

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Calendar of Events 2018

**CONNECTICUT ALLIANCE
TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE**



Support. Advocate. Prevent.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, also known as SAAM. During this month, people across the United States raise awareness about sexual violence, how to prevent it, and how to support those who are affected by it. This year's theme is: Embrace Your Voice.

As part of SAAM, the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence and its member programs have partnered with local colleges, businesses, and organizations to host a variety of special events open to the public. Many events are free, but some require registration or tickets.

The events our member programs are organizing or participating in have been compiled here. For more information on these events, you can contact the programs directly below.

The Center for Family Justice
Bridgeport Office: 203-334-6154

Rape Crisis Center of Milford
Milford Office: 203-874-8712

Women's Center of Greater Danbury
Danbury Office: 203-731-5200

Susan B. Anthony Project
Torrington Office: 860-489-3798

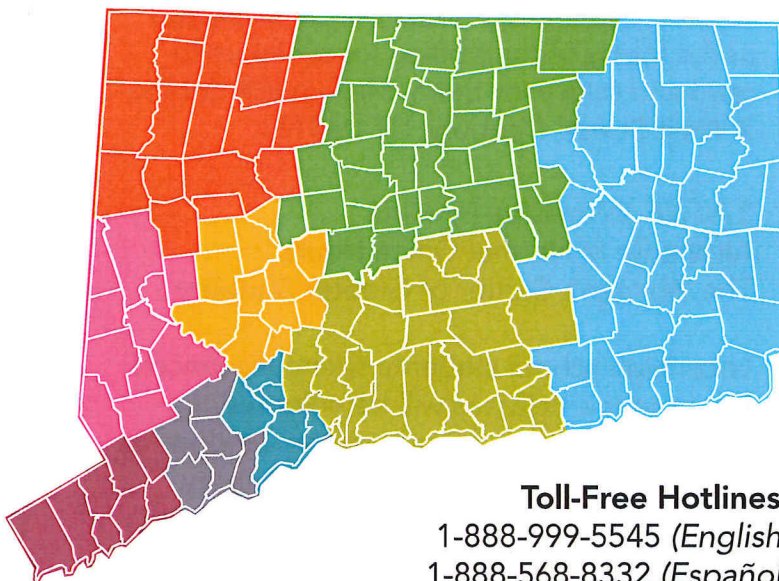
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury
Waterbury Office: 203-575-0388

**Sexual Assault Crisis Center
of Eastern Connecticut**
Willimantic Office: 860-456-3595
New London Office: 860-442-0604

Women & Families Center
Meriden Office: 203-235-9297
Middletown Office: 860-344-1474
New Haven Office: 203-389-5010

**The Center for Sexual Assault
Crisis Counseling and Education**
Stamford Office: 203-348-9346

**YWCA New Britain
Sexual Assault Crisis Service**
New Britain Office: 860-225-4681
Hartford Office: 860-225-4681



Toll-Free Hotlines:
1-888-999-5545 (English)
1-888-568-8332 (Español)

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SAAM Book Recommendations

All Month // Normal Library Hours
Danbury Public Library

Books about sexual violence will be on display and available for checkout. Brochures about the Women's Center of Greater Danbury will also be available.

The Clothesline Project

All Month // Normal Library Hours
Goshen Public Library

This display will feature t-shirts that have been decorated by survivors of domestic and sexual violence, as a means of sharing their personal stories through artistic expression. It will be on display during normal library hours throughout the month of April, starting on April 2nd. Brochures about the Susan B. Anthony Project will also be available.

Survivor Love Letters

All Month // Normal Office Hours
The Women's Center of Greater Danbury

The Women's Center of Greater Danbury is collecting letters from community members. These hand-crafted notes will be displayed in the lobby of their office for survivors to read and take with them. Mail your letters to 2 West Street, Danbury, CT 06810.

SAAM Window Murals

All Month // Normal Office Hours
The Women's Center of Greater Danbury

Local high school students taking Advanced Placement art classes will be volunteering their time to paint artwork on the windows at the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. The public is invited to view the murals and take photos to share on social media.

SAAM Teal Flag Display

All Month // Normal Office Hours
The Women's Center of Greater Danbury

Thirteen teal flags, each with the name of a town served by the Women's Center of Greater Danbury, will be on display outside their office building. The public is invited to view the display and take photos to share on social media.

Voices of Survival

All Month // All Day and Online

The Victim Survivor Advisory Committee of Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence will be collecting artwork, poetry, essays and other forms of expression to be displayed online. Participants' names will be withheld to protect their privacy. Learn more at EndSexualViolenceCT.org/Voices-2018.

Teal Ribbon Displays

April 1 - 15 // Normal Office Hours

Teal ribbons will be wrapped around trees with accompanying signs about Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. Participating towns include Brookfield, Danbury, Bethel, Newtown, Roxbury, Bridgewater, Redding, New Milford, Ridgefield, New Fairfield, and Sherman.

Public Service Announcement Contest for High School Students

April 1 - 15 // All Day and Online

Connecticut high school students are encouraged to create an original PSA about sexual assault. The first place winner will receive \$400 and the runner-up will receive \$150. For more info, contact Kelly Idarraga at k.idarraga@thecenter-ct.org.

SAAM Press Conference

Tuesday, April 3 // 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Weston Town Hall

First Selectmen Chris Spaulding of Weston will read a proclamation. The First Selectmen of Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Wilton, Norwalk, Stamford, and Westport will come together to mark the beginning of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education will hold a Q&A session. Local news media are invited to attend.

The Alliance Advocacy Day

Wednesday, April 4 // 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Legislative Office Building

Residents are invited to join the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence as they meet with local lawmakers to discuss passing comprehensive legislation, specifically the elimination of the statute of limitations for sexual assault crimes. This event is free but registration is required.

Register here: <http://conta.cc/2DrQFJa>

Solidarity for Survivors Rally

Wednesday, April 4 // 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Connecticut State Capitol

The Alliance will host a rally on the north steps of the Connecticut State Capitol to support survivors of sexual violence and call for the passage of laws that will improve the response to sexual violence. People are encouraged to bring their rally signs and wear teal, the official color of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The Intersections of Oppression and Sexual Violence

Thursday, April 5 // 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
The Alliance Training and Advocacy Center

This training will explore the role of intersectionality and oppression in the lives of survivors of sexual violence. Participants will explore how discrimination may present barriers to survivors, and develop vital skills for working to address and overcome these barriers. This training costs \$40 per attendee. Continuing education credits are available for an additional \$10.

Register here: <http://conta.cc/2g8N2BK>

Take Back the Night: March and Survivor Speak-Out

Thursday, April 5 // 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
University of Hartford

Students will hold a silent march around campus starting at the University Commons and ending at the Gengras Student Union. A speak-out event where survivors of sexual violence can share their stories and allies can offer support will be held at the North Cafe. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be available for crisis counseling and support.

Wear Teal for SAAM Day

Friday, April 6 // All Day and Online

The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education invites everyone in Connecticut to wear teal and post photos on social media.

Health and Wellness Fair

Friday, April 6 // 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Housatonic Valley Regional High School

This event is sponsored by the Northwest Corner Prevention Network and will feature community agencies and local businesses that are focused on health and wellness. It will be hosted in the gymnasium. The Susan B. Anthony Project will have an information booth where people can learn more about the free and confidential resources available to survivors of sexual violence.

"The Hunting Ground"

Film Screening and Discussion

Monday, April 9 // 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Naugatuck Valley Community College

This award-winning documentary follows sexual assault survivors pursuing their education and justice, despite ongoing harassment by peers and college officials. It will be hosted at the NVCC Waterbury Campus. Advocates and staff from the Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury will lead a discussion following the film.

The Impact of Sexual Violence and Trauma on Parenting

Tuesday, April 10 // 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
The Alliance Training and Advocacy Center

During this interactive training, participants will have a chance to learn about the unique ways that trauma impacts parenting. Participants will learn about current resources and best practices to support survivors of sexual violence who are also parents. This training costs \$40 per attendee. Continuing education credits are available for an additional \$10.

Register here: <http://conta.cc/2iuq350>

Survivor Speak-Out

Tuesday, April 10 // 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Goodwin College

Students will hold a speak-out event where survivors of sexual violence can share their stories and allies can offer support. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be available for crisis counseling and support.

Survivor Speak-Out

Tuesday, April 10 // 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Central Connecticut State University

Students will hold a speak-out event where survivors of sexual violence can share their stories and allies can offer support. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be available for crisis counseling and support.

7th Annual "Out of the Shadows" Awards Dinner and Silent Auction

Wednesday, April 11 // 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
La Bella Vista Wedding and Banquet Venue

This event will honor domestic and sexual violence survivors, as well as the advocates and community partners who support them. Proceeds from this dinner and silent auction will benefit Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury. Tickets cost \$75 per person.

Register here: SafeHavenGW.org

Survivor Speak-Out

Wednesday, April 11 // 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
University of Connecticut

Students will hold a speak-out event in the Student Union Ballroom on the Storrs Campus where survivors of sexual violence can share their stories and allies can offer support. Advocates from the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut will be available for crisis counseling and support.

The Denim Project: Express, Explore and Empower

Thursday, April 12 // 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
The Dirt Salon in Hartford

The public is invited to view a showcase of visual and performing arts in collaboration with The Denim Project, an initiative dedicated to raising awareness of sexual violence through art, community, and conversation. The Alliance will have an information booth where people can learn more about the free and confidential resources available to survivors.

Resource Fair and Victims' Rights Symposium

Thursday, April 12 // 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Eastern Connecticut State University, Library

A panel of victim advocates, state's attorneys, police officers and other representatives will discuss the rights of victims in Connecticut. Staff from the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut will be on the panel to provide information about the free and confidential resources available to survivors of sexual violence. Attendees can take part in the Q&A session afterward. It will be hosted in the campus library. Refreshments will be provided.

The Denim Project:

Community Conversation

Saturday, April 14 // 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tainted Inc. Creative Studio in Hartford

This facilitated dialogue will discuss how individuals and whole communities can end rape culture. The Alliance will have an information booth where people can learn more about the free and confidential resources available to survivors.

SAAM Nail-Painting

Tuesday, April 17 // 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
University of Connecticut

Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury will have an information booth where people can learn more about the free and confidential resources available to survivors of sexual violence. Visitors will also have an opportunity to paint their nails teal in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It will be hosted at the Waterbury Campus.

Survivor Speak-Out and Open Mic

Tuesday, April 17 // 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Trinity College

Students will hold a speak-out event where survivors of sexual violence can share their stories and allies can offer support. This will also be a night of music and poetry. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be available for crisis counseling and support.

SAAM Nail-Painting

Wednesday, April 18 // 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Naugatuck Valley Community College

Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury will have an information booth where people can learn more about the free and confidential resources available to survivors of sexual violence. Visitors will also have an opportunity to paint their nails teal in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It will be hosted at the Waterbury Campus.

Survivor Speak-Out

Thursday, April 19 // 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Asnuntuck Community College

Students will hold a speak-out event where survivors of sexual violence can share their stories and allies can offer support. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be available for crisis counseling and support.

Survivor Speak-Out

Thursday, April 19 // 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Eastern Connecticut State University

Students will hold a speak-out event where survivors of sexual violence can share their stories and allies can offer support. It will be hosted in the Student Center Theatre. Advocates from the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut will be available for crisis counseling and support.

Sexual Assault Awareness Walk

Friday, April 20 // 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
University of Bridgeport

Students, faculty and community members will march on the University of Bridgeport's campus to raise awareness about sexual violence. The walk will begin at the Student Center. Staff from the Center for Family Justice will be available to provide information about the free and confidential resources available to survivors.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Friday, April 20 // 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Trinity College

Men are invited to wear high heels and join staff from the YWCA New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service for a walk around the Main Campus Quad to raise awareness about violence against women.

Coffee Sleeve Outreach Initiative

Monday, April 23 // All Day Across the State

Coffee houses and other shops will be using limited-edition coffee sleeves to raise awareness about sexual violence. These sleeves will have empowering messages on them and include information about the Women's Center of Greater Danbury.

Breaking the Stigmas and Silence

Monday, April 23 // 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Quinebaug Valley Community College

Jane Doe No More and the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut will be hosting an in-depth community conversation in the campus auditorium.

Faces of Survival

April 23 - 27 // Normal Library Hours
Northwestern Connecticut Community

Stories and photos of sexual assault survivors will be on display during normal library hours between April 23 - April 27. Information about the Susan B. Anthony Project will also be available.

"Give Local" Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills Online Fundraiser

Tuesday, April 24 // All Day Online

This annual online give-a-thon will benefit the vital work of hundreds of local nonprofit organizations, including Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury. The minimum donation amount is \$10. Every dollar donated will be boosted with additional funds from sponsors. Learn more at GiveLocalCCF.org.

Denim Day

Wednesday, April 25 // All Day

The public is encouraged to wear denim jeans all day to protest the misconceptions that surround sexual assault. The Women's Center of Greater Danbury will be giving away stickers that read, "Ask Me About Denim Day" to help spark discussion. Email ann.rl@wcogd.org with your address to receive a sticker. Participants are encouraged to take photos and share them on social media.

"The Voiceless"

Film Screening and Discussion

Wednesday, April 25 // 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Naugatuck Valley Community College

This internationally-recognized documentary features the stories of five men who are survivors of sexual violence. It explores the intersectionality of masculinity, social taboos and rape culture. Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury advocates and staff will lead a discussion following the film. This event is free, but registration is required as spaces are limited. It will be hosted in Room E440 on the Waterbury Campus. Register by calling 203-575-0036.

Stand Against Racism

Thursday, April 26 // 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Central Connecticut State University

This annual event will be held in Founder's Hall, and feature presentations and student-led panel discussions on topics such as urban development and renewal, sexual violence and trauma, and public health. This is a free event, but spaces are limited. Registration is required. Learn more at YWCANB.org.

SAAM March and Vigil

Thursday, April 26 // 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Coe Memorial Park

Community partners and allies will honor victims and survivors of sexual violence. It will take place rain or shine. Inclement weather will move the vigil under the pavillion. Staff from the Susan B. Anthony Project will be available to provide information about the free and confidential resources available to survivors.

The Alliance 6th Annual Breakfast

Friday, April 27 // 8:00 am - 10:00 am
The Hartford Golf Club

The Alliance's Annual Breakfast brings together advocates, allies, community partners and lawmakers to reflect on the work being done to end sexual violence, and to honor individuals who make a difference in the lives of victims and survivors. Tickets are \$50.

Register here: <http://conta.cc/2F1IWlv>

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Saturday, April 28 // 8:00 am - 10:30 am
Fairfield Train Station and Town Hall

This awareness event led by the Center for Family Justice's White Ribbon Campaign will be an opportunity for men and boys to get involved in ending rape culture and sexual violence. High heels are optional. This will be a dog-friendly event. Registration costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Children can participate for free.

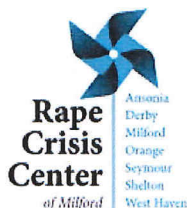
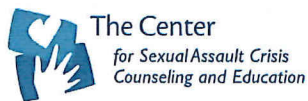
Register here: www.bit.ly/walkamile2018

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Sunday, April 29 // 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Lisman Landing in Milford

This annual event raises funds for the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. Participants are encouraged to wear high heels. Registration is required and can be done onsite. This event is free but donations are encouraged. Food will be provided after the walk.

Thank You to Our Member Programs



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