2021 Legislative Priorities

The Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence is a statewide coalition of nine community-based sexual assault crisis service centers 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.

Drive Support for Sexual Assault Crisis Services
Drive support for Alliance programs in budget hearings and negotiations to support the work of The Alliance’s nine community-based sexual assault crisis services centers.

Build Pathways to Safer Colleges and Universities
Partner with Every Voice CT on legislation enhancing responses to sexual misconduct at colleges and universities through administering climate surveys to students regularly and providing amnesty to students reporting campus sexual violence regardless of their participation in unsanctioned actions, such as underage drinking.

Bar Unauthorized Pelvic and Prostate Exams for Patients Under Deep Anesthesia
Prevent non-necessary pelvic and prostate medical exams of patients under deep anesthesia for teaching purposes without the express and informed consent of the patient.

Codify the Definition of Consent in Sexual Assault
Define and codify the Connecticut Supreme Court’s definition of consent for sexual intercourse or sexual contact in the state’s penal codes to include a “person’s capable, deliberate and voluntary agreement” to such acts.

Change Locks to Keep Abusers Out
Support legislation, in partnership with CCADV, requiring landlords to change, or allow a tenant to change, locks upon their tenant’s receipt of a protective or restraining order.

Support Child Victims of Sexual Abuse
Monitor and support legislation that protects children from sexual violence including the response to and prevention of sexual abuse.

Support Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Reform
Support proposals to eliminate racial disparities and increase government transparency and accountability in the criminal justice system while protecting and maintaining the rights of victims and survivors of sexual violence both in and out of the system and ensuring community safety.

Strengthen Criminal Justice Response to Sex Trafficking
Support allowing Judges to use discretion to vacate any conviction upon demonstration that the crime resulted from trafficking.

Preserve Protections for Students from Kindergarten to College
Provide leadership to bolster Connecticut’s strong response to preventing sexual assault and harassment in K-12 schools through social and emotional learning.

Uphold Reproductive Rights, Seek Reproductive Justice and Maintain Access to Services
Support collaborative efforts to uphold and maintain access to safe and legal reproductive healthcare and reproductive justice in our state in partnership with the Connecticut Coalition for Choice.