

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Calendar of Events 2017

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, otherwise 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: Engaging New Voices.

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

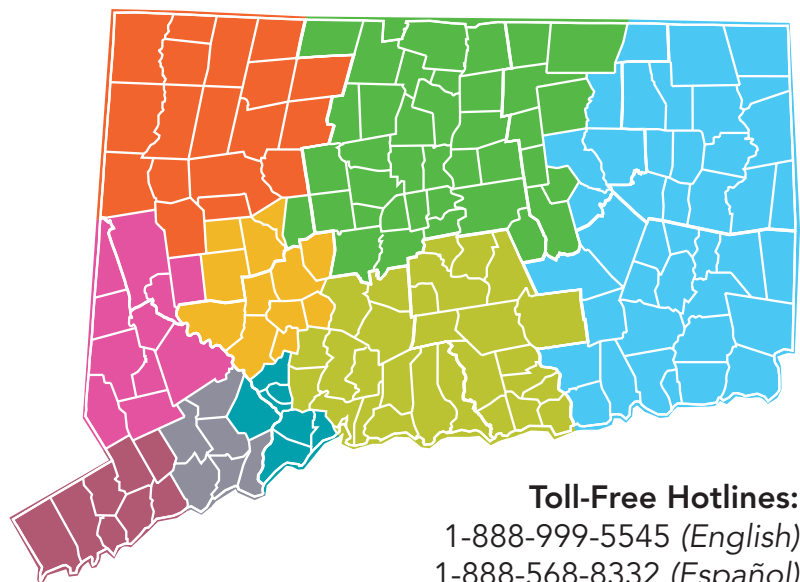
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury
Waterbury Office: 203-575-0388

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)

Reveal to Heal Exhibit in Greenwich

April 1 - 15 // Normal Library Hours
101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT

This exhibition in the Greenwich Town Hall will feature photographs of modestly undressed people with messages written on their bodies to represent the emotional scars many survivors of sexual violence carry. By revealing the pain, the exhibit hopes the work of healing can begin.

Library Display in Danbury

April 1 - 17 // Normal Business Hours
170 Main Street, Danbury, CT

The Danbury Public Library will display their recommended books about sexual violence that are available for checkout.

Survivor Love Letters Campaign

April 1 - 30 // Normal Business Hours
2 West Street, Danbury, CT

The public is encouraged to write letters of encouragement and support, and submit them to the Women's Center of Greater Danbury where survivors can read them. Letters should not contain identifying information. These letters can be dropped off or mailed to Johanna Debari, 2 West Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Letters and words of encouragement can also be shared on social media with #SurvivorLoveLetters.

Library Display in Bethel

April 1 - 30 // Normal Library Hours
189 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT

The Bethel Public Library will display their recommended books about sexual violence that are available for checkout.

The Clothesline Project in Goshen

April 1 - 30 // Normal Library Hours
42B North Street, Goshen, CT

T-shirts with graphic messages designed by survivors of domestic and sexual violence will be on display at Goshen Public Library.

SAAM Press Conference

Tuesday, April 4 // 1 pm - 2 pm
101 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT

The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education will be hosting a press conference in the Meeting Room of the Greenwich Town Hall. Mayors, first selectmen and state representatives from Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Weston, Westport and Wilton will be present. Residents of these towns are welcome to attend.

SAAM Kick-Off Event & Lobby Day

Wednesday, April 5 // 10 am - 12 pm
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

The Alliance will be hosting a special kick-off event in the Connecticut Legislative Office Building. Registration begins at 10:00 am. A press conference will be held at 10:30 am, followed by an issue briefing on some of our legislative priorities. After the briefing, participants will be teamed up with their local sexual assault crisis center. Advocates will discuss their resources and services, and lobbyists will help participants find and talk to their legislators.

Register Here: <http://conta.cc/2mkE4zH>



Where Do You Stand? CT Campaign

Wednesday, April 5 // 2 pm - 4 pm
574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, CT

Male students at Thames River College are invited to learn about the "Where Do You Stand? Connecticut" campaign and acquire bystander intervention skills.

Identity, Intersectionality and Justice Festival at NCC

Wednesday, April 5 // 4 pm - 5:30 pm
188 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT

This annual academic festival at Norwalk Community College will include lectures, musical performances, presentations, poetry readings and film screenings. Staff from The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education will be giving a presentation on consent and rape culture.

Courage Through Controversy: Standing Up to Rape Culture

Wednesday, April 5 // 4:30 pm - 6 pm
1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT

Kamilah Willingham, feminist writer and activist, will be giving a keynote address that explores rape myths, the importance of compassion and the future of the movement to end gender-based violence. She was featured in the 2015 documentary The Hunting Ground and is the co-organizer of the social media campaign #JustSaySorry. This event will be held in the Student Center of Central Connecticut State University.

6th Annual Out of the Shadows Recognition Dinner

Wednesday, April 5 // 5:30 pm - 9 pm
380 Farmwood Road, Waterbury, CT

This annual dinner honors those who make a difference in their communities and helps raise funds for Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury. Guests will enjoy fine dining at La Bella Vista at the Ponte Club. Tickets are \$75 per person. To register or obtain sponsorship information, contact Sue Cipriano at 203-575-0388 or email info@safehavenofgw.org.

Educational Open House for Legislators and Officials

Thursday, April 6 // Two Sessions
8 am - 9:30 am and 4 pm - 5:30 pm
733 Summer Street, Suite 503, Stamford, CT

The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education will be hosting an educational open house in their offices for Connecticut legislators and elected representatives to attend. Officials will have an opportunity to talk with The Center's counselors and educators, learn about the current legislative initiatives, and learn how to best address issues of sexual violence with their constituents. To register, contact Melissa Gallaher-Smith at 203-348-9346 or m.gallaher-smith@thecenter-ct.org.

The Clothesline Project at UNH

Thursday, April 6 // 4 pm - 6:30 pm
300 Boston Post Rd, West Haven, CT

T-shirts with graphic messages designed by survivors of sexual violence and their allies will be on display on the Bartels Student Activity Center Patio at the University of New Haven.

Resisting the Assault on Reproductive Rights

Thursday, April 6 // 6:30 pm - 9 pm
200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT

This symposium will provide a platform for people to share their stories and reactions regarding the climate on women's reproductive rights. The evening will feature poetry, personal essays, visual art, music, performances, and guest speakers in Dana Hall at the University of Hartford.

Not a Number Program

April 10 - 12 // 9 am - 1:30 pm
2 West Street, Danbury

The Women's Center of Greater Danbury will be hosting a free and interactive prevention program for middle school and high school students to attend during spring break. The curriculum will empower youth to make healthy and safer choices when facing potentially harmful or exploitative situations. Community service hours are available and lunch will be provided. To register, contact Cara Mackler at cara.m@wcogd.org or 203-731-5200.

Sweatsuit Drive at NVCC

Tuesday, April 11 // 9 am - 2 pm
750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT

Students and staff at Naugatuck Valley Community College will have an opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors. The campus community is encouraged to donate new sweatshirts and sweatpants to be given to survivors of sexual violence.

What's Driving You? How I Overcame Abuse and Learned to Lead in the NBA

Tuesday, April 11 // 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm
300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT

Retired NBA basketball player Keyon Dooling will discuss toxic masculinity, sexual abuse and addiction recovery by sharing his own experiences with sexual assault, addiction and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This event will be held in Mather Hall at Trinity College.

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Info Table at QVCC

Wednesday, April 12 // 11 am - 1 pm
742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson, CT

Students and prospective students of Quinebaug Valley Community College will have the opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors.

Nail Painting & Open Mic at NVCC

Wednesday, April 12 // 11 am - 2 pm
750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT

Students and staff of Naugatuck Valley Community College will enjoy an open mic event and have an opportunity to paint their nails teal in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

It's On Us: Changing Rape Culture

Wednesday, April 12 // 1 pm - 2 pm
501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT

Participants of this workshop will develop skills to identify rape culture and change behaviors that contribute to sexual assault. This event will be held in Room 305 of Adanti Student Center at Southern Connecticut State University.

Yo Soy SAAM: A Bilingual Chat

Wednesday, April 12 // 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Latinx advocates and allies will be joining Arte Sana and Alianza Latina en Contra la Agresión Sexual for a live bilingual chat on Twitter using #YoSoySAAM.

Take Back the Night at ECSU

Wednesday, April 12 // 6 pm - 10 pm
83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will come together for a night of empowerment and support. Survivors of violence will have an opportunity to speak in the Women's Center, followed by a solidarity march around the campus of Eastern Connecticut State University.

Take Back the Night at CCSU

Wednesday, April 12 // 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will take part in a solidarity march around the campus of Central Connecticut State University.

Take Back the Night at UCONN

Wednesday, April 12 // 7 pm - 11 pm
2110 Hillside Road, Storrs, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will come together for a night of empowerment and support. Survivors of violence will have an opportunity to speak out, followed by a solidarity march around campus and an informal late night coffeehouse event in the Student Union Ballroom.

Info Table and Nail Painting at UCONN Waterbury

Thursday, April 13 // 11 am - 2 pm
99 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT

Students and staff of the UCONN Waterbury campus will have an opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors. Those who stop by the info table can enjoy refreshments and a chance to paint their nails teal in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Slut Walk at SCSU

Thursday, April 13 // 1 pm - 4 pm
501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT
A panel discussion will be held in Room B121 in Engleman Hall, followed by a one-mile walk around Southern Connecticut State University's campus at 3:00 pm.



Take Back the Night at the University of Hartford

Thursday, April 13 // 6:30 pm - 9 pm
200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will take part in a solidarity march around the campus of the University of Hartford.

Take Back the Night Rally at SCSU

Monday, April 17 // 11 am - 4 pm
501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT

This pre-march rally will have activities and photo campaign opportunities on the Buley Library patio of Southern Connecticut State University in preparation for their Take Back the Night march the following day.

Info Table at Greenwich High School

Monday, April 17 // 11:30 am - 1:15 pm
10 Hillside Road, Greenwich, CT

Students at Greenwich High School will have the opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors.

Reveal to Heal Exhibit in Darien

April 17 - 30 // Normal Business Hours
2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT

This exhibition in the Darien Town Hall will feature photographs of modestly undressed people with messages written on their bodies to represent the emotional scars many survivors of sexual violence carry. By revealing the pain, the exhibit hopes the work of healing can begin.

Info Table at Bacon Academy

Tuesday, April 18 // 11 am - 1 pm
611 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT

Students at Bacon Academy will have the opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors.

Corazón Lastimados Workshop

Tuesday, April 18 // 12 pm - 2 pm
872 Main Street, Willimantic, CT

This creative workshop lets Latinx survivors of sexual violence tell their stories by decorating wooden hearts to be displayed at special exhibitions around the state. This workshop is free, but registration is required ahead of time. Those interested in participating should contact María Busineau at 860-456-3595. This event will be hosted at the Windham AIDS Program.

The Clothesline Project & Screening of Audrie and Daisy

Tuesday, April 18 // 12 pm - 8 pm
2203 Main Street, Bridgeport CT

T-shirts with graphic messages designed high school students that focus on dating and sexual violence will be on display at Stratford Library. The documentary "Audrie and Daisy" will be shown at 6:30 pm. It tells the story of Audrie Pott and Daisy Coleman, who were sexually assaulted in high school and subjected to cyberbullying. The documentary discusses issues of victim-blaming, suicide, and the role of social media in perpetuating rape culture.

Take Back the Night at SCSU

Tuesday, April 18 // 6:45 pm - 9 pm
501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT

This year will mark the 20th Take Back the Night event hosted by Southern Connecticut State University. The campus community is invited to gather, march from the Student Center to the Residence Life Quad and watch empowering open mic performances.

Consent Through the Ages: A Workshop for Parents

Tuesday, April 18 // 7 pm - 8 pm
1441 Post Road, Darien, CT

This free workshop will teach parents how to discuss self-esteem, relationship dynamics, bodily autonomy and affirmative consent with their children. This event will be held in the Darien Library. To register, contact Ginger Furey at 203-487-0673.

Take Back the Night at Trinity College

Tuesday, April 18 // 7 pm - 8:30 pm
300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will take part in a solidarity march around the campus of Trinity College.

Screening of The Mask You Live In

April 19 - 20 // 8 am - 1:30 pm
587 Oronoke Road, Waterbury, CT

Students and staff at Holy Cross High School will watch "The Mask You Live In," a documentary about boys and young men struggling to stay true to themselves while navigating America's narrow definition of masculinity. A discussion will follow the film.

Fresh Check Day at NCC

Wednesday, April 19 // 11 am - 3 pm
188 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT

Fresh Check Day at Norwalk Community College aims to create an approachable atmosphere where students are encouraged to talk about mental health. Attendees will have opportunities to connect with staff from The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education to learn about the available services.

Open House at the Women and Families Center

Wednesday, April 19 // 12 pm - 2 pm
169 Colony Street, Meriden, CT

The Women and Families Center will be hosting an open house for community members to learn about their program offerings. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.

Women Empowering Women

Wednesday, April 19 // 6 pm - 9 pm
700 East Main Street, Stamford, CT

The Women Empowering Women event provides attendees with inspiration, empowerment and professional networking opportunities. A panel of industry-leaders from diverse backgrounds will come together to share their stories of personal and professional growth. Tickets are \$100 per person. Dinner, dessert and drinks will be provided. 100% of the event's proceeds will go directly to The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education.

Register Here: www.bit.ly/wew17



Take Back the Night at UNH

Wednesday, April 19 // 9 pm - 11:45 pm
300 Boston Post Rd, West Haven, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will take part in a solidarity march around the University of New Haven campus.

The Alliance Community Partners Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 20 // 10 am - 12 pm
98 Pitkin Street, East Hartford, CT

This meeting will give community partners of The Alliance an opportunity to share information about their work as it relates to supporting survivors of sexual violence and ending sexual violence. Participants will also get a chance to provide feedback about The Alliance's current and future initiatives.

Register Here: <http://conta.cc/2iV3cw0>

Info Table at NCCC

Thursday, April 20 // 10 am - 2 pm
119 North Main Street, Winsted, CT

Students and staff at Northwestern Connecticut Community College will have the opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors at the Caring for Our Community health fair in Greenwoods Hall.

Day of Healing at UNH

Thursday, April 20 // 10 am - 2 pm
300 Boston Post Rd, West Haven, CT

University of New Haven students, faculty and staff will come together to support survivors of sexual violence.

Screening of Audrie and Daisy

Thursday, April 20 // 6 pm - 8 pm
189 Greenwood Ave, Bethel, CT

Bethel Public Library will host a free screening of the documentary "Audrie and Daisy." It tells the story of Audrie Pott and Daisy Coleman, who were sexually assaulted in high school and subjected to cyberbullying. The documentary discusses issues of victim-blaming, suicide, and the role of social media in perpetuating rape culture. A moderated discussion led by staff from the Women's Center of Greater Danbury will follow the film.

Take Back the Night at ACC

Thursday, April 20 // 9 pm - 11:45 pm
170 Elm Street, Enfield, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will take part in a solidarity march around the Asnuntuck Community College campus.

The Clothesline Project in Monroe

April 22 - 23 // 1 pm - 4 pm
126 Park Ave, Bridgeport, CT

Students, faculty, staff and the public will take part in a solidarity march around the University of Bridgeport campus.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Sunday, April 23 // 12 pm - 2 pm
37 Helwig Street, Milford, CT

This annual event raises funds for the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. Participants are encouraged to wear high heels. Registration is required. Food will be provided.

Register Here:

<http://www.rapecrisisctr.org/WalkaMile.htm>

A Community Conversation

Sunday, April 23 // 3 pm - 6 pm
60 S Main Street, Colchester, CT

A presentation will be given to community members about sexual violence, with a focus on teen dating violence, sexting, and child sexual victimization. Community members will also learn about the services available for survivors and their families.

Faces of Survival Exhibit at NCCC

April 24 - 28 // Normal Library Hours
2 Park Place, Winsted, CT

Personal stories and photos of sexual assault survivors will be on display at Northwestern Connecticut Community College Library. This exhibit confronts viewers with the reality of sexual violence and aims to eliminate stigma surrounding the issue.

Info Table at Norwich Technical High School

Tuesday, April 25 // 9 am - 11:30 pm
7 Mahan Drive, Norwich, CT

Students at Norwich Technical High School will have the opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors.

Prevention is Possible: Shifting the Focus

Tuesday, April 25 // 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
98 Pitkin Street, East Hartford CT

This professional development workshop offers participants ways in which they can engage in sexual violence prevention. Participants will explore common myths, attitudes, and beliefs associated with sexual violence, and will discuss the ways in which primary prevention differs from "risk reduction" strategies. Through interactive exercises and self-assessment, participants will leave with tactics for becoming an active bystander and engaging in sexual violence prevention in their professional and personal lives. Registration is required and costs \$40 per attendee.

Register Here: <http://conta.cc/2iV10Vp>

Denim Day

Wednesday, April 26 // All Day

The public is encouraged to wear denim jeans to show their support for survivors of sexual violence. This day was created to protest that 1998 Italian Supreme Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because of the "denim defense." This ruling suggested that a woman cannot be raped if she is wearing tight jeans because they are difficult to remove unless she helps. Denim Day is an assertion that sexual assault is never okay, no matter what someone is wearing. Free "Ask Me About Denim Day" stickers are available at the Women's Center of Greater Danbury.

Info Table at New Canaan High School

Wednesday, April 26 // 11 am - 12:30 pm
11 Farm Rd, New Canaan, CT

Students at New Canaan High School will have the opportunity to learn about sexual violence and the services available to survivors.

March & Vigil in Torrington

Thursday, April 27 // 6 pm - 8 pm
101 Litchfield Street, Torrington, CT

The public is invited to participate in a march around Coe Park in Torrington and ending with a vigil under the pavilion. This event will take place, rain or shine.

The Alliance's 5th Annual Breakfast

Friday, April 28 // 8 am - 10 am
134 Norwood Road, West Hartford, CT

Advocates, allies, community partners and lawmakers will come together at the Hartford Golf Club to enjoy breakfast food and take stock in Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence's work. The Alliance will be honoring individuals who make a difference in the lives of victims and survivors. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Register Here:
endsexualviolencect.org/breakfast

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Saturday, April 29 // 7:30 am - 10:30 am
165 Unquowa Rd, Fairfield, CT

This event gives community members the opportunity to raise funds for The Center for Family Justice. Participants are encouraged to wear high heels. Registration is required. This is a dog-friendly event. Attendees should use the Mill Plain Road Entrance to the Fairfield Train Station. For more information about registering a team and raising funds, contact Angel Telesco at atelesco@centerforfamilyjustice.org or 203-334-6154.

Register Here:
<http://cfj.kintera.org/walkamile2017>