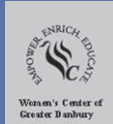


## Victim Statistics

	CONNSACS' Member Programs		CONNSACS Victim Advocates in Sex Offender Supervision Units	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
<b>Total Victims and Families Served</b>	3845	100.00%	1345	100.00%
<b>Sex</b>				
Female	3304	85.93%	1157	86.02%
Male	535	13.91%	188	13.98%
Transgender	2	0.05%	0	0.00%
Intersex	4	0.10%	0	0.00%
<b>Age</b>				
0 - 12	371	9.65%	20	1.49%
13 - 17	560	14.56%	94	6.99%
18 - 24	635	16.51%	305	22.68%
25 - 44	1581	41.12%	565	42.01%
45 - 64	614	15.97%	230	17.10%
65 +	34	0.88%	29	2.16%
Undisclosed	50	1.30%	102	7.58%
<b>Race</b>				
African American	543	14.12%	150	11.15%
Asian	18	0.47%	7	0.52%
Caucasian	2292	59.61%	954	70.93%
Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	7	0.18%	0	0.00%
Latina/o	755	19.64%	197	14.65%
Native American	10	0.26%	0	0.00%
Other	72	1.87%	6	0.45%
Undisclosed	148	3.85%	31	2.30%
<b>Disability</b>				
Has a disability	519	13.50%	16	1.19%
None	2301	59.84%	1321	98.22%
Undisclosed	1025	26.66%	8	0.59%
<b>Crime</b>				
Attempted Rape	105	2.73%	28	2.08%
Child Sexual Abuse	1815	47.20%	620	46.10%
Cohabiting Rape	21	0.55%	9	0.67%
Gang Rape	89	2.31%	6	0.45%
Incest	347	9.02%	54	4.01%
Internet Crime	10	0.26%	20	1.49%
Other	37	0.96%	66	4.91%
Rape	1090	28.35%	412	30.63%
Sexual Contact	226	5.88%	112	8.33%
Sexual Harassment	52	1.35%	12	0.89%
Spousal Rape	53	1.38%	6	0.45%
<b>Offender</b>				
Known	3150	81.92%	1121	83.35%
Stranger	289	7.52%	215	15.99%
Undisclosed	406	10.56%	9	0.67%



Center for Women and Families



## CONNSACS Member Programs

### Center for Women and Families Eastern Fairfield County, Inc.

753 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Office: 203-334-6154  
Hotline: 203-333-2233  
www.cwfefc.org

### The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education

700 Canal Street, Suite 22B  
Stamford, CT 06902  
Office: 203-348-9346  
Hotline: 203-329-2929  
www.thecenter-ct.org

### New Britain YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services

22 Glen Street  
New Britain, CT 06051  
Office: 860-225-4681  
Hotline: 860-223-1787  
60 Gillett Street, Suite 401  
Hartford, CT 06105  
Office: 860-241-9217  
Hotline: 860-547-1022  
www.ywcaneubritain.org

### Rape Crisis Center of Milford

70 West River Street  
Milford, CT 06460  
Office: 203-874-8712  
Hotline: 203-878-1212  
www.rapecrisisctr.org

### Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury

29 Central Avenue  
Waterbury, CT 06702  
Office: 203-753-3613  
Hotline: 203-753-3613  
www.safehavengw.org

### Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut

165 State Street, 4th Floor  
New London, CT 06320  
Office: 860-442-0604

90 South Park Street  
Willimantic, CT 06226  
Office: 860-456-3595  
Hotline: 860-456-2789  
www.saccec.org

### Susan B. Anthony Project

179 Water Street  
Torrington, CT 06790  
Office: 860-489-3798  
Hotline: 860-482-7133  
www.sbaproject.org

### Women's Center of Greater Danbury Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.

2 West Street  
Danbury, CT 06810  
Office: 203-731-5200  
Hotline: 203-731-5204  
www.womenscenterofgreaterdanbury.org

### Women and Families Center Sexual Assault Crisis Services

169 Colony Street  
Meriden, CT 06451  
Office: 203-235-9297  
Hotline: 203-235-4444

100 Riverview Center, Suite 274  
Middletown, CT 06457

Office: 860-344-1474  
Hotline: 203-235-4444

1440 Whalley Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06511  
Office: 203-389-5010  
Hotline: 203-235-4444  
www.womenfamilies.org

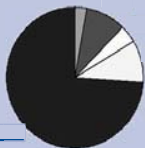


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# Annual Report 2009 - 2010

**"Unity is strength...  
When there is teamwork  
and collaboration, wonderful  
things can be achieved."  
- Mattie Stepanek**

### CONNSACS Expenses July 2009 - June 2010



Victim Services - 73.8%
Training/Technical Assistance & Outreach - 9.8%
Primary Prevention Education - 9.4%
Systems Advocacy - 4.2%
Management & General - 2.7%

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 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. Points of view in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of funders.

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## Our Mission

Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services' mission is to end sexual violence and ensure high quality, comprehensive, and culturally competent sexual assault victim services.

CONNCSACS is a statewide association of individual sexual assault crisis programs. CONNSACS actively seeks and administers funds to develop and support its member organizations; participates in collaborative efforts to support social change with national, state, and local organizations; provides a forum for the exchange of skills and information regarding the response to, and prevention of sexual assault; and serves as a mechanism for the development and maintenance of appropriate standards of services of rape crisis centers.

### CONNCSACS Staff As of June 2010

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Tracy Miller-Freeman, Victim Advocate  
Diane Moylan-Cooke, Victim Advocate  
Gene Munson, Co-Associate Director  
Ayana Nadira, Technical Assistance and Outreach Coordinator  
Sonia Rodriguez, Victim Advocate  
Jennifer Saucier, Victim Advocate  
Shannon Smith, Senior Victim Advocate  
Mary St. Juste, Victim Advocate  
Sara Thaxton, Victim Advocate  
Matt Wilhelm, Quality Assurance Coordinator  
Jamie Mills, Retained Counsel

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## Sharing Expertise and Strengthening Collaborations

CONNCSACS believes that it is important to challenge attitudes and actions through education and training. Because sexual violence has a far-reaching impact, advocates must collaborate and share knowledge with a diverse group of community partners. The 2009-2010 fiscal year saw CONNSACS staff engaged in learning with a wide range of individuals and organizations.

### Successful Statewide Conference

In May of 2010, CONNSACS hosted a one-day anti-sexual violence conference that brought together sexual assault victim advocates, service providers, and state and community partners to examine collaborative practices, enhance skills, and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced and progress made in ending sexual violence. The conference theme, "Partnerships in Prevention and Response: Putting Victims First," examined victim-centered approaches to violence prevention and response and featured presenters from nationally-recognized organizations.

The one hundred twenty-two conference attendees enjoyed two keynote lectures and attended a selection of eleven workshops on topics such as stalking, cultural competency, and juveniles who sexually offend. Attendees examined collaborative practices, enhanced skills, and gained a deeper understanding of the challenges and successes of anti-sexual violence work.

### Pioneering Partnerships with Sex Offender Supervision Units

CONNCSACS has fourteen specialized victim advocates who partner with probation, parole, and treatment providers in sex offender supervision units. Victim advocates work within these units to represent the voices of victims/survivors during treatment and to provide victims/survivors with valuable information about the status of their offenders. They also participate in multi-day trainings for new probation officers and educate them on the impact of sexual violence on victims and the role of victim advocates in sex offender supervision units.

In addition to collaborating with probation and parole officers, victim advocates participate in family education programs for offenders and any of their loved ones who wish to become designated supervisors when the offender is released into the community. These collaborations and trainings provide a unique opportunity for advocates to contribute to the safety of the entire community.

### Innovative Advocacy

The Advocacy Learning Center is a two-year experiential course designed to strengthen the core activities, skills, principles, and knowledge used by advocates who work to end violence against women. CONNSACS was one of seventeen organizations chosen from throughout the United States and its territories to participate in the first round of this exciting program. Staff members involved in the Advocacy Learning Center have participated in numerous conference calls and audio trainings focused on the anti-violence movement and issues facing advocates. They also participated in two multi-day conferences with advocates from all corners of the United States and its territories. This nationwide collaboration has challenged all of the advocates involved and inspired CONNSACS to look for new ways to model good advocacy on an organizational and systemic level.

### Engaging Community Allies

As part of its efforts to educate state-level service providers about sexual violence, CONNSACS offers regular trainings to staff of the Court Support Services Division, the Department of Public Health, and cadets at the Connecticut Police Academy. Healthcare providers, social workers, and law enforcement officials are on the frontline when it comes to receiving disclosures and responding to survivors of sexual violence. Many survivors describe the disclosure process as a second victimization, and the goal of our community education is to ensure that service providers have the knowledge and skills to respond in a manner that is supportive and compassionate.

### Strengthening Military-Civilian Ties

During the summer of 2009, CONNSACS partnered with Sexual Assault Response Coordinators from the Navy and National Guard to provide a training entitled "Strengthening Military-Civilian Community Partnerships to Respond to Sexual Assault." In this one-day training, advocates learned basic information about how the military is organized, reporting options for military survivors of sexual violence, changes to how the military is responding to the sexual assault in its ranks, and unique issues facing military survivors.

## Long-Term Strategy to Prevent Sexual Violence

In 2007, CONNSACS met with representatives from the Department of Public Health and other community partners to begin an ongoing conversation about primary prevention, an approach that applies a public health model to violence prevention. The sexual assault crisis movement has traditionally focused on responding to sexual assaults and increasing community awareness as ways to curb future violence, but primary prevention takes this work a step farther by attempting to end sexual violence before it begins. Primary prevention is an exciting opportunity to challenge violence-supportive ideas and attitudes before they manifest themselves as sexual assault.

After two years of planning, in October of 2009, the Sexual Violence Prevention Planning Committee (SVPPC) launched an eight-year plan designed to support primary prevention programming at all levels: individual, relationship, community, and societal. Sexual assault has often been thought of – and therefore addressed – as an individual action. Although individuals commit acts of sexual violence, it is important to put those actions into a context and to examine the conditions within our communities and our society that support sexual violence.

The primary prevention approach requires far-reaching partnerships and collaboration. Changing social structures and cultural norms is not easy work, and CONNSACS values the broad coalition that constitutes the Sexual Violence Prevention Planning Committee.

## Teaming Up to End Sexual Violence on Campuses

CONNCSACS has a long history of working with colleges and universities throughout the state to end sexual violence on campuses. In an exciting new collaboration, Southern Connecticut State University is leading a group of nine Connecticut colleges and universities in a three-year project intended to improve how campuses respond to sexual violence. The group will focus on community education, judicial policy, Sexual Assault Response Teams, and campus police/criminal justice as four areas that are key to prevention and response. CONNSACS and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council have signed on to the project as community partners. CONNSACS will provide technical assistance to campuses and help evaluate their projects and trainings. We will also help develop and host a web-based resource center on our website.

## Statewide Collaborations

CONNCSACS maintains a strong community presence and ensures that the rights and needs of victims are adequately represented in a variety of forums. We regularly work with a broad range of community partners as part of the following commissions, task forces, and groups:

- Office of Victim Services Advisory Council
- Office of the Victim Advocate Advisory Committee
- Trafficking in Persons Council
- Governor's Task Force on Justice for Abused Children
- Connecticut Nonprofits
- Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission
- Working Against Violence Everywhere
- Connecticut College Consortium Against Sexual Assault
- State Department of Public Health's Injury Community Planning Group
- Sexual Violence Prevention Planning Committee
- University of Connecticut's Institute for Violence Prevention and Reduction
- Connecticut Coalition for Choice
- Commission on the Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in Sexual Assault Investigations
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Advisory Committee
- Connecticut Women's Health Campaign
- Jane Doe No More, Inc. Advisory Board
- Healthy Teens Coalition
- Everybody Benefits Coalition