

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

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All Month Long

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Book Display

The River Bend Bookshop offers a safe space to gather for discussion and reflection on a variety of issues. As part of their commitment to support survivors of sexual violence, they will be displaying a curated collection of books for sale that focus on assault and trauma, mental health and self-care, as well as healthy relationships. Freebies like The Alliance's hotline lip balms, flashlight keychains and brochures will coincide their display.

River Bend Bookshop, 2217 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month Book Club Suggestions

The Women's Center of Greater Danbury hopes to spark conversation about sexual violence in local book clubs and beyond. They recommend the fiction book "His Favorites" by Kate Walbert. For those who like reading non-fiction, consider picking up a copy of "Girls Like Us" by Rachel Lloyd. Contact Ann Rodwell-Lawton, Director of Education, Training and Outreach, at ann.rl@wcogd.org if you have questions.

Monday, April 1st - Thursday, April 18th

Faces of Survival Exhibit

The Faces of Survival exhibition displays real stories and images from survivors from across the state of Connecticut. Contact Matthias Ekstrand, Community Educator, at mekstrand@sbaproject.org or 860-489-3798 if you have questions.

Susan B. Anthony Project, 179 Water Street, Torrington, CT

Monday, April 1st, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Give Victims Time: Judiciary Committee Public Hearing

Connecticut's five-year statute of limitations for sexual assault crimes is the third shortest in the nation. Meanwhile, twenty-eight states have either no statute of limitations or a period of twenty years or more. Connecticut should follow in the footsteps of these states and not limit the time survivors can seek justice. Contact The Alliance's Director of Policy and Public Relations, Lucy Nolan, if you are interested in getting involved with this initiative and providing testimony.

Room 2C, Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
www.facebook.com/events/339256000192605

Monday, April 1st, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

"I Am Evidence" Documentary Screening and Discussion

This film investigates the untested rape kit backlogs across the United States through a character-driven narrative. It brings attention to the disturbing pattern of how the criminal justice system has historically treated sexual assault survivors. Laura Varelas, the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Specialist at The Alliance, will provide updates about Connecticut's rape kit backlog during the panel discussion following the film.

Student Center, Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, CT

Monday, April 1st, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Take Back the Night

Students and community leaders will gather for a night of poetry, music and solidarity with survivors of sexual violence. Attendees are welcome to share their stories and experiences. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be present to provide support.

Washington Room, Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT

Tuesday, April 2nd, All Day Long

National "I Ask" Awareness Day

Students and community members are invited to take part in the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's "I Ask" awareness day to discuss how asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be present to provide support.

Asnuntuck Community College, 170 Elm Street, Enfield, CT

Wednesday, April 3rd, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

SAAM Kick-Off and Advocacy Day

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence will kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month with an Advocacy Day at the state capitol. Come energized and wearing teal to show your support for survivors of sexual violence! Contact The Alliance's Director of Policy and Public Relations, Lucy Nolan, if you are interested in getting involved.

Connecticut State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Wednesday, April 3rd, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Let's Talk About Sex!

Interactive Educational Theatre will give an interactive performance about sexual health, sexual assault, and alcohol awareness. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Student Accessibility Services, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Housing and Residential Life, the Office of Counseling, the Student Programming Board at the University of Bridgeport. Advocates from the Center for Family Justice will be present. Contact Diane Charles, Title IX Coordinator, at dicharle@bridgeport.edu or 203-576-4454 if you have questions.

Room 104, Mandeville Hall, University of Bridgeport, 126 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

Wednesday, April 3rd, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

8th Annual Out of the Shadows Dinner and Silent Auction

Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury will be honoring Detective Mark Conway, Chloe and Jake Zilkha, and Cassi Danay for their exceptional work to end sexual violence and support survivors

in their community. Tickets are \$75 each. There will be a silent auction and cash bar available during the dinner. Tickets can be purchased at www.safehavengw.org or by calling 203-575-0388.

La Bella Vista Wedding and Banquet Venue, 380 Farmwood Road, Waterbury, CT
www.safehavengw.org/events/out-shadows-recognition-dinner

Friday, April 5th, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

An Evening Together

The Women's Center of Greater Danbury will be celebrating forty-four years of going from trauma to hope with cocktails, dinner and auctions. Danbury Hospital and New Milford Hospital will be honored for their partnership in serving domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Dr. Jackson Katz, an anti-gender violence activist, author and TED Talk presenter will give the keynote speech. The Ridgefield Chorale will be performing and auctions will be led by Christine O'Leary. Tickets are \$175 each. Contact Linda Cummins, Special Events Manager, at linda.c@wcogd.org or 203-731-5200, ext. 232 if you have questions.

The Amber Room Colonnade, 1 Stacey Road, Danbury, CT
www.wcogd.org/index.php/events/annual-gala

Thursday, April 4th, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

La Bomba Radio Show with DJ Metrix

Advocates from the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence will discuss sexual violence in Latinx communities with DJ Metrix. Tune your radio to 97.1 FM in the Hartford area, 98.5 FM in the Meriden area, 99.5 FM in the Waterbury area, 102.3 FM in the New Haven area, 104.5 FM in the New London and Bridgeport areas, or 1490 AM in the Springfield area to listen live.

Monday, April 8th, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Time's Up: Sexual Assault and the Law

This panel discussion will focus on legislation and public policies about sexual violence in Connecticut including CT Public Act 14, the Time's Up Act, and the Give Victims Time initiative to remove the statute of limitations for victims of sexual assault. All visitors should obtain a one-day temporary pass from the Campus Safety office in Nichols House. Visitor parking is available along the front and side of the building. Contact Rachel Stewart, Director of Sexual

Violence Prevention and Advocacy at Connecticut College, if you have questions at rstewart1@conncoll.edu or 860-439-2219.

Cro's Nest Room, Crozier-Williams Building, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT

Wednesday, April 10th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Take Back the Night

Students and community leaders will gather for a night of poetry, music and solidarity with survivors of sexual violence. Attendees are welcome to share their stories and experiences. Advocates from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be present to provide support.

Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT

Thursday, April 11th, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Open House at the Women and Families Center

Join the advocates and staff of the Women and Families Center as they commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month and discuss their many services. Hear the voices of survivors and learn how you can become more involved. Contact Marcy Roman at mroman@womenfamilies.org or 203-235-9297 x114 if you have questions.

Women and Families Center, 169 Colony Street Meriden, CT 06451

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University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT

Friday, April 12th, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

This annual event is an opportunity for men to raise awareness in their communities about the serious causes, effects and remediations to men's sexualized violence against women. Participating men are tasked with literally walking a mile in women's shoes.

Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT

Saturday, April 13th, 5:00 pm

Spring Jam Benefit Fest

Join the scene as bands rock out and take a stand against sexual violence! This event will feature some of Connecticut's best local talent as well as touring acts across two stages for a night of great jams. Featured music groups include Gvrden, Mighty Tortuga, Heavy Weight, Sunday Morning, Carbon Based, Jared Knapik, The Oddbodies, Just a Pipe Dream, Opium Droid, and Oh Jeezus. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Admission is \$5. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

Tazraks Entertainment Venue, 585 S Main Street, Naugatuck, CT

Tuesday, April 16th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Everything is Love: Hip-Hop, Rape Culture and Enthusiastic Consent

This hybrid lecture and performance will discuss the power of hip-hop to further shape the discourse on misogyny, rape culture, and public policy. The presentation will explore the dimensions of hip-hop's vibrant culture and illustrate the dynamics of how college students view sex, interpret notions of consent, and may unwittingly perpetuate rape culture.

This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Student Accessibility Services, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Housing and Residential Life, the Office of Counseling, the Student Programming Board at the University of Bridgeport. The Center for Family Justice is a co-sponsor. Contact Diane Charles, Title IX Coordinator, at dicharle@bridgeport.edu or 203-576-4454 if you have questions.

Social Room, Student Center, University of Bridgeport, 126 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Bingo and Brews

Bring your own snacks and enjoy a night of Bingo and brews with friends! Special Bingo cards will have information about the Women's Center of Greater Danbury and issues of sexual violence. Come learn while enjoying a few pints, fun, and prizes. Bingo participation is free. Beer, wine and cider are available for purchase. Contact Ann Rodwell-Lawton, Director of Education, Training and Outreach, at ann.rl@wcogd.org if you have questions.

Charter Oak Brewing Company, 39 Shelter Rock Road Danbury, CT

Thursday, April 18th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Corazón Lastimado: Healing the Wounded Heart

This art project seeks to highlight the voices of Latina, Latino, and Latinx survivors of sexual violence in an effort to bring light to those experiences which have been largely left out of the conversation. If you are a Latina, Latino or Latinx survivor, stop by the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence to paint a heart that will be added to the collection. Art supplies will be provided but participants are free to bring their favorite materials as well. Contact Sheryan Cancel, Latinx Services Coordinator at The Alliance, at sheryan@endsexualviolencect.org if you have questions.

Training and Advocacy Center, 98 Pitkin Street, East Hartford, CT

Friday, April 19th - Tuesday, April 30th

Faces of Survival Exhibit

The Faces of Survival exhibition displays real stories and images from survivors from across the state of Connecticut. Contact Colleen Anne Richard, Program Coordinator, at crichard@tunxis.edu or 860-773-1637 if you have questions.

Tunxis Community College, 271 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington, CT

Tuesday, April 23rd, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Anti-Sexual Violence Awareness Week

Students at Asnuntuck Community College will be displaying information about sexual violence and the supportive resources that are available on campus. An advocate from the YWCA of New Britain's Sexual Assault Crisis Service will be present.

Front Lobby, Asnuntuck Community College, 170 Elm Street, Enfield, CT

Tuesday, April 23rd, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

"Roll Red Roll" Documentary Screening and Discussion

This true-crime documentary goes behind the headlines to uncover the deep-seated and social media-fueled "boys will be boys" culture at the root of high school sexual assault in America. This film investigates what happened one night in Steubenville, Ohio, and asks "why didn't anyone stop it?" A panel discussion with advocates from the Rowan Center will follow the film screening. Contact Jessica Feighan, Director of Education, Outreach, and Operations, at jfeighan@therowancenter.org or 203-487-0683 if you have questions.

Darien Public Library, 1441 Post Road, Darien CT
www.facebook.com/events/2316665481913801

Wednesday, April 24th, All Day

Denim Day

Join The Alliance and its member centers by wearing jeans to dispel harmful myths about sexual violence and survivors. This awareness day was originally created after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned. The justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove them, thereby implying consent. Share photos of your jeans on social media and be sure to tag our centers.

Contact Ann Rodwell-Lawton, Director of Education, Training and Outreach at the Women's Center of Greater Danbury, at ann.rl@wcogd.org if you would like to receive "Ask Me About Denim Day" stickers to further spark the conversation.

Thursday, April 25th, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cork and Canvas

Cara Mackler Prevention Educator, cara.m@wcogd.org

Bring your own wine and enjoy a night of painting for a good cause! A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. Tickets are \$39 each. Glasses and corkscrews will be provided during the event.

Pottery Factory, 265 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT
thepotteryfactory.com/events/

Saturday, April 27th, 8:00 am - 10:30 am

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes for the Center for Family Justice

This annual event is an opportunity for men to raise awareness in their communities about the serious causes, effects and remediations to men's sexualized violence against women. Participating men are tasked with literally walking a mile in women's shoes in an effort to raise money for the Center for Family Justice. High-heels are optional. This is a family-friendly event. Leashed dogs are welcome. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students to participate. Children under 18 are allowed to enter free of charge. Fee waivers are also available.

Fairfield Train Station, 140 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT
walkamile.centerforfamilyjustice.org

Sunday, April 28th, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes for the Rape Crisis Center of Milford

This annual event is an opportunity for men to raise awareness in their communities about the serious causes, effects and remediations to men's sexualized violence against women. Participating men are tasked with literally walking a mile in women's shoes in an effort to raise money for the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. This event will happen rain or shine.

Check-in is at 12:00 pm. The walk itself begins at 1:00 pm. All awards and festivities following the walk will be held at Lisman's Landing. Those who raise \$150 will get a t-shirt a \$25 gift card to Target. Those who raise \$75 will get a t-shirt and the choice between a tote bag or beach towel. Those who raise \$25 will get a t-shirt.

Lisman's Landing, Milford Landing Marina, 37 Helwig Street, Milford, CT

www.rapecrisiscenterofmilford.org/events

Tuesday, April 30th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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Christ and Holy Trinity Church, 75 Church Lane, Westport CT
www.facebook.com/events/250175072534086