

# CONNECTICUT ALLIANCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE



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## **RESPECTED SEXUAL ASSAULT ADVOCATE TO LEAD STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION**

***Beth Hamilton tapped to become the Executive Director at the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence***

**[East Hartford, May 7, 2020]** The Board of Directors of Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence announced today the election of Beth Hamilton as the organization's next Executive Director. A 10-year veteran of The Alliance, Beth is currently Deputy Director. She will officially move into her new role on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

"We're enthusiastic about our future with Beth leading a committed staff. Her unwavering passion for the movement to end sexual violence is inspiring and backed by deep knowledge and understanding of the issues, challenges, and opportunities we face in serving survivors and changing the culture," said Mary Farrell, Board Chair of The Alliance.

During her tenure at The Alliance, Hamilton has developed, managed or been part of nearly every initiative and program across operations including grant management; fundraising; sexual assault counselor-advocate certification; service delivery standards, compliance and technical support for member centers; legal services for victims; post-conviction victim services; and prevention programs such as "Where Do You Stand, Connecticut?"

Beth has been a leader in the development and implementation of statewide policies addressing and preventing sexual violence in K-12 schools, on college campuses, and within the state's correctional system. She developed and operationalized the Alliance's Advocacy and Training Center, the leading resource for professional development and training, which continues to build the movement in Connecticut. She serves as an expert on sexual violence in state and national venues and with the media.

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“My experience at The Alliance gives me the tools to move into a future in which everyone believes sexual violence is preventable and actively play a role in ending it. We will transform the culture and help our state’s sexual violence response systems to be truly victim-centered and trauma-informed. I am so honored to lead our team and member centers in this movement,” said Hamilton.

Beth has more than 15 years of experience working to end violence throughout Connecticut, including sexual violence, domestic violence, violence against LGBTQ people, and people with disabilities. Prior to joining The Alliance, she worked with Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) and Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and provided direct services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

The Alliance’s Interim Executive Director Jeannette de Jesus will continue in that position through June 30.

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*The Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (formerly CONNSACS) is the statewide coalition of Connecticut’s nine community-based sexual assault crisis services programs whose mission is to create communities free of sexual violence and to provide culturally affirming, trauma-informed advocacy, prevention, and intervention services centered on the voices of survivors*