecticut reported being a rape survivor.
- **10%** of men in Connecticut reported being a survivor of sexual assault.
- Only **16%** of sexual assaults were reported to the police.

## Community Partnerships

Community partnerships are an important part of CONNSACS' work to end sexual violence. CONNSACS continuously seeks out opportunities to bring the issues and needs of sexual assault victims to the forefront by participating on various task forces, advisory boards and collaborative committees. Some examples include: membership on the Office of Victim Services Advisory Council, the Office of the Victim Advocate Advisory Board, the Governor's Task Force on Justice for Abused Children and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence Task Force (LGBTADV Task Force).



In addition, CONNSACS sits on the Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons, the Commission on the Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in Sexual Assault Investigations, and on the Criminal Justice Policy & Advisory Commission. Each of these venues provides CONNSACS with the opportunity to establish and maintain important relationships with other statewide entities.

## College Consortium

The Connecticut College Consortium Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) is coordinated by CONNSACS and comprised of representatives from Connecticut colleges and universities, as well as CONNSACS member programs who are dedicated to addressing campus sexual violence and improving the response to victims. CCASA provides a forum for campus faculty, administrators, and students to share information, strategies, and resources in order to strengthen and support each institution's work to end sexual violence.

## Public Policy

CONNSACS has an outstanding record of public policy success. During the past two decades, CONNSACS has successfully advocated to improve and enhance the overall response to victims of sexual violence, as well as to secure funding for our community-based centers. CONNSACS effectively advocated for legislation that resulted in the passage of anti-stalking laws in Connecticut as well as in the development of state guidelines for immediate healthcare services for victims of sexual assault. In addition, CONNSACS advocated for victim-centered changes in Connecticut's Megan's Law and for increased penalties for drug-facilitated rape.

## Primary Prevention

Helping communities understand the difference between risk reduction and primary prevention is a critical aspect of CONNSACS' overall primary prevention plan. Current research shows that risk reduction programs are not effective at decreasing sexual violence, as they focus on the victim, or the potential victim, and the steps he or she might take to avoid being assaulted. Because risk reduction strategies address victim behavior rather than perpetrator behavior, they are ineffective at stopping sexual assaults.



Primary prevention of sexual violence seeks to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, sexual assault by identifying and taking action against the factors that cause and support the perpetration of sexual assault. Primary prevention programs aim to address the attitudes and behaviors that lead to sexual violence and support a change to healthy attitudes and behaviors. CONNSACS and its member centers are using a variety of strategies to help change social norms that contribute to sexual violence.